

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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2ND CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR ENGROSSED  
SENATE BILL NO. 887

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An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Sections 1115, 1136, as last amended by Section 1 of Enrolled House Bill No. 1853 of the 2nd Session of the 44th Oklahoma Legislature, and 1143, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 300, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1143), which relate to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act and 63 O.S. 1991, Sections 4016, as amended by Section 11, Chapter 284, O.S.L. 1992, and 4019 (63 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 4016), which relate to the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor Registration Act; modifying vehicles subject to certain registration requirements; providing for certain vehicles to be registered under staggered system; requiring Oklahoma Tax Commission to prescribe certain rules; deleting certain exception; modifying amount retained by motor license agent as base compensation; modifying amount of certain fee; providing for issuance and display of certain registration decal; providing for vessels and motors to be registered under staggered system after certain date; modifying time period after which certain fees become delinquent; providing procedures for registration and license for certain trailers; specifying fee; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1115, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1115. A. Unless provided otherwise by statute, the following vehicles shall be registered annually: manufactured homes, ~~mopeds, motorcycles,~~ vehicles registered with a permanent nonexpiring license plate pursuant to Section 1113 of this title, commercial vehicles registered pursuant to the provisions of the

International Registration Plan and commercial vehicles registered pursuant to the installment plan provided in subsection ~~F~~ H of Section 1133 of this title. The following schedule shall apply for such vehicle purchased in this state or brought into this state by residents of this state:

1. Between January 1 and March 31, the payment of the full annual fee shall be required;
2. Between April 1 and June 30, the payment of three-fourths (3/4) the annual fee shall be required;
3. Between July 1 and September 30, the payment of one-half (1/2) the annual fee shall be required; and
4. Between October 1 and November 30, one-fourth (1/4) the annual fee shall be required.

License plates or decals for each year shall be made available on December 1 of each preceding year for such vehicles; and any person who purchases such vehicle, or manufactured home ~~or motorcycle~~ between December 1 and December 31 of any year shall register it within thirty (30) days from date of purchase and obtain a license plate or Manufactured Home License Registration Decal, as appropriate, for the following calendar year upon payment of the full annual fee. Unless provided otherwise by statute, all annual license, registration and other fees for such vehicles shall be due and payable on January 1 of each year and if not paid by February 1 shall be deemed delinquent.

B. All vehicles, other than those required to be registered according to the provisions of subsection A of this section, shall be registered on a staggered system of registration and licensing on a monthly series basis to distribute the work of registering such vehicles as uniformly and expeditiously as practicable throughout the calendar year. After the end of the month following the expiration date, the license and registration fees for the new registration period shall become delinquent.

Beginning September 1, 1994, all motorcycles and mopeds that have not been previously registered in this state shall be registered on a staggered system of registration and licensing pursuant to the provisions of this subsection. The Oklahoma Tax Commission

shall prescribe rules to provide for motorcycles and mopeds that have been previously registered in this state to be registered on a staggered system of registration and licensing pursuant to the provisions of this subsection at such time as the supply of license plates or decals that have been produced pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section is depleted.

C. The following penalties shall apply for delinquent registration fees:

1. For commercial vehicles registered under the provisions of subsection A of this section, a penalty of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per day shall be added to the license fee of such vehicle for each day the fee is delinquent after January 31. The penalty shall accrue for thirty (30) days. Thereafter, the penalty shall be thirty percent (30%) of the annual registration fee, or Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), whichever is greater;

2. For commercial vehicles registered under the provisions of subsection B of this section, except those vehicles registered pursuant to Section 1133.1 of this title, a penalty shall be assessed after the last day of the month following the registration expiration date. A penalty of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per day shall be added to the license fee of such vehicle and shall accrue for one (1) month. Thereafter, the penalty shall be thirty percent (30%) of the annual registration fee, or Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), whichever is greater;

3. For new or used manufactured homes, not registered within thirty (30) days from date of purchase or date such manufactured home was brought into this state, a penalty equal to the registration fee shall be assessed; or

4. For all other vehicles a penalty shall be assessed after the last day of the month following the expiration date. A penalty of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per day shall be added to the license fee of such vehicle and shall accrue for three (3) months. Thereafter, the penalty shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), provided that the penalty shall not exceed the amount equal to the license fee of such vehicle.

