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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 2724

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An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Sections 854, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 325, O.S.L. 1997, 1127, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 17, O.S.L. 1993, 1136, as last amended by Section 2 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2524 of the 2nd Session of the 46th Oklahoma Legislature, and 1144, as last amended by Section 1 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2449 of the 2nd Session of the 46th Oklahoma Legislature (47 O.S. Supp. 1997, Sections 854 and 1127), which relate to vehicle inspections and the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act; requiring Department of Public Safety and Oklahoma Tax Commission to promulgate certain rules; clarifying provisions relating to registration of vehicles owned by members of Armed Forces or spouses; providing that certain provisions not apply to persons serving on active duty for training purposes only; modifying certain provisions relating to Wildlife Conservation license plates; modifying certain provisions relating to check verification system which may be utilized by motor license agents; allowing Tax Commission to enter into certain agreement for certain purpose; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 854, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 325, O.S.L. 1997 (47 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 854), is amended to read as follows:

Section 854. A. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall require that every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer and pole trailer, as defined herein, registered or operated in this state, be inspected once a year at official inspection stations as

provided in Section 851 et seq. of this title, and that an official certificate of inspection and approval be obtained for each such vehicle; ~~provided, however, vehicles:~~

1. Vehicles owned or operated by a fire department may have the inspection performed at the fire station location or the principal location of the fire vehicle, ~~and that motor;~~

2. Motor carriers and express companies operating under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and/or the Department of Transportation and interstate and/or intrastate owners and/or operators of commercial, private or public fleets of vehicles maintaining inspection and repair facilities which meet standards established by the Commissioner of Public Safety, may be authorized by the Commissioner to perform such inspections in such carriers' own maintenance shops, without bond, on vehicles owned or operated by them. ~~The;~~ and

3. The conversion equipment on any such vehicles fueled by alternative fuels as defined in Section 130.2 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall be inspected once a year. Any station, facility or conversion center which converts motor vehicles to have the capability of being fueled by alternative fuels as defined by Section 130.2 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes may be authorized by the Commissioner to perform inspections as provided in Section 851 et seq. of this title.

Such inspections shall be made and such certificates obtained with respect to the mechanism and equipment of every such vehicle as shall be designated by the Commissioner ~~of Public Safety~~. An inspection shall not be done and a certificate shall not be issued pursuant to the provisions of Section 851 et seq. of this title for a vehicle which does not display a current Oklahoma license plate and decal, unless the vehicle is owned by a member of the Armed Forces of the United States assigned to duty in this state in compliance with official military or naval orders or the spouse of such a member of the Armed Forces; provided, the Department of Public Safety and the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall promulgate rules to provide for the inspection of rebuilt vehicles pursuant to the provisions of Section 1111 of this title prior to

registration pursuant to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.

B. The Commissioner ~~of Public Safety~~ shall require that the owner of every motor vehicle equipped to be fueled by compressed natural gas shall obtain the annual inspection required by subsection A of this section from an official compressed natural gas inspection station that holds a special permit issued pursuant to subsection C of Section 855 of this title.

C. Except for vehicles sold dealer to dealer, every vehicle when sold by a dealer must have been inspected and must meet the standards of inspection as provided in Section 851 et seq. of this title and must display a current inspection sticker.

D. The Commissioner ~~of Public Safety~~ is hereby authorized and directed to promulgate necessary rules for the administration and enforcement of Section 851 et seq. of this title and to designate any period or periods of time during which owners of any vehicles, subject to this section, shall display upon such vehicle, except those vehicles exempted pursuant to Section 851 of this title, certificates of inspection and approval or shall produce the same upon demand of any officer or employee of the Department ~~of Public Safety~~ designated by the Commissioner ~~of Public Safety~~ or any police or peace officer when authorized by the Commissioner. As a part of such rules, the Commissioner ~~of Public Safety~~ shall include the requirement that every person subject to the in-lieu-of-tax fee under Section 723 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes display a current Oklahoma Tax Commission decal on the vehicle as described in Section 723 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes and that proper display of the decal shall be a requirement for the issuance of an official certificate of inspection and approval for any vehicle using an alternative fuel as defined in Section 130.2 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

E. The Commissioner ~~of Public Safety~~ shall also designate a special certificate of inspection and approval for all vehicles equipped to be fueled by compressed natural gas and shall require all special compressed natural gas inspection stations to issue the special certificate of inspection for any vehicle so equipped

that has passed inspection. The certificate shall indicate on its face that the vehicle for which it is issued is equipped for compressed natural gas.

