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BILL NO. 2147

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(MOTOR VEHICLES - AMENDING 47 O.S. 1991, SECTIONS
6-101, 230.9 AND 1133 - DRIVER'S LICENSES -
MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
TRANSPORTATION ACT - COMMERCIAL MOTOR
VEHICLES -

EFFECTIVE DATE)

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 6-101
(Section 1, Chapter 342, O.S.L. 1991), 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 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. 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.

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~~ General Revenue Fund. 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 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 230.9, is amended to read as follows:

Section 230.9 A. The transportation of any property in commerce, including hazardous materials or the transportation of passengers for compensation or for hire by bus, that is not in compliance with the Oklahoma Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous Materials Transportation Act or the rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto, is prohibited.

B. Pursuant to the provisions of this section and except as otherwise provided by subsection D of this section, any person who is determined by the Commissioner to have committed:

1. an act which is a violation of a recordkeeping requirement of this title or of any rule or regulation promulgated thereto or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1984, such person shall be liable to the State of Oklahoma for an administrative penalty not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each offense, provided that

the total of all administrative penalties assessed against any violator pursuant to this paragraph for all offenses related to any single violation shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00);

2. an act or acts other than recordkeeping requirements, which evidences a serious pattern of safety violations, as determined by the Commissioner, such person shall be liable to the State of Oklahoma for an administrative penalty not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense, provided the maximum fine for each pattern of safety violations shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). The Commissioner may consider present and prior offenses in determining a serious pattern of safety violations; or

3. an act or acts which evidences to the Commissioner, that a substantial health or safety violation exists or has occurred which could reasonably lead to or has resulted in serious personal injury or death, such person shall be liable to the State of Oklahoma for an administrative penalty not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each offense.

C. Each day of violation as specified in subsection B of this section shall constitute a separate single violation/offense.

D. Except for recordkeeping violations, no administrative penalty shall be assessed pursuant to the provisions of this section, against an employee of any person subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous Materials Transportation Act for a violation unless the Commissioner determines that such actions of the employee constituted gross negligence or reckless disregard for safety in which case such employee shall be liable for an administrative penalty not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

E. In determining the amount of any administrative penalty and the reasonable amount of time for abatement of the violation, the Commissioner shall include, but not be limited to, consideration of the nature, circumstances and gravity of the violation, and with respect to the person found to have committed the violation, the degree of culpability, history of prior offenses, effect on ability to continue to do business and such other matters as justice and public safety may require. In each case, the assessment shall be calculated to induce further compliance.

F. The Commissioner or his designated representative shall assess the amount of any administrative penalty, after notice and an opportunity for hearing, by written notice to the violator together with notice of findings in the case. An appeal therefrom may be made to the district court of Oklahoma County pursuant to the provisions of Sections 318 through 323 of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

G. An administrative penalty assessed by the Commissioner may be recovered in an action brought by the Attorney General on behalf of the State of Oklahoma or by the Commissioner in the appropriate district court of the State of Oklahoma. Before referral to the Attorney General such administrative penalty may be compromised by the Commissioner.

H. ~~The first Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in administrative penalties collected pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be deposited to the credit of the Trucking Industry Self Funded Research and Development (TISRAD) Revolving Fund. Such funds deposited to TISRAD shall be used to provide research and analysis with regard to heavy vehicle accidents in Oklahoma and in particular accidents and violations involving the transportation of hazardous materials. All monies collected in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) each fiscal year pursuant to this~~

section shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund of the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1133, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1133. A. The following license fees shall be paid annually to the Oklahoma Tax Commission upon the registration of the following vehicles:

For each commercial vehicle over eight thousand (8,000) pounds as defined in Section 1102 of this title, the license fee shall be based on the combined laden weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles. The license fees shall be computed and assessed at the following rates:

1. From 8,001 pounds to 15,000 pounds	\$ 95.00
2. From 15,001 pounds to 18,000 pounds	120.00
3. From 18,001 pounds to 21,000 pounds	155.00
4. From 21,001 pounds to 24,000 pounds	190.00
5. From 24,001 pounds to 27,000 pounds	225.00
6. From 27,001 pounds to 30,000 pounds	260.00
7. From 30,001 pounds to 33,000 pounds	295.00
8. From 33,001 pounds to 36,000 pounds	325.00
9. From 36,001 pounds to 39,000 pounds	350.00
10. From 39,001 pounds to 42,000 pounds	375.00
11. From 42,001 pounds to 45,000 pounds	400.00
12. From 45,001 pounds to 48,000 pounds	425.00
13. From 48,001 pounds to 51,000 pounds	450.00
14. From 51,001 pounds to 54,000 pounds	475.00
15. From 54,001 pounds to 57,000 pounds	648.00
16. From 57,001 pounds to 60,000 pounds	681.00
17. From 60,001 pounds to 63,000 pounds	713.00
18. From 63,001 pounds to 66,000 pounds	746.00
19. From 66,001 pounds to 69,000 pounds	778.00
20. From 69,001 pounds to 72,000 pounds	817.00