D. In addition to all other penalties provided in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, Section 1101 et seq. of this title, the following penalties shall be imposed and collected by any Revenue Enforcement Officer of the Oklahoma Tax Commission upon finding any commercial vehicle being operated in violation of the provisions of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.

The penalties shall apply to any commercial vehicle found to be operating in violation of the following provisions:

1. A penalty in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be imposed upon any person found to be operating a commercial vehicle sixty (60) days after the end of the month in which the license plate or registration credentials expire without the current year license plate or registration credential displayed;

2. A penalty in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be imposed for any person operating a commercial vehicle subject to the provision of subsection K of Section 1120 of this title without the proper display of, or, carrying in such commercial vehicle, the identification credentials issued by the Oklahoma Tax Commission as evidence of payment of the fee or tax as provided in subsection K of Section 1120 of this title; and

3. A penalty in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall be imposed for any person that fails to register any commercial vehicle subject to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.

E. The Tax Commission shall assess the registration fees and penalties for the year or years a vehicle was not registered. For vehicles not registered for two or more years, the registration fees and penalties shall be due only for the current year and one (1) previous year. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall waive road user fees and penalties for failure to register a vehicle, provided road user fees shall not be waived for the current registration year in cases where said vehicle is proven to have been inoperable during the registration period. Proof of inoperability may be by, but is not limited to, submission of

parts or repair receipts or such other evidence deemed appropriate by the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1136, as last amended by Section 1 of Enrolled House Bill No. 1853 of the 2nd Session of the 44th Oklahoma Legislature, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1136. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby authorized to design and issue appropriate official special license plates as provided by this section.

Special license plates shall not be transferred to any other person but shall be removed from the vehicle upon transfer of ownership and retained. The special license plate may then be used on another vehicle but only after such other vehicle has been registered for the current year with a motor license agent.

The Commission shall take applications by October 1 of each year for the following calendar year for special license plates and shall issue such plates to each applicant.

Special license plates shall be renewed each year by the Commission or a motor license agent. The Commission shall annually notify by mail all persons issued special license plates. Such notice shall contain all necessary information and shall contain instructions for the renewal procedure upon presentation to a motor license agent or the Commission.

Special license plates shall be designed in such a manner as to identify the use and ownership of the vehicle. The special license plates provided by this section are as follows:

1. Political Subdivision Plates - such plates shall be designed for any vehicle owned by any political subdivision of this state and shall be registered for Five Dollars (\$5.00), after having obtained proper Oklahoma certificate of title. Such political subdivisions shall file an annual report with the Commission stating the agency where such vehicle is located. Such license plates shall be permanent in nature and designed in such a manner as to remain with the vehicle for the duration of the life span of the vehicle or until the title is transferred to an owner who is not a political subdivision;

2. Legislative License Plates - such plates shall be designed for persons elected to the Oklahoma Legislature and shall designate the house of the Legislature in which the legislator serves and his district number.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to the regular plate issued to the member and the fees charged therefor;

3. Tax-Exempt or Nonprofit License Plates - such plates shall be designed for:

- a. any motor bus, manufactured home, or mobile chapel and power unit owned and operated by a religious corporation or society of this state holding a valid exemption from taxation issued pursuant to Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(a), and listed as an exempt organization in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and that is used by the corporation or society solely for the furtherance of its religious functions,
- b. any vehicle owned and operated only by nonprofit organizations devoted exclusively to youth programs including, but not limited to, the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America,
- c. any vehicle, except passenger automobiles, owned or operated by nonprofit organizations actually involved in programs for the employment of the handicapped and used exclusively in the transportation of goods or materials for such organization,
- d. any vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit organization that provides older persons transportation to and from medical, dental and religious services and relief from business and social isolation,
- e. any vehicle owned and operated by a private nonprofit organization that:

- (1) warehouses and distributes surplus foods to other nonprofit agencies and organizations, and
  - (2) holds a valid exemption from taxation issued pursuant to Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c), and listed as an exempt organization in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and
  - (3) uses such vehicle exclusively for the transportation of such surplus foods, or
- f. any vehicle owned and operated by a fire department organized pursuant to Section 592 of Title 18 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

The registration fee shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00).