F. The Commissioner ~~of Public Safety~~ may authorize the acceptance in this state of a certificate of inspection and approval issued in another state having an inspection law similar to Section 851 et seq. of this title and may extend the time within which a certificate shall be obtained by the resident owner of a vehicle which was not in this state during the time an inspection was required.

G. The Commissioner ~~of Public Safety~~ may suspend the registration of any vehicle which he or she determines is in such unsafe condition as to constitute a menace to safety or which after notice and demand is not equipped as required in Section 851 et seq. of this title or for which a required certificate has not been obtained. Any person who shall have a vehicle registration suspended under the provisions of this section shall immediately forward the vehicle registration to the Department ~~of Public Safety~~.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1127, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 17, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1127), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1127. A. ~~All vehicles owned by members of the Armed Forces of the United States or their spouses assigned to duty in this state in compliance with official military or naval orders or owned by the spouse, who resides in Oklahoma, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States serving in a foreign country, which vehicles are not being used in a trade or business or for any commercial purpose,~~ The following vehicles are hereby classified specially for vehicle license and registration purposes in this state, if such vehicles are not used in a trade or business or for any commercial purpose:

1. A vehicle owned by a member of the Armed Forces of the United States assigned to duty in this state in compliance with official military or naval orders or owned by the spouse of such a member; and 2. A vehicle owned by the spouse of a member of the

Armed Forces of the United States serving in a foreign country, if the spouse resides in this state.

Any such vehicle which is not registered and licensed for the current year in the state of residence or domicile of the ~~serviceman~~ member of the Armed Forces of the United States or of the spouse owning the vehicle must be registered for the current year in Oklahoma as herein provided, except that any such vehicle which has been licensed in some other state by such ~~serviceman~~ member or spouse while the ~~serviceman~~ member was stationed in ~~said~~ the other state may be operated in this state for the remainder of the year or period for which it is licensed. If such vehicle currently is registered with the Armed Forces of the United States rather than being registered in a state and the ~~serviceman~~ member is transferred to a duty station within this state pursuant to military orders, the ~~serviceman~~ member or spouse owning the vehicle shall not be required to register the vehicle in this state for a period of thirty (30) days after the date the ~~serviceman~~ member is required to report for duty pursuant to ~~said~~ the military orders.

B. The ~~serviceman~~ member or spouse applying for the registration of any such vehicle shall submit an appropriate statement, to be attached to the vehicle registration application, showing the following:

1. A description of the vehicle owned by the applicant; ~~the~~
2. The state and address of the applicant's legal residence or domicile; and
3. A statement that the applicant or applicant's spouse is on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States assigned or stationed at a named location in compliance with official military orders. The statement shall be signed by the applicant and certified to by a proper officer of the organization to which applicant is assigned for duty or ~~where,~~ if the applicant is the spouse of such ~~serviceman~~ member of the Armed Forces serving in a foreign country, the statement shall be signed by ~~said~~ the spouse under the penalties of perjury.

The application shall be accompanied by a registration fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00).

~~B.~~ C. Any Oklahoma resident who is stationed out of state due to an official assignment of the Armed Forces of the United States or ~~their~~ the spouse of such a resident shall be entitled to register his or her vehicle or vehicles in this state for the same registration fee afforded members of the Armed Forces of the United States assigned to duty in this state pursuant to subsection ~~A~~ B of this section. Such Oklahoma resident or ~~their~~ spouse who is stationed out of state due to an official assignment of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be exempt from the vehicle inspection requirements of Section 1105 of this title; ~~provided, such~~ if the Oklahoma resident or ~~their~~ spouse who is stationed out of state presents valid documentation acceptable to the Oklahoma Tax Commission evidencing that such inspection has been made by an out-of-state authority acceptable to the ~~Oklahoma~~ Tax Commission.