21.	From 72,001 pounds to 73,280 pounds	857.00
22.	From 73,281 pounds to 74,000 pounds	870.00
23.	From 74,001 pounds to 75,000 pounds	883.00
24.	From 75,001 pounds to 76,000 pounds	896.00
25.	From 76,001 pounds to 77,000 pounds	909.00
26.	From 77,001 pounds to 78,000 pounds	922.00
27.	From 78,001 pounds to 79,000 pounds	935.00
28.	From 79,001 pounds to 80,000 pounds	948.00
29.	From 80,001 pounds to 81,000 pounds	961.00
30.	From 81,001 pounds to 82,000 pounds	974.00
31.	From 82,001 pounds to 83,000 pounds	987.00
32.	From 83,001 pounds to 84,000 pounds	1000.00
33.	From 84,001 pounds to 85,000 pounds	1013.00
34.	From 85,001 pounds to 86,000 pounds	1026.00
35.	From 86,001 pounds to 87,000 pounds	1039.00
36.	From 87,001 pounds to 88,000 pounds	1052.00
37.	From 88,001 pounds to 89,000 pounds	1065.00
38.	From 89,001 pounds to 90,000 pounds	1078.00

B. After the fifth year's registration in this or any other state, the license fee upon any truck registered on a basis of the combined laden weight not in excess of fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds shall be assessed at fifty percent (50%) of the fee computed and assessed for each of the first five (5) years. On the seventh and all subsequent years of registration in this or any other state, on such truck, such license fees shall be assessed and computed at fifty percent (50%) of the amount due on the sixth year's registration. In no event shall such annual license fee on any truck be less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor shall the annual license fee of any truck-tractor be less than Ninety-five Dollars (\$95.00).

C. In addition to the fees required by subsection A of this section, there shall be paid a registration fee of Forty Dollars (\$40.00) upon the first registration in this state after the

effective date of this act and upon the transfer of ownership of any commercial trailer or semitrailer designed to be pulled and usually pulled by a truck or truck-tractor.

Thereafter, a fee of Four Dollars (\$4.00) shall be paid annually for each trailer or semitrailer. The fee of Four Dollars (\$4.00) shall be due and payable on January 1 of each year and shall be the only fee due on any trailer or semitrailer registered under this section.

Upon the payment of the registration fee of Forty Dollars (\$40.00), a nonexpiring registration certificate and identification plate shall be issued for each trailer or semitrailer. The nonexpiring identification plate shall remain displayed on the trailer or semitrailer for which the identification plate is issued until such trailer or semitrailer is sold or removed from service.

A receipt shall be issued upon the payment of the annual fee. The receipt shall show the total fee paid for one or more trailers or semitrailers. The receipt shall be retained by the owner of any trailer or semitrailer for a period of three (3) years and shall be subject to audit by the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

Any trailer or semitrailer licensed pursuant to this section shall not be permitted to be operated on the highways of this state when such trailer or semitrailer is being operated by a resident of this state, or is being operated by a person operating a vehicle or vehicles domiciled in this state and required by law to be licensed in Oklahoma, unless the pulling truck or truck-tractor has been licensed pursuant to this section. In no event shall any truck, truck-tractor, trailer, or semitrailer used in the furtherance of any commercial enterprise be permitted to operate on the highways of this state or register at a smaller license fee than that prescribed in this section except as provided in this section.

D. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1104 of this title, the first Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) of all

monies collected pursuant to subsections A, B and C of this section shall be paid by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to the State Treasurer of the State of Oklahoma who shall deposit same each fiscal year, or such lesser amount as may accrue each fiscal year, under the provisions of this section to the credit of the ~~Trucking Industry Self-Funded Research and Development (TISRAD) Revolving Fund as created in Section 1164 of this title~~ General Revenue Fund. All monies collected in excess of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) each fiscal year shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1104 of this title.

E. If any vehicle is used for a purpose other than that for which it has been registered, the owner of the vehicle shall be required to immediately reregister the vehicle at the appropriate rate. If any vehicle is placed or operated upon any street, road or highway of this state with a laden weight in excess of that for which it is licensed, the license fee for such increased laden weight shall become due, and the owner of the vehicle shall be required to immediately reregister the vehicle at the increased rate. Provided that, in either event there shall be credited upon the increased license fee for such reregistration for any portion of the year or period remaining after the change in use or increase in laden weight shall have occurred a proportionate part of the license fees previously paid. If this reregistration is made voluntarily by the owner, the ratable proportion of the credit allowed shall be determined as of the date the reregistration is voluntarily made. If the reregistration is not voluntarily made but occurs as a result of the discovery by any enforcement officer of an improper operation of the vehicle, that shall be considered prima facie evidence that it has been improperly registered for the entire portion of the year covered by the improper registration. Provided further that the ratable credit shall be allowed only on the first reregistration of any vehicle during any calendar year. If, during the calendar year,

subsequent changes of license plate are desired, the ratable credit shall not be allowed but the owner of the vehicle shall be required to pay the license fee due for that portion of the calendar year remaining without benefit of any additional credits. No motor vehicle owner shall have in his possession at any time more than one license plate for any vehicle owned by him. No reregistration shall be made until the current license plate previously issued has been surrendered.