Any person claiming to be eligible for a tax-exempt or nonprofit license plate under the provisions of this paragraph must have the name of the tax-exempt or nonprofit organization prominently displayed upon the outside of the vehicle, except those vehicles registered pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, unless such display is prohibited by federal or state law or by state agency rules and regulations. No vehicle shall be licensed as a tax-exempt or nonprofit vehicle unless the vehicle has affixed on each side thereof, in letters not less than two (2) inches high and two (2) inches wide, the name of the tax-exempt or nonprofit organization or the insignia or other symbol of such organization which shall be of sufficient size, shape and color as to be readily legible during daylight hours from a distance of fifty (50) feet while the vehicle is not in motion;

4. Prisoner of War License Plates - such plates shall be designed for honorably discharged or present members of the United States Armed Forces and civilians who were former prisoners of war held by a foreign country and who can provide proper certification of that status. Such persons may apply for a prisoner of war license plate for no more than two vehicles with each vehicle having a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The

surviving spouse of any deceased former prisoner of war, if said spouse has not since remarried, may apply for a prisoner of war license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The registration fee shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00);

5. National Guard License Plates - such plates shall be designed for active or retired members of the Oklahoma National Guard.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by this act, Section 1101 et seq. of this title;

6. Air National Guard License Plates - such plates shall be designed for active or retired members of the Oklahoma Air National Guard.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by this act;

7. United States Armed Forces - such plates shall be designed for active, retired, former or reserve members of the United States Armed Forces, and shall identify which branch of service, and carry the emblem and name of either the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard, according to the branch of service to which the member belongs or did belong. Former members who have been dishonorably discharged shall not be eligible for such plates. Persons applying for such license plate must show proof of present or past military service by presenting a valid Uniformed Services Identity Card or the United States Department of Defense Form (DD)214.

The fee for such plates shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by this act;

8. Physically Disabled License Plates - such plates shall be designed for persons who are eligible for an insignia as a physically disabled person under the provisions of Section 15-112 of this title. It shall prominently display the international accessibility symbol, which is a stylized human figure in a

wheelchair. Upon the death of such physically disabled person, said special license plate shall be returned to the Commission.

There shall be no fee for such plate in addition to the rate provided by this act for the registration of the vehicle.

Any person who is eligible for a physically disabled license plate and whose vehicle has had modifications because of the physical disability of the owner, may register the vehicle for a flat fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). This fee shall be in lieu of all other registration fees provided by this act;

9. Disabled Veterans License Plates - such plates shall be designed for persons presenting proper certification from the United States Veteran's Administration or the Armed Forces of the United States certifying such veteran has a service-connected disability rating of fifty percent (50%) or more or that such veteran has been awarded a vehicle by the United States government or receives a grant from the United States Veteran's Administration for the purchase of an automobile due to a service-connected disability rating or due to the loss of use of a limb or an eye. Such persons may apply to the Commission for a disabled veterans license plate or to a motor license agent for a regular license plate for no more than two vehicles with each vehicle having a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The surviving spouse of any deceased disabled veteran, if said spouse has not since remarried, may apply for a disabled veterans license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The registration fee shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00);

10. Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Such persons may apply for a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00);

11. Missing In Action License Plates - such plates shall be designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who

are missing in action. The spouse of such missing person, if said spouse has not since remarried, and each parent of such missing person may apply for a missing in action license plate upon presenting proper certification that such person is missing in action and that the person making said application is the unremarried spouse or the parent of such missing person. The spouse and each parent of such missing person may each apply for the missing in action license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The registration fee shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to the regular plate issued and the fees charged therefor;

12. Indian Tribal License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any vehicle of a native American Indian Tribal Association exempted in Sections 201 through 204 of Public Law 97-473 and used by the tribal association exclusively for the furtherance of its tribal functions.

