

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1018

By: Kirby of the House
and
Maddox of the Senate

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1151, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 278, O.S.L. 1994 (47 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 1151), which relates to offenses and penalties; increasing penalty for failure to register certain motor vehicles; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1151, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 278, O.S.L. 1994 (47 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 1151), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1151. A. It shall be unlawful for any person to commit any of the following acts:

1. To lend or to sell to, or knowingly permit the use of by, one not entitled thereto any certificate of title, license plate or decal issued to or in the custody of the person so lending or permitting the use thereof;

2. To alter or in any manner change a certificate of title, registration certificate, license plate or decal issued under the laws of this or any other state;

3. To procure from another state or country, or display upon any vehicle owned by him within this state, except as otherwise provided in this act, any license plate issued by any state or country other than this state, unless there shall be displayed upon such vehicle at all times the current license plate or decal assigned to it by the Commission;

4. To drive, operate or move, or for the owner to cause or permit to be driven or moved, upon the roads, streets or highways of this state, any vehicle loaded in excess of its registered laden weight, or which is licensed for a capacity less than the manufacturer's rated capacity as provided for in this act;

5. To operate a vehicle without proper license plate or decal or on which all taxes due the state have not been paid;

6. To buy, sell or dispose of, or have in his possession for sale, use or storage, any secondhand or used vehicle on which the registration or license fee has not been paid, as required by law, and on which vehicle said person neglects, fails or refuses to display at all times the license plate or decal assigned to it;

7. To give a fictitious name or fictitious address or make any misstatement of facts in application for certificate of title and registration of a vehicle;

8. To purchase a license plate on an assigned certificate of title. This particular paragraph shall be applicable to all persons except bona fide registered dealers in used cars who are holders of current and valid used car dealers' licenses;

9. To operate a vehicle upon the highways of this state after the registration deadline for that vehicle without a proper license plate, as prescribed by this act, for the current year;

10. For any owner of a vehicle registered on the basis of laden weight to fail or refuse to weigh or reweigh it when requested to do so by any enforcement officer charged with the duty of enforcing this law;

11. To operate or have in his possession any vehicle which bears a motor number or serial number other than the original number placed thereon by the factory except a number duly assigned and authorized by the state;

12. For any motor license agent to release a license plate, a manufactured home registration receipt, decal or excise tax receipt to any unauthorized person or source, including any dealer in new or used motor vehicles. Violation of this paragraph shall constitute sufficient grounds for discharge of a motor license agent by the Commission; or

13. To operate any vehicle registered as a commercial vehicle without the lettering requirements of Section 1102 of this title.

Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this subsection shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

B. Except as otherwise authorized by law, it shall be unlawful to:

1. Lend or sell to, or knowingly permit the use of by, one not entitled thereto any certificate of title issued for a manufactured home, manufactured home registration receipt, manufactured home registration decal or excise tax receipt;

2. Alter or in any manner change a certificate of title issued for a manufactured home under the laws of this state or any other state;

3. Remove or alter a manufactured home registration receipt, manufactured home registration decal or excise tax receipt attached to a certificate of title or attach such receipts to a certificate of title with the intent to misrepresent the payment of the required excise tax and registration fees;

4. Buy, sell, or dispose of, or have in his possession for sale, use or storage any used manufactured home on which the

registration fees or excise taxes have not been paid as required by law; or

5. Purchase identification, manufactured home registration receipt, manufactured home registration decal or excise tax receipt on an assigned certificate of title.

Anyone violating the provisions of this subsection, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a felony.

C. In the event a new vehicle is not registered within thirty (30) days from date of purchase, the penalty for the failure of the owner of the vehicle to register said vehicle within thirty (30) days shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), provided that in no event shall the penalty exceed an amount equal to the license fee. Provided however, that the penalty for new commercial vehicles shall be equal to the license fee for such vehicles.

If a used vehicle is brought into Oklahoma by a resident of this state and is not registered within thirty (30) days, a penalty of ~~twenty-five cents (\$0.25)~~ One Dollar (\$1.00) per day shall be charged from the date of entry to the date of registration, such penalty to accrue for thirty (30) days, upon failure to register, at the end of which time the penalty shall be ~~Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)~~, provided that in no event shall the penalty exceed an amount equal to the license fee Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Provided however, that the penalty for used commercial vehicles shall be equal to the license fee for such vehicles.

D. Any owner who knowingly makes or causes to be made any false statement of a fact required in this section to be shown in an application for the registration of one or more vehicles shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or shall be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

E. Self-propelled or motor-driven cycles, known and commonly referred to as "minibikes" and other similar trade names, shall not be registered under the provisions of this act or be permitted to be operated on the streets or highways of this state. Provided that minibikes may be operated on the streets when used in a parade. Notwithstanding other provisions of this subsection, minibikes may be registered and operated in this state by food vendor services upon streets having a speed limit of thirty (30) miles per hour or less.

All minibikes offered for sale in this state shall bear the following notice to the customer:

"This machine is not manufactured or sold for operation on the public streets or highways. Since it is not provided with equipment required by law for street or highway use, all persons are cautioned that any operation of this vehicle upon a public street or highway will be in violation of the motor vehicle laws of this state and will subject the violator to arrest."

Transfers and sales of such vehicles shall be subject to sales tax and not motor vehicle excise taxes.

The provisions of this subsection shall also apply to those motor-driven or operated vehicles known as "golf carts", "go-carts" and other motor vehicles which are manufactured principally for use off the streets and highways.

F. Any person violating paragraph 3 or 6 of subsection A of this section, in addition to the penal provisions provided herein, shall pay as additional penalty a sum equal to the amount of license fees due on such vehicle or registration fees due on a manufactured home known to be in violation and said amount is hereby declared to be a lien upon said vehicle as provided in this act.

G. Each violation of any provision of this act for each and every day such violation has occurred shall constitute a separate offense.

H. Anyone violating any of the provisions heretofore enumerated in this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

I. Any violation of any portion of this act where a specific penalty has not been imposed shall constitute a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof the person having violated it shall be fined not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

J. Any provision of Section 1101 et seq. of this title providing for proportional registration under reciprocal agreements and the International Registration Plan that relates to the promulgation of rules and regulations shall not be subject to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1995.

Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of March, 1995.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1995.

President of the Senate