Any person who has paid a fee under the terms and provisions of this subsection may at any time within one (1) year after the payment of such fee file with the Commission a claim under oath for refund stating the grounds therefor; provided the Commission shall allow refunds only where the amount of tax paid has been erroneously computed or determined through clerical errors or miscalculations. No refund shall be allowed by the Commission of a tax paid by the person where such payment is made through a mistake as to the legal misinterpretation or construction of the provisions of this section. Any refunds made by the Commission pursuant to this subsection shall be made out of any monies collected pursuant to this subsection and which have not been apportioned.

F. The annual license fee required by this section is intended to cover only the motor vehicle for which it is issued. The Commission upon application, when a licensed truck-tractor has been destroyed by fire or accident, shall credit the unused portion of the annual license fee of said vehicle toward the license fee of a replacement vehicle of equal registered weight. The amount of credit shall not exceed the license fee due on the replacement vehicle. The Commission shall not be required to make a refund. If the replacement vehicle is to be registered at a greater weight, the applicant shall pay an additional sum equivalent to the difference between the unused portion of the annual license fee for the

original motor vehicle and the license fee due for the replacement motor vehicle.

G. The license fees provided for in this section shall be paid each year whether or not the vehicle is operated on the public highway.

H. Notwithstanding the provision of any other statute in respect to the time for payment of license fees on motor vehicles, if the total amount of the annual license fees due from any resident owner, either individual, partnership, or Oklahoma corporation, upon the registration, on or before January 15 of any year, of commercial trucks, truck-tractors, trailers or semitrailers exceeds the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), said license fees may be paid in equal semiannual installments. The first installment shall be paid at the time of the application for registration of said vehicles and not later than January 15 of each year, and the second installment shall be paid on or before the first day of July of said year.

This subsection shall not operate to reduce the amount of the license fees due. If any installment is not paid on or before the date due, all unpaid installments of license fees for such year on each vehicle shall be deemed delinquent and immediately due and payable, and there shall be added a penalty of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per day to the balance of the license fee due on each vehicle for each day the balance remains unpaid up to thirty (30) days, after which the penalty due on each vehicle shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). The penalty for vehicles registered by weight in excess of eight thousand (8,000) pounds shall be an amount equal to the license fee. On and after the 30th day each such vehicle involved shall be considered as improperly licensed and as not currently registered, and all of the provisions of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act relating to enforcement, including the provisions for the seizure and sale of

vehicles not registered and not displaying current license plates, shall apply to said vehicles.

All fees and taxes levied by this act shall become and remain a first lien upon the vehicle upon which said fees or taxes are due until paid. Said lien shall have priority to all other liens. Provided further, that no title to any vehicle may be transferred until the unpaid balance on the vehicle has been paid in full. Provided that any unpaid balance of said license fees shall remain and become a lien against any and all property of the owner, both real and personal, for so long as any license tag fee balance shall remain unpaid. Provided further, that any unpaid balance under these provisions shall be immediately due and payable by the owner if any vehicle is sold, wrecked, or otherwise retired from service.

Any person electing to pay license fees on a semiannual installment basis, as herein authorized, shall be required to purchase a new license tag for the last half and shall pay the sum of Four Dollars (\$4.00) for each tag to cover the costs of said license tags; said license tags for each half shall be plainly marked in designating the half for which they were issued. A validation sticker may be used in lieu of a metal tag where appropriate. Such license tag fee shall be, in addition to the license fees or any other fees, collected on each application as provided by statute and shall be apportioned according to the provisions of Section 1104 of this title.

I. Any person pulling or towing any vehicle intended to be resold, into or through this state, shall pay a fee of Three Dollars (\$3.00) for the vehicle towing and Three Dollars (\$3.00) for the one being towed. It shall be unlawful to operate any series of such units on the public highways of this state at a distance closer than five hundred (500) feet from each other. All fees and taxes levied by the terms and provisions of this section shall become and remain a first lien upon the vehicle upon which said fees or taxes are due

until paid. Said lien shall be prior, superior, and paramount to all other liens of whatsoever kind or character.

J. In addition to any other penalties prescribed by law, the following penalty shall be imposed upon any owner or operator of a commercial vehicle registered under the provisions of this section when the laden weight or combined laden weight of such vehicle is found to be in excess of that for which registered. The penalty shall be imposed each and every time a vehicle is found to be in violation of the registered laden weight or combined laden weight.

The penalty shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) when such vehicle exceeds the laden weight or combined laden weight by 2,001 pounds; thereafter, an additional Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) shall be imposed for each additional one thousand pounds or fraction thereof of weight in excess of the registered laden weight or combined laden weight.

SECTION 4. On July 1, 1992, the Department of Public Safety shall transfer from the Department of Public Safety Revolving Fund to the General Revenue Fund any unencumbered monies in the Department of Public Safety Revolving Fund that were collected pursuant to subsection M of Section 6-101 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes 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.

SECTION 5. NONCODIFICATION Section 4 of this act shall not be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 1992.

Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of March, 1992.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1992.

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President of the Senate