The registration fee shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00);

13. Personalized License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued for the following:

- a. any person in any combination of numbers or letters from one to a maximum of seven,
- b. persons eligible for two or more of the military decoration special license plates provided for in this section. Such plates may be issued in any combination of emblems. However, such plates shall only display up to three emblems and shall also display any combination of letters or numbers from one to a maximum of three, and
- c. motorcycles in any combination of numbers or letters from one to a maximum of six.

The personalized license plates shall be issued on a staggered system ~~except for motorcycles.~~

On and after January 1, 1987, persons owning vehicles which are twenty-one (21) years and older are qualified to submit for approval by the Oklahoma Tax Commission or a motor license agent a  
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vintage but expired official Oklahoma license plate which is twenty-one (21) years and older. Upon approval of such personalized plate, the owner shall be issued the annual registration decal which the Commission or agent shall direct to be affixed in close proximity to the mandatory vehicle inspection decal. The Tax Commission shall promulgate a rule which establishes appropriate criteria to be used in the implementation of this act.

The fee for such plate shall be Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by this act. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of the personalized tag fee shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund to be used for the administration of this act;

14. Antique or Classic Vehicle Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued for any vehicle twenty-five (25) years of age or older, based upon the date of manufacture thereof and which travels on the highways of this state primarily incidental to historical or exhibition purposes only.

The registration fee shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and, except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by this act. Vehicles issued an antique vehicle license plate pursuant to the provisions of this subparagraph shall be exempt from the registration fee levied by paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 1132 of this title;

15. Purple Heart Recipient License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who has been awarded the Purple Heart military decoration. Such persons may apply for a Purple Heart recipient license plate for two vehicles with each vehicle having a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, Section 1101 et seq. of this title;

16. Pearl Harbor Survivor License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who can be verified by

the United States Veteran's Administration or the Armed Forces of the United States as being:

- a. a member of the United States Armed Forces on December 7, 1941,
- b. stationed on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Hawaii time at Pearl Harbor, the island of Oahu, or offshore at a distance not to exceed three (3) miles, and
- c. a recipient of an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces.

Such person may apply for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.

The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall design and make available to any person who is issued a Pearl Harbor Survivor License Plate a commemorative Pearl Harbor decal to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Such decal shall include the language "Pearl Harbor 1941-1991" and shall be designed to be easily attached to a license plate. This decal shall be free of charge to those persons issued a Pearl Harbor Survivor License Plate;

17. Iwo Jima License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who can be verified by the United States Veteran's Administration or the Armed Forces of the United States as being:

- a. a member of the United States Armed Forces in February of 1945,
- b. stationed in February of 1945 on or in the immediate vicinity of the island of Iwo Jima, and
- c. a recipient of an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces.

Such person may apply for an Iwo Jima license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

Such license plate shall have the legend "Oklahoma OK" and shall contain three letters and three numbers. Between the letters and numbers shall be a logo of the flag-raising at Iwo Jima. Below the letters, logo and numbers, the plate shall contain the words "FEB." at the left, "Iwo Jima" in the center and "1945" at the right. Such plates shall not be subject to the design requirements of any other license plates prescribed by law other than the space for the placement of the yearly decals for each succeeding year of registration after the initial issue.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act;

18. D-Day Survivor License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who can be verified by the United States Veteran's Administration or the Armed Forces of the United States as being:

- a. a member of the United States Armed Forces on June 6, 1944,
- b. a participant in the Allied invasion of the coast of Normandy on June 6, 1944; provided, if such participation cannot be verified by the United States Veteran's Administration or the Armed Forces of the United States, the Tax Commission may, in its discretion, accept evidence of such participation from the person applying for the license plate, and
- c. a recipient of an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces.

