

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2637

By: Smith (Bill)

An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S. 1991, Sections 3-310 and 3-311, which relate to the Oklahoma Nongame Improvement Program; deleting obsolete language; changing date for donation designation on corporate tax return forms; changing name of program; extending date of the program; amending 29 O.S. 1991, Sections 4-110, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 155, O.S.L. 1995 and 4-112, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 155, O.S.L. 1995 (29 O.S. Supp. 1995, Sections 4-110 and 4-112), which relate to licenses; clarifying statutory cite; changing name of program; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1136, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 206, O.S.L. 1995 (47 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 1136), which relates to special license tags; changing name of program; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 1991, Section 3-310, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-310. A. Each state individual income tax return form ~~for tax years commencing after December 31, 1981,~~ and each state corporate tax return form for tax years commencing after December

31, ~~1990~~ 1995 shall contain a designation as follows or shall contain similar wording as space allows on the tax return form:

Oklahoma ~~Nongame Wildlife Improvement~~ Diversity Program. Check if you wish to donate from your tax refund: ()\$2, ()\$5, or ()\$ ____.

B. For purposes of this section, "nongame wildlife" means any species of wildlife not legally classified as a game species or furbearer by statute or by rule ~~and regulation~~ adopted pursuant to statute.

C. Except as otherwise provided for in this section, all monies generated pursuant to subsection A of this section shall be paid to the State Treasurer and placed to the credit of the ~~Nongame Wildlife Improvement~~ Diversity Fund.

D. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission to be designated the "~~Nongame Wildlife Improvement~~ Diversity Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received under the provisions of paragraph 2 of subsection C of this section by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission is hereby authorized to invest all or part of the monies of said fund in securities of the United States of America. Any interest or dividends accruing from such securities and any monies generated at the time of redemption of such securities shall be deposited in the ~~Nongame Wildlife Improvement~~ Diversity Fund. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission for the purpose of preserving, protecting, perpetuating and enhancing nongame wildlife in this state. Any monies withdrawn from said fund by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission for investment pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be for the purpose of preserving, protecting,

perpetuating and enhancing nongame wildlife in this state.

Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

E. If a taxpayer makes a donation pursuant to subsection A of this section in error, such taxpayer may file a claim for refund at any time within three (3) years from the due date of the tax return. Such claims shall be filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 2373 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes and, if allowed, shall be paid pursuant to the provisions of said section. Prior to the apportionment set forth in subsection C of this section, an amount equal to the total amount of refunds made pursuant to this subsection during any one (1) year shall be deducted from the total donations received pursuant to this section during the following year and such amount deducted shall be paid to the State Treasurer and placed to the credit of the Income Tax Withholding Refund Account.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 1991, Section 3-311, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-311. It is the intent of the Legislature to review the performance of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Department of Wildlife Conservation in the utilization of the monies received pursuant to the provisions of Section 3-310 of ~~Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title. The provisions of Section 3-310 of ~~Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title and this section shall cease to be effective January 1, ~~1997~~ 2007.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 1991, Section 4-110, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 155, O.S.L. 1995 (29 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 4-110), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-110. A. Except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code, no person shall fish, pursue, harass, catch, kill, take in any manner, use, have in possession, sell, or

transport all or any portion of fish without having first procured a license for such from the Director or from any of the authorized agents of the Department. The Commission may designate two (2) days per year in which residents and nonresidents may fish without first procuring a fishing license pursuant to the provisions of this section.

