ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1576

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AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING SECTION 4, CHAPTER 219, O.S.L. 1990 AND 47 O.S. 1981, SECTION 6-101, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTION 10, CHAPTER 219, O.S.L. 1990 (47 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTIONS 1-107.4 AND 6-101), WHICH RELATE TO DRIVER'S LICENSES; MODIFYING DEFINITION OF CLASS D MOTOR VEHICLE; MODIFYING CERTAIN REQUIREMENT RELATING TO VEHICLES REQUIRED TO BE PLACARDED FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 219, O.S.L. 1990 (47 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1-107.4), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-107.4 Class D Motor Vehicle.

Any motor vehicle or combination of vehicles, regardless of weight, which:

1. Is marked and used as a firefighting vehicle;

2. Is designed and used solely as a recreational vehicle;

3. Is a single or combination vehicle with a gross combined weight rating of less than twenty-six thousand one (26,001) pounds; or

4. Is a single or combination farm vehicle with a gross combined weight rating of more than twenty-six thousand one (26,001) pounds if:

a. it is entitled to be registered with a farm tag and has a farm tag attached thereto, and

b. it is controlled and operated by a farmer, his family or his employees, persons engaged in custom farming operations or persons operating farm retail outlets or such person's employees, and

c. it is used to transport either agricultural products, farm machinery, farm supplies or any combination of those materials to or from a farm, and

d. it is not used in the operations of a common or contract motor carrier, and

e. it is used within one hundred fifty (150) air miles of the person's farm, the temporary base of operations of a person engaged in custom farming operations or as otherwise provided by federal law.

Provided, however, a Class D Motor Vehicle shall not include ~~any vehicle which is~~ the following:

1. ~~Designed~~ Any vehicle which is designed to carry sixteen or more passengers, including the driver; or

2. ~~Required~~ Any vehicle other than a farm vehicle or a vehicle being operated by a person operating a farm retail outlet or such

person's employee which is required to be placarded for hazardous materials under 49 C.F.R., Part 172, subpart F.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1981, Section 6-101, as last amended by Section 10, Chapter 219, O.S.L. 1990 (47 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 6-101), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-101. A. No person, except those hereinafter expressly exempted in Section 6-102 of this title, shall operate any motor vehicle upon a highway in this state unless such person has a valid Oklahoma license for the class of vehicle being operated under the provisions of this title. No person shall be permitted to possess more than one valid license at any time.

B. 1. No person shall operate a Class A commercial motor vehicle unless such person is eighteen (18) years of age or older and holds a valid Class A commercial license. Any person holding a valid Class A commercial license shall be permitted to operate motor vehicles in Classes A, B, C and D, except as provided for in paragraph 4 of this subsection;

2. No person shall operate a Class B commercial motor vehicle unless such person is eighteen (18) years of age or older and holds a valid Class B commercial license. Any person holding a valid Class B commercial license shall be permitted to operate motor vehicles in Classes B, C and D, except as provided for in paragraph 4 of this subsection;

3. No person shall operate a Class C commercial motor vehicle unless such person is eighteen (18) years of age or older and holds a valid Class C commercial license. Any person holding a valid Class C commercial license shall be permitted to operate motor vehicles in Classes C and D, except as provided for in paragraph 4 of this subsection;

4. No person under twenty-one (21) years of age shall be licensed to operate any motor vehicle other than a farm vehicle or a vehicle being operated by a person operating a farm retail outlet or

such person's employee which is required to be placarded for hazardous materials pursuant to 49 C.F.R., Part 172, subpart F; and

5. No person shall operate a Class D motor vehicle unless such person is sixteen (16) years of age or older and holds a valid Class D license, except as provided for in Section 6-105 of this title. Any person holding a valid Class D license shall be permitted to operate motor vehicles in Class D only.

C. No person shall operate a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or a motorized bicycle without first having obtained a Class A, B, C or D license with a motorcycle endorsement.

D. Any person issued a classified driver's license pursuant to this section may exercise the privilege thereby granted upon all streets and highways in this state.

E. Except as otherwise may be provided for by law, any new applicant for an original classified license shall be required to successfully complete a written examination, vision examination and driving examination for a motorcycle as prescribed by the Department of Public Safety to be eligible for a motorcycle endorsement thereon.