Such person may apply for a D-Day Survivor license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act;

19. Killed in Action License Plates - such plates shall be designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who were killed in action. The spouse of such deceased person, if said spouse has not remarried, may apply for a killed in action

license plate upon presenting proper certification that such person was killed in action and that said person making the application is the unremarried spouse of such deceased person. The spouse may apply for a killed in action license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The registration fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00);

20. University or College Supporter License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support to any state-supported university or college. The fee for such plate shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, Section 1101 et seq. of this title. The twenty-five-dollar fee shall be apportioned pursuant to Section 1104.1 of this title;

21. Environmental Awareness License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to the criteria to be presented to the Oklahoma Tax Commission by the Department of Environmental Quality in consultation with the State Arts Council, and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support to implement the statewide general public environmental education program created pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Environmental Quality Code. Such plates shall be designed and issued to any person in any combination of numbers and letters from one to a maximum of seven, as for personalized license plates. The fee for such plate shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. The twenty-five-dollar fee shall be apportioned pursuant to Section 1104.2 of this title. A dealer's license plate issued pursuant to Section 1116.1 or 1128 of this title may be designated an Environmental Awareness License Plate upon payment of the fee imposed by this paragraph and any other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act;

22. Military Decoration License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who has been awarded the

Distinguished Service Award, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star military decoration or the Silver Star military decoration. Such persons may apply for a military decoration license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act;

23. Vietnam Veteran License Plates - such plates shall be designed for honorably discharged or present members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Vietnam Conflict. Such persons may apply for a Vietnam veteran license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act;

24. Round and Square Dance License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for round and square dancing.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act;

25. Firefighter License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any career or retired firefighter, volunteer or paid. Firefighters may apply for firefighter plates for up to four vehicles with a rated capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of a fire department membership by either an identification card or letter from the Chief of the fire department. The license plate shall have the legend "Oklahoma" in the color Pantone 186C Red and shall contain no more than three letters and three numbers in the color Pantone 301C Blue. Between the letters and numbers shall be the Firefighter Maltese Cross Logo in the color Pantone 186C Red outlined in the color Pantone 301C Blue. Below the letters and the logo shall be the word "Firefighter" in the color Pantone 186C Red. The plates shall not be subject to the design requirements of any other license plates prescribed by law other

than the space for the placement of the yearly decals for each succeeding year of registration after the initial issue.

The fee for such plate shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. The Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for initial registration and succeeding yearly registration shall be apportioned as follows: Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) shall be deposited to the Oklahoma State Firemen's Museum Building & Memorial Fund for support of the Oklahoma Firefighter Fallen and Living Memorial and Five Dollars (\$5.00) to the Oklahoma Tax Commission;

26. World War II Veteran License Plates - such plates shall be designed to honor honorably discharged former members of the United States Armed Forces who are residents of this state and who can be verified by the Oklahoma Military Department, the Veterans Administration or the Armed Forces of the United States as having served on federal active duty anytime during the period from September 16, 1940, to December 7, 1945.

Such former members may apply for a World War II Veteran license plate for two vehicles with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

Such license plate shall have the legend "Oklahoma" and shall contain, in the center of the plate, either the Thunderbird Insignia of the 45th Infantry Division in the prescribed red and gold coloring or the emblem of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard according to the branch of service to which the member belonged. For the purpose of license plate identification, the plate shall contain four digits, two digits at the left and two digits at the right of the insignia or emblem. Centered on the bottom of the license plate shall be the words "WORLD WAR II".

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma License and Registration Act;

27. Korean War Veteran License Plates - such plates shall be designed to honor honorably discharged former members of the United States Armed Forces who are residents of this state and who

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can be verified by the Oklahoma Military Department, the Veterans Administration or the Armed Forces of the United States as having served on federal active duty anytime during the period from September 1, 1950, to April 27, 1954.

Such former members may apply for a Korean War Veteran license plate for two vehicles with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

Such license plate shall have the legend "OKLAHOMA" and shall contain, in the center of the plate, either the Thunderbird Insignia of the 45th Infantry Division in the prescribed red and gold coloring or the emblem of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard according to the branch of service to which the member belonged. For the purpose of license plate identification, the plate shall contain four digits, two digits at the left and two digits at the right of the insignia or emblem. Centered on the bottom of the license plate shall be the word "KOREA".

