

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1881

By: Pope

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; declaring Legislative findings; requiring Indian tribes or nations to submit certain vehicle registration report to the Oklahoma Tax Commission; providing time period for report; prohibiting any fee or charge; providing for promulgation of rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1123.1 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Legislature finds that:

1. Federal law recognizes the right of Indian tribes and nations to license and register motor vehicles owned by a resident of and principally garaged within the jurisdiction of the tribe or nation free from state taxation.

2. While recognizing the sovereignty of the Indian tribes and nations within this state, the safety of all people while traveling

on the roads and highways within this state is paramount. In order to protect the public health, safety and welfare and in order to properly enforce the laws of this state, it is necessary that all motor vehicles be registered with the Oklahoma Tax Commission, including motor vehicles registered with or by any Indian tribe or nation.

B. In the spirit of cooperation between this state and the Indian tribes or nations for the benefit of enforcing the laws of this state and the laws of the Indian tribes and nations, it shall be the duty of every Indian tribe or nation within this state which registers motor vehicles owned by a tribal member living within Indian country and which motor vehicles are principally garaged within the jurisdiction of the tribe or nation to provide the Oklahoma Tax Commission with a report of all such motor vehicle registrations. The report shall be updated monthly by the tribe or nation. There shall be no charge or fee of any kind made by the Oklahoma Tax Commission or this state to the Indian tribe or nation for the implementation or compliance with this section. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall promulgate the necessary rules to implement the requirements of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1994.

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