

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1888

By: Hager and Wells of the
House

and

Harrison of the Senate

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1120, which relates to proportional registration; authorizing to Oklahoma Tax Commission to waive certain requirement; providing for carrier fleets to be registered on a staggered system under certain circumstances; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1120, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1120. A. The Oklahoma Tax Commission may, when in the interest of the State of Oklahoma and its residents, enter into the International Registration Plan or other compacts or agreements with other states to permit motor vehicle registration and license taxes on any truck, bus, or truck-tractor on a proportional basis commensurate with the use of Oklahoma highways. Proportional registration under such plans may be permitted vehicles engaged in interstate commerce or combined interstate and intrastate commerce.

B. The Commission shall require that such proportional registration be based on the percentage of miles actually operated by such vehicles or fleets of vehicles in the State of Oklahoma in the preceding year in proportion to the total fleet miles operated both within and without Oklahoma. If mileage data is not available for the preceding calendar year, the Commission may accept the latest twelve-month period available. Such percentage figure, so determined by the Commission, shall be the Oklahoma mileage factor. In computing the taxes under the foregoing formula, the Commission shall first compute the license fees for the entire fleet and then multiply the amount by the Oklahoma mileage factor on a dollar basis.

C. Upon receipt of the Oklahoma license and registration tax, which shall be paid by cash and/or certified funds, as computed under the provisions of this act, the Commission shall register all such fleet vehicles, and shall issue a license plate or decal for each of such vehicles identifying it as part of an interstate fleet. The Commission may, upon satisfactory review of the payment history of an applicant, waive the requirement for payment in cash or certified funds.

D. Vehicles so registered on a prorated basis shall be considered fully licensed in Oklahoma and shall be exempt from all further registration or license fees under the provisions of this act; provided that such fleet vehicles are proportionally licensed

in some other state, territory or possession of the United States or some foreign province, state or country with which said Commission has entered into a prorating compact or agreement.

If a vehicle is permanently withdrawn from a proportionally registered fleet and a replacement vehicle is added to the fleet in the same calendar quarter, said replacement vehicle shall be considered fully registered as provided in Section 1133 of this title and Section 14-109 of this title, provided that said replacement vehicle is registered for a weight equal to or less than the vehicle permanently withdrawn, or if additional registration fees are paid when the replacement vehicle is registered for a weight greater than the vehicle withdrawn. If a vehicle is permanently withdrawn from a proportionally registered fleet and is not replaced by another vehicle in the same calendar quarter, credit shall be allowed as otherwise provided in this section.

E. Vehicles subsequently added to a proportionally registered fleet after commencement of the registration year shall be proportionally registered by applying the mileage percentage used in the original application for such fleet for such registration period to the regular registration fees due with respect to such vehicle for the remainder of the registration year.

F. If a vehicle is permanently withdrawn from a proportionally registered fleet because it has been destroyed, sold or otherwise completely removed from service, credit shall be allowed. Such credit shall be a sum equal to the amount paid with respect to such vehicle when it was first proportionally registered in the registration year, reduced by one-fourth (1/4) for each calendar quarter or fraction thereof elapsing since the beginning of the registration year. The credit may be applied against subsequent additions to the fleet to be prorated or for other additional registration fees assessed. In no event shall credit be allowed for fees beyond such registration year, nor shall any such amount be subject to refund. Provided, further, that vehicles removed from a ~~prorated~~ prorated fleet or sold to a nonprorated fleet for operation in Oklahoma shall be registered in Oklahoma for the remaining portion of the year.

G. Mileage proportions for interstate fleets not operated in this state during the preceding year will be determined by the Commission on the basis of the operations of the fleet the preceding year in other states plus the estimated operation in Oklahoma, or, if no operations were conducted the previous year in this state, a full statement of the proposed method of operation.

H. The records of total mileage operated in all states upon which the application is made for a period of three (3) years following the year upon which said application is based shall be preserved. Upon request of the Commission, such records shall be made available for audit as to accuracy of computation and payments. The Commission may enter into agreements with agencies of other states administering motor vehicle registration laws for joint audits of any such records.

I. The Commission may enter into compacts or agreements with other states or other countries or subdivisions of such countries allowing reciprocal privileges to vehicles based in such other states and operating in interstate commerce provided said vehicles are properly registered therein.

J. Interchanged vehicles properly registered in another state may be granted reciprocal privileges when engaged in a continuous movement in interstate commerce, but must register in this state if used in intrastate commerce.

K. In addition to those taxes or fees imposed by this act, the same or substantially the same type or category of tax or fee may be imposed upon an out-of-state resident as is imposed upon residents of Oklahoma for the same or substantially similar use of a vehicle in such other state in the amount, or approximate total amount, of any fee or tax, including property, motor fuel, excise, sales, use or mileage tax required by the laws of such other state to be paid by a resident of this state making the same or similar use of a like vehicle in such state.

The Commission shall have the authority to adopt rules and regulations which provide procedures for implementation of comparable regulatory fees and taxes for vehicles used in this state by residents of other states.

Any revenue derived from this subsection shall be apportioned in the same manner as provided in Section 1104 of this title.

It is the intention of the Legislature that the motor vehicle registration and licensing fees assessed against residents of other states operating similar vehicles in Oklahoma be comparably the same as the motor vehicle registration and licensing fees assessed against residents of Oklahoma operating a similar vehicle for a similar purpose in such other state; and that the Commission diligently monitor the motor vehicle registration and licensing fees assessed against residents of Oklahoma by other states and to provide for uniform treatment of Oklahoma residents operating vehicles in other states and for residents of other states operating vehicles in Oklahoma.

L. The provisions of this section shall not apply to tour bus operations issued permits pursuant to Section 1171 of this title.

M. The Oklahoma Tax Commission may allow carrier fleets to register such vehicles on a staggered system, on a quarterly basis, if the carrier submits its application through electronic means.

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 28th day of February, 1995.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 27th day of March, 1995.

President of the Senate