B. Pursuant to the provisions of this Code, persons excepted from the license requirements of this section are:

1. Legal residents under sixteen (16) years of age on the first day of the current calendar year and nonresidents under sixteen (16) years of age from states which do not require nonresident fishing licenses for persons under sixteen (16) years of age;

2. Legal residents sixty-four (64) years of age or older and nonresidents sixty-four (64) years of age or older from states which do not require nonresident fishing licenses for persons sixty-four (64) years of age or older, provided such resident has obtained a senior citizen's license pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-133 of this title;

3. Legal residents born on or before January 1, 1923;

4. Legal resident veterans having a disability of sixty percent (60%) or more;

5. Legal resident owners or tenants, their spouses, parents, grandparents, children and their spouses, grandchildren and their spouses who fish in private ponds on land owned or leased by them;

6. Every Oklahoma citizen who is serving in a branch of the United States Armed Forces, is on properly authorized leave of absence from military duty, has in possession proper written evidence showing such authorized leave, and is serving outside the State of Oklahoma at the time of such fishing;

7. Any patient of an institution of the State of Oklahoma established for the care and treatment of mental illness or alcohol or drug dependency or any developmentally disabled person residing

in any group home or other institution or developmentally disabled persons when accompanied by an attendant of such institution or legal guardian of said patient, or when fishing on institutional property;

8. Any person under eighteen (18) years of age who is in the legal and physical custody of the State of Oklahoma or one of its agencies by court order;

9. Any person who is legally blind or who has any other physical impairment, as certified by a duly qualified physician, which prevents him from properly using fishing apparatus without the assistance of another person, and any one person actually accompanying and actually assisting such legally blind or otherwise physically impaired person while the latter is fishing. This certification shall be carried by the individual while fishing;

10. Nonresidents under fourteen (14) years of age;

11. Job Corps trainees of this state, provided that such trainees shall have on their persons a duly authorized identification card issued by their respective Job Corps Center and shall present such card upon request, in lieu of a fishing license. The trainees shall return their cards to their respective Job Corps Center when the trainees leave their respective Job Corps training programs;

12. Any legal resident having a proven disability which renders the resident nonambulatory and confined to a wheelchair as certified by a duly qualified physician; and

13. Any person who is fishing with a pole and line, trotline, or throwline in streams, natural lakes, natural ponds, and mine pits in the county in which he is a resident, or in streams, natural lakes, natural ponds, and mine pits which form a part of the boundary line of the county in which he is a resident, when using any bait other than commercial or artificial bait, blood, stink bait, cut fish, and shrimp.

C. Except as otherwise provided for in the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code, the fee for an annual license issued pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be:

1. For legal residents, Eleven Dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50); and

2. For nonresidents, Twenty-seven Dollars and fifty cents (\$27.50), provided the Commission may enter into reciprocity agreements with states wherein nonresident license fees shall be in conformity with such reciprocal agreements. For a fourteen-day nonresident permit license, Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00). For a five-day nonresident permit license, Nine Dollars (\$9.00). Of the amount of monies collected pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee for nonresidents, Two Dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) of the fourteen-day nonresident permit fee and One Dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) of the five-day nonresident permit fee shall be deposited in the Wildlife ~~Habitat~~ Land Acquisition Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-132 of this title.

D. Legal residents who have resided in this state for at least six (6) months and who are receiving Social Security Disability benefits or Supplemental Security Income benefits or both may purchase a disability fishing license from the Director for Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for five (5) years.

E. 1. Any person arrested while violating the provisions of this section who does not meet the requirements of subsection H of this section, may purchase a substitute temporary thirty-day license from the arresting game warden in lieu of posting bond. The fee for a substitute license purchased pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be:

- a. for legal residents, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and
- b. for nonresidents, Ninety Dollars (\$90.00).

2. Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the fees from licenses purchased pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund to be used exclusively for developing, managing, preserving, and protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat.

3. Of the fees for temporary licenses collected pursuant to the provisions of this subsection:

- a. Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the fee for each license shall be deposited in the Law Enforcement Officer Training Account of the Wildlife Conservation Fund created pursuant to Section ~~3-312~~ 3-313 of this title, and
- b. Ten Dollars (\$10.00) of the fee for each license shall be deposited in the ~~Nongame Wildlife Improvement~~ Diversity Fund created pursuant to Section 3-310 of this title.

F. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by subsection E of this section, any resident of this state convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the imposition of a fine of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both said fine and imprisonment.

G. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by subsection E of this section, any nonresident convicted of violating this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not more than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

H. Any person producing proof in court that a current fishing license issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation to such person was in force at the time of the alleged offense shall be entitled to dismissal of a charge of violating this section upon

payment of court costs; however, if proof of fishing license is presented to the court or district attorney within seventy-two (72) hours after the violation, the charge shall be dismissed without payment of court costs.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 1991, Section 4-112, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 155, O.S.L. 1995 (29 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 4-112), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-112. A. Except as otherwise provided for in the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code, no person may hunt, pursue, trap, harass, catch, kill, take or attempt to take in any manner, use, have in possession, sell, or transport all or any portion of any wildlife except fish, without having first procured a license for such from the Director or from any authorized agents of the Department. The Commission shall designate a consecutive Saturday and Sunday in September of each year as free hunting days in which residents of this state may hunt without first procuring a hunting license pursuant to the provisions of this section.

B. Pursuant to the provisions of this Code, persons excepted from the license requirement of this section are:

1. Legal residents of Oklahoma under sixteen (16) years of age on the first day of the current calendar year;

2. Legal residents of Oklahoma sixty-four (64) years of age or older provided such persons have obtained a senior citizen's license pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-133 of this title;

3. Legal residents born on or before January 1, 1923;

4. Legal resident veterans having a disability of sixty percent (60%) or more;

5. Legal resident owners or tenants who hunt on land owned or leased by them;

6. Every citizen of Oklahoma serving in a branch of the United States Armed Forces, who is on properly authorized leave from military duty, who has in his possession proper written evidence

showing such authorized leave, and who is serving outside the State of Oklahoma at the time of such hunting;

7. Any nonresident under fourteen (14) years of age; and

8. Legal residents having a proven disability which renders them nonambulatory and confines them to a wheelchair, as certified by a medical doctor duly licensed to practice medicine in this state.

C. Except as otherwise provided for in the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code, the fees for licenses listed in this subsection are:

1. a. Annual hunting licenses for nonresidents hunting game other than deer, antelope, or elk, Eighty-four Dollars (\$84.00); for deer, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00); for antelope and elk, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). There shall be no exemptions for deer, antelope, elk, or turkey. For a five-day nonresident hunting license to hunt game other than deer, antelope, elk, turkey, or pheasant, the fee shall be Thirty-four Dollars (\$34.00).

b. Of the amount of monies collected pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee for hunting game other than deer, antelope and elk, Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee for hunting deer, Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee for hunting antelope and elk and Two Dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) of the five-day hunting license shall be deposited in the Wildlife ~~Habitat~~ Land Acquisition Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-132 of this title.

c. The Oklahoma Wildlife Department shall not issue any nonresident deer, antelope, or elk licenses to residents of any other state which has a deer season

but does not allow Oklahoma residents the opportunity to purchase nonresident licenses in their state.

2. Disability hunting license, residents of this state for at least six (6) months and who are receiving Social Security Disability benefits or Supplemental Security Income benefits or both may purchase a disability hunting license from the Director for Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for five (5) years.

3. Deer gun hunting license, residents, Fifteen Dollars and seventy-five cents (\$15.75). There shall be no exemptions except for residents sixty-four (64) years of age or older provided such residents have obtained a senior citizen's license pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-133 of this title and for legal residents of Oklahoma under eighteen (18) years of age provided such residents shall be required to pay a deer gun hunting license fee of Thirteen Dollars and seventy-five cents (\$13.75). In addition, veterans who are totally disabled as certified by the U.S. Veterans Administration shall be exempt from the fees specified pursuant to this paragraph.