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma License and Registration Act;

28. Wildlife Conservation License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to the criteria to be presented to the Oklahoma Tax Commission by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation in consultation with the State Arts Council, and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for wildlife conservation in this state through the Nongame Wildlife Improvement Fund, provided for in Section 3-310 of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Such plates may be designed and issued to any person as for personalized license plates. The fee for the plate shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, Section 1101 et seq. of this title. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the twenty-five-dollar fee shall be apportioned pursuant to paragraph D of Section 3-310 of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

29. Municipal Official License Plates - such plates shall be designed for persons elected to a municipal office in this state

and shall designate the name of the municipality and the district or ward in which the municipal official serves. The plates shall only be produced upon application.

The fee for the plate shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) and shall be in addition to the regular plate issued to the elected municipal official and the fees charged therefor.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1104 of this title, Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each special tag fee shall be deposited to the OTC Reimbursement Fund to be used for the administration of this act.

Use of any vehicle possessing a special license plate for any purpose not specified in this section shall be grounds for revocation of the special license plate and registration certificate.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1143, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 300, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1143), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1143. A. A motor license agent appointed under the provisions of this title shall retain as base compensation those taxes and fees collected and retained pursuant to Section 1141.1 of this title, and after payment of allowable expenses of the motor license agency as defined in subsection C of Section 1146 of this title, shall retain:

1. All amounts remaining from notary and mailing fees received by such agent, after payment of all costs of handling and mailing;

2. All profits from any concessions operated in the agent's office; and

3. An amount not to exceed ~~Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00)~~ Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for each calendar year.

B. A motor license agent shall receive a fee of not more than ~~One Dollar (\$1.00)~~ Two Dollars (\$2.00) for each document notarized and a fee of fifty cents (\$0.50) for any documents mailed.

C. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall initiate a mail order vehicle registration notification program, which shall consist of

notification annually to all vehicle owners in this state of such time an owner shall register and license his vehicle as provided for in Section 1101 et seq. of this title. The notification issued by the Commission shall include a breakdown of all charges to be paid by the owner, other items deemed necessary by the Commission and shall notify the owner that he has the option of paying his registration and receiving his license plate or decal through the mail directly from the Commission or of registering and receiving his license plate or decal from a motor license agent. On the back of such registration notification forms ordered after the effective date of this act there shall be the address of the Oklahoma Tax Commission in large black type and an explanation of the apportionment of all license fees and penalties collected and their disposition. Such explanation shall include information as to all charges included in the total license fee and any fees or charges incident to the registration of a motor vehicle, to include all fees that a motor license agent is authorized to collect. If the owner chooses the option of receiving these services through the mail, either from the Commission or the motor license agent, he shall then be instructed to pay the final total listed. The costs of mailing shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) for license plates, fifty cents (\$0.50) for decals and fifty cents (\$0.50) for the mailing of any other form, title, decal or device provided for in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. Provided however, the Commission may adjust any mailing costs from time to time as they deem appropriate and as will allow for additional fees the U.S. Postal Service may charge.

D. Money received by the Commission for the issuance of any registrations, license plates or otherwise shall be apportioned to the schools in accordance with other laws controlling such distributions.

E. Failure by an owner of a vehicle to receive registration notification as provided for in the Motor Vehicle License and Registration Act shall not in any manner relieve such person from the obligation of proper and timely registration and licensing of

such vehicle, and such person shall be subject to any penalties prescribed by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.