F. Except as otherwise may be provided for by law, any holder of an Oklahoma commercial chauffeur, chauffeur or operator driver's license which is eligible for renewal who applies for a Class A, B, C or D license shall be required to successfully complete a written examination, vision examination and driving examination for a motorcycle as prescribed by the Department to be eligible for a motorcycle endorsement thereon; provided, however, the Department may waive all such examinations upon being furnished satisfactory proof that the applicant has regularly operated a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or motorized bicycle for a minimum of two (2) years immediately preceding the application.

G. Any person eighteen (18) years of age or older may apply for a restricted Class A, B or C license. The Department, after the

applicant has passed all parts of the examination for and has been issued a Class D license and has successfully passed all parts of the examination for a Class A, B or C license other than the driving test, may issue to the applicant a restricted driver's license which shall entitle the applicant having such license in his immediate possession to operate a Class A, B or C commercial motor vehicle upon the public highways solely for the purpose of behind-the-wheel training while accompanied by a licensed driver twenty-one (21) years of age or older holding a valid license for the class of vehicle being driven including any and all required endorsements.

This restricted driver's license shall be issued for the same period as all other licenses; provided, such restricted license may be suspended, revoked, canceled or denied at the discretion of the Department for violation of the restrictions, for failing to give the required or correct information on the application or for violation of any traffic laws of this state pertaining to the operation of a motor vehicle. Except as otherwise provided, the holder of such restricted license who has been issued such restricted license for a minimum of thirty (30) days may have the restriction requiring an accompanying driver removed by satisfactorily completing a driver's examination; provided, the removal of such restriction shall not authorize the operation of a Class A, B or C commercial motor vehicle if such operation is otherwise prohibited by law. The Department shall cause such examination to be conducted not more than three times during the first six (6) months after date of issuance of said restricted license and not more than one time every three (3) months thereafter upon request of the holder thereof.

H. The fee charged for a successful examination shall be assessed in accordance with the following schedule:

Class A Commercial License	$25.00
Class B Commercial License	$15.00

Class C Commercial License	$15.00
Class D License	$ 4.00
Motorcycle Examination	$ 4.00

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1104 of this title, all monies collected from the examination fees charged for Class A, B and C Commercial Licenses pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund of this state.

I. In addition to any fee charged for a successful examination pursuant to the provisions of subsection H of this section, the fee charged for the issuance or renewal of an Oklahoma license shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

Class A Commercial License	$35.00
Class B Commercial License	$35.00
Class C Commercial License	$25.00
Class D License	$15.00

J. All original and renewal classified licenses shall expire four (4) years from the last day of the month in which the license was issued.

K. Any person sixty-two (62) years of age or older during the calendar year of issuance or renewal of a Class D license or motorcycle endorsement shall be charged the following prorated fee:

Age 62	$11.25
Age 63	$ 7.50
Age 64	$ 3.75
Age 65	-0-

L. The Oklahoma Department of Public Safety and the Oklahoma Tax Commission are authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the issuance and for the renewal of driver's licenses authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 6-101 through 6-309 of this title. Applications for such licenses shall be handled by the motor license agents, provided that the Department of Public

Safety is authorized to assume these duties in any county of this state. Except for driver's licenses issued pursuant to subsection K of this section, each motor license agent accepting applications for such drivers' licenses shall receive Two Dollars ($2.00) to be deducted from the total collected for each license or renewal application accepted. The two-dollar fee received by the motor license agent shall be used for operating expenses. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby authorized to reimburse, from funds available to that agency, each motor license agent issuing a license pursuant to subsection K of this section, an amount not to exceed One Dollar ($1.00) for each license so issued. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall develop procedures for claims for such reimbursement.

M. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1104 of this title and subsection L of this section and except as provided in subsection H of this section, the first Sixty Thousand Dollars ($60,000.00) of all monies collected pursuant to this section shall be paid by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to the State Treasurer to be deposited each fiscal year under the provisions of this section to the credit of the Department of Public Safety Revolving Fund for the purpose of the Department of Public Safety Share the Road Program as that program pertains to the operation of commercial vehicles in this state with a gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six thousand one (26,001) or more pounds. The next Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.00) of monies collected pursuant to this section shall be paid by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to the State Treasurer to be deposited each fiscal year under the provisions of this section to the credit of the Department of Public Safety Revolving Fund for the purpose of the Statewide Law Enforcement Communications System. All other monies collected in excess of Five Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars ($560,000.00) each fiscal year shall be apportioned as

provided in Section 1104 of this title, except as provided in subsection L of this section.

N. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety is authorized to employ such additional personnel as shall be necessary to administer the provisions of Sections 6-101 through 6-309 of this title.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 6th day of March, 1991.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1991.

President of the Senate