4. Deer archery hunting license, residents, Fifteen Dollars and seventy-five cents (\$15.75). No exemptions.

5. Primitive firearms license, residents, Fifteen Dollars and seventy-five cents (\$15.75). No exemptions.

6. Elk or antelope hunting license, residents, Thirty-four Dollars and twenty-five cents (\$34.25). No exemptions.

7. Bonus, special or second deer gun hunting license, residents, Fifteen Dollars and seventy-five cents (\$15.75). No exemptions except for residents sixty-five (65) years of age or older provided such residents have obtained a senior citizen's license pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-133 of this title. In addition, veterans who are totally disabled, if certified by the U.S. Veterans Administration shall be exempt from the fees specified pursuant to this paragraph.

D. The fees for hunting licenses, except as provided for in the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code, are:

1. Legal residents, Eleven Dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50);
and

2. Commercial hunting area ten-day permit, resident or nonresident, Five Dollars (\$5.00).

E. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to require a hunting license, resident or nonresident, of any person merely because he participates, as owner or handler of an entry, as an official, or as a spectator in the conduct of a field trial or performance test of dogs, whether he is a resident or nonresident of the State of Oklahoma. No license to hunt shall be required of any person engaged in training or working dogs, provided said person is in no way engaged in hunting and does not take or attempt to take in any manner any game.

F. 1. Any person arrested for hunting game other than deer, antelope, elk, or turkey without a valid hunting license as required by the provisions of subsection A of this section may purchase a substitute temporary thirty-day license from the arresting game warden in lieu of posting bond. Proof of hunter safety certification will not be required for such temporary substitute license. The fee for a substitute license purchased pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be:

- a. for legal residents, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and
- b. for nonresidents, One Hundred Forty-five Dollars (\$145.00).

2. Except as otherwise provided for by this subsection, the fees from licenses purchased pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund to be used exclusively for developing, managing, preserving, and protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat.

3. Of the fees for temporary licenses collected pursuant to the provisions of this subsection:

- a. Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the fee for each license shall be deposited in the Law Enforcement Officer Training Account of the Wildlife Conservation Fund created pursuant to Section ~~3-312~~ 3-313 of this title, and
- b. Ten Dollars (\$10.00) of the fee for each license shall be deposited in the ~~Nongame Wildlife Improvement~~ Diversity Fund created pursuant to Section 3-310 of this title.

G. Any person producing proof in court that a current hunting license issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation to such person was in force at the time of the alleged offense shall be entitled to dismissal of a charge of violating this section upon payment of court costs; however, if proof of hunting license is presented to the court or district attorney within seventy-two (72) hours after the violation, the charge shall be dismissed without payment of court costs.

H. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by subsection F of this section, any resident convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the imposition of a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both said fine and imprisonment.

I. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by subsection F of this section, any nonresident convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the imposition of a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by both said fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1136, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 206, O.S.L. 1995 (47 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 1136), 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.

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. The notice shall contain all necessary information and shall contain instructions for the renewal procedure upon presentation to a motor license agent or the Commission. The license plates shall be issued on a staggered system except for legislative and motorcycle license plates and vintage decals.

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, or

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.

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 the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act;

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 the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration 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 the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration 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 the physically disabled person, the 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 the 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 the spouse has not since remarried, and each parent of the missing person may apply for a missing in action license plate upon presenting proper certification that the person is missing in action and that the person making the application is the unremarried spouse or the parent of the missing person. The spouse and each parent of the 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 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. 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;

15. 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;

16. 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;

17. 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;

18. 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 the deceased person, if the spouse has not remarried, may apply for a killed in action license plate upon presenting proper certification that the person was killed in action and that the person making the application is the unremarried spouse of the 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);

19. Gold Star Parents License Plates - such plates shall be designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who were killed during a war. The parents of the deceased person may apply for a gold star license plate upon presenting proper certification that the person was killed during a war and that the person making the application is the parent of the deceased person. The parent may apply for a gold star parent 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. 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. The 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.

The 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". However, the plates may be issued to any person in any combination of numbers and letters with up to three on each side of the insignia or emblem as for personalized license plates.