F. A motor license agent, out of the taxes and fees collected and retained pursuant to Section 1141.1 of this title, shall obtain a faithful performance surety bond or cash bond in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) or in such additional amount and form required by the Commission or by this act, a blanket surety bond or cash bond covering adequately all office personnel, necessary insurance, necessary office equipment and furniture, and other goods and services essential to the proper operation of the motor license agency. Provided that the Commission shall have the authority to lower such required surety bond to an amount that is commensurate with the amount of business conducted by the motor license agent, but in no event shall that amount be less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). Motor license agents shall obtain the surety bond or cash bond required by this section only during their first year of operation. Thereafter, the motor license agents shall be subject to the provisions of Section 1143.1 of this title.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 4016, as amended by Section 11, Chapter 284, O.S.L. 1992 (63 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 4016), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4016. A. Every owner of a vessel, when making application for registration, shall furnish the following information:

1. A full description of the vessel including the manufacturer's serial or other identification number, the manufacturer's factory delivered price, and the total delivered price of said vessel;

2. The correct name and address, the name of the city, county and state in which the person in whose name the vessel is to be registered resides;

3. The county of location of the vessel; and

4. Such other information as may be prescribed by the Commission.

B. Upon the filing of a registration application for a vessel and the payment of the fees provided for in the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor Registration Act, Section 4002 et seq. of this title, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall issue the owner of the vessel a certificate of registration and assign a permanent number for the vessel described in the application. The permanent number shall be recorded on the annual registration certificate covering such vessel. The permanent number shall be displayed upon the vessel as required by Section 4030 of this title. Beginning July 1, 1996, the Commission shall also issue the owner a registration decal, which shall be displayed upon the vessel in a conspicuous manner and shall not be obliterated, erased, mutilated, removed or missing. The Commission shall cause such decals to be printed in a color to indicate the year of registration and shall provide for the number of the month of registration to be displayed upon the decal in such size as to allow law enforcement personnel to ascertain whether the vessel or motor is currently registered.

C. The current certificate of registration shall be legible and available for inspection at all times.

D. On all new and used vessels, prior to receipt of the certificate of registration, the dealer's bill of sale shall be available for inspection at all times for the first thirty (30) calendar days from the date of purchase. Thereafter, prior to receipt of the certificate of registration, the official registration receipt from the Commission or a motor license agent shall be available for inspection at all times.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 4019, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4019. A. 1. ~~The~~ Until July 1, 1996, registration fees herein levied upon vessels and motors located within this state shall be due on the first day of July each year and shall become delinquent on the first day of August thereafter. Beginning July 1, 1996, all vessels and motors located within this state shall be registered on a staggered system of registration and licensing on a monthly series basis to distribute the work of

registering such vehicles as uniformly and expeditiously as practicable throughout the calendar year.

2. ~~Any~~ Until July 1, 1996, license and registration fees of any person owning a vessel or motor subject to the provisions of this subsection and failing or refusing to file application for the registration of such vessel or motor and to pay the annual registration fee as provided by the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor Registration Act, on or before the 31st day of July each year, shall be deemed delinquent. Beginning July 1, 1996, license and registration fees for the new registration period shall become delinquent if the person owning a vessel or motor subject to the provisions of this subsection fails or refuses to file application for the registration of such vessel or motor and to pay the annual registration fee as provided by the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor Registration Act on or before the end of the month following the expiration date.

B. ~~On~~ Until July 1, 1996, on the registration of new vessels or new motors purchased in this state and on new or used vessels or motors used in this state or brought into this state between July 1 and September 30, inclusive, of any year the payment of the full annual registration and license fee shall be collected; and between October 1 and December 31, inclusive, of any year the payment of three-fourths (3/4) the annual registration and license fee shall be collected; and between January 1 and March 31, inclusive, of any year the payment of one-half (1/2) the annual registration and license fee shall be collected; and between April 1 and June 30, inclusive, of any year the payment of one-fourth (1/4) of the annual registration and license fee shall be collected.

SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1134.3 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Any trailer owned by a resident of this state and not required by law to be registered and licensed, which is used primarily for transportation of articles of the owner of the trailer and not used in the furtherance of or incident to any commercial or

industrial enterprise, may be registered and licensed. The registration and license fee for each such trailer shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) per year in addition to all other registration fees provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, Section 1101 et seq. of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The applicant shall obtain a certificate of title, as required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, prior to registration and licensing of a trailer pursuant to this section.

SECTION 7. This act shall become effective September 1, 1994.

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