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. If the plate is issued in any combination of numbers and letters with up to three on each side of the insignia or emblem as for personalized license plates, the fee for the plate shall be Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) 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 World War II Veteran License Plate a commemorative World War II decal to commemorate the fiftieth

anniversary of the end of World War II. The decal shall include the language "World War II 50th Anniversary" and shall be designed to be easily attached to a license plate. This decal shall be free of charge to those persons issued a World War II Veteran License Plate;

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 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. The 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.

The 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". However, the plates may be issued to any person in any combination of numbers and letters with up to three on each side of the insignia or emblem as for personalized license plates.

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. If the plate is issued in any combination of numbers and letters with up to three on each side of the insignia or emblem as for personalized license plates, the fee for the plate shall be Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) and shall be in

addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle 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~~ Diversity 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. 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;

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;

30. Child Abuse Prevention License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to the criteria to be presented to the Oklahoma Tax Commission by the Office of Child Abuse Prevention in the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Oklahoma Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the prevention of child abuse. 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. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the twenty-five-dollar fee shall be deposited in the Child Abuse Prevention Fund;

31. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to the criteria to be presented to the Oklahoma Tax Commission by the NAACP, and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the NAACP. The fee for the 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;

32. National Rifle Association License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to the criteria to be presented to the Oklahoma Tax Commission by the National Rifle Association, and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the National Rifle Association. The fee for the 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;

33. Red Cross Volunteer License Plates - such plates shall be designed to honor American Red Cross volunteers and staff who are residents of this state. Such persons must present an identification card issued by the American Red Cross and bearing a photograph of the person. The license plate shall be designed with the assistance of the American Red Cross and shall have the legend "Oklahoma OK!" in the color Pantone 186C Red. Below the legend the symbol of the American Red Cross and no more than three letters and three numbers shall be in the color Pantone 186C Red. Below the symbol and letters and numbers shall be the words "American Red Cross" in black. 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 Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in

addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act;

34. United States Olympic Committee and Sooner State Games Supporter License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the United States Olympic Committee and the Sooner State Games. The plates shall be issued to any person in any combination of numbers and letters from one to a maximum of seven, as for personalized license plates. The plate shall contain the official United States Olympic Committee logo and an appropriate Sooner State Games design. 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 Oklahoma Tax Commission shall be authorized, if necessary, to enter into licensing agreements with the United States Olympic Committee and the Sooner State Games for any licensing fees which may be required in order to use the United States Olympic Committee and Sooner State Games logo or design. However, any logo or design licensing agreements shall provide for a payment of not more than Twelve Dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) to each of the organizations for each license plate issued;

35. Oklahoma History License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate interest in Oklahoma history. 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. Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of the twenty-dollar fee shall be deposited to the Oklahoma Historical Society Revolving Fund to be used for educational purposes;

36. Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state who is an alumnus of the Oklahoma Military Academy. Such persons may apply for an Oklahoma Military Academy Alumnus license plate for

one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Military Academy and shall contain the shield of the Academy. The fee for the 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;

37. Masonic Fraternity License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state who is a member of a Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma. Such persons may apply for a Masonic Fraternity license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of a Masonic Fraternity membership or upon the presentment of an application for a Masonic Fraternity license plate authorized and approved by the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Masonic Fraternities of Oklahoma and shall contain the Masonic emblem. The fee for the 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;

38. Historic Route 66 License Plates - such plates shall be designed to honor historic Route 66, also known as the "Mother Road".

The fee for the 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. Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of the twenty-dollar fee shall be apportioned to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department Revolving Fund to be distributed to the Route 66 Museum located in Clinton, Oklahoma; and

39. Heart of the Heartland License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to honor the victims of the terrorist bombing attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995. 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. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the twenty-five-dollar fee shall be deposited in the Heart of the Heartland Scholarship Fund, as established in Section 3 of this act.

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 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 1996.

Passed the House of Representatives the 29th day of February, 1996.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1996.

President of the Senate