Any Oklahoma resident who is stationed out of state due to an official assignment of the Armed Forces of the United States may authorize his or her parents to register his or her vehicle or vehicles as provided for in this subsection if ~~the serviceman~~ he or she is not able to register the vehicle at the appropriate time.

D. The provisions of this section shall not apply to those persons serving on active duty for training purposes only.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1136, as last amended by Section 2 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2524 of the 2nd Session of the 46th 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.

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 the 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. effective January 1, 1998, any vehicle which:
 - (1) is owned and operated by a private,
nonprofit organization which is exempt from

taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and which is primarily funded by a fraternal or civic service organization with at least one hundred local chapters or clubs, and

- (2) is designed and used to provide mobile health screening services to the general public at no cost to the recipient, and for which no reimbursement of any kind is received from any health insurance provider, health maintenance organization or governmental program.

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. 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 the 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

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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 or of a family member within the second degree of consanguinity 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 Veterans 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 Veterans 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 each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The fee for each 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 each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The registration fee for each plate 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 and, upon the death of the recipient, the spouse of the recipient. Such persons may apply for a Purple Heart recipient license plate for vehicles having a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The fee for each 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 Veterans 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 each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The fee for each 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 Veterans 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 each 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 each 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

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United States Veterans 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 Veterans 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 each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The fee for each 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 each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The registration fee for each 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 each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or

less. The registration fee for each 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 or private 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 each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The fee for each 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 each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The fee for each 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 surviving spouse of any deceased firefighter, if the spouse has not since remarried, may apply for a firefighter license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof that the deceased firefighter was a member of a fire department 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

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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 each 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. Police Officer License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any currently employed or retired municipal police officer. Police officers may apply for police officer plates for vehicles with a rated capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of employment by or retirement from a municipal police department by either an identification card or letter from the chief of the police department or the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement Board. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with municipal police departments of this state.

The fee for each 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;

27. 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 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

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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 each 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 each 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;

28. 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 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 each 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 each 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;

29. 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 Wildlife 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. Motor license agents shall have the option of stocking an inventory of numbered Wildlife Conservation License Plates, as well as stocking applications for personalized Wildlife Conservation License Plates. In addition to the amounts authorized to be retained by motor license agents pursuant to the provisions of Section 1141.1 of this title, motor license agents shall retain an additional Three Dollars (\$3.00) for each original

Wildlife Conservation License Plate issued and for each application submitted by mail that carries the agent's code and for which a Wildlife Conservation License Plate is issued. The three-dollar fee to be retained by the motor license agent pursuant to this section shall not be included in the maximum sum that may be retained by motor license agents as compensation pursuant to the provisions of Section 1143 of this title. For the first year such plate is issued, Seventeen Dollars (\$17.00) of the fee shall be apportioned pursuant to the provisions of subsection D of Section 3-310 of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes. After the first year such plate is issued, Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the twenty-five-dollar fee shall be apportioned pursuant to ~~paragraph~~ subsection D of Section 3-310 of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

30. 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;

31. 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;

32. 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

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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;

33. 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;

34. 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;

35. United States Olympic Committee Supporter License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the United States Olympic Committee. 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. The fee for such plate

shall be Twenty-eight Dollars (\$28.00) 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 a licensing agreement with the United States Olympic Committee for any licensing fees which may be required in order to use the United States Olympic Committee logo or design. The licensing agreement shall provide for a payment of not more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each license plate issued. Motor license agents shall have the option of stocking an inventory of preprinted United States Olympic Committee Supporter License Plates, as well as stocking applications for personalized United States Olympic Committee Supporter License Plates. In addition to the amounts authorized to be retained by motor license agents pursuant to the provisions of Section 1141.1 of this title, motor license agents shall retain an additional Three Dollars (\$3.00) for each United States Olympic Committee Supporter License Plate issued and for each application submitted by mail that carries the agent's code and for which a United States Olympic Committee Supporter License Plate is issued. The three-dollar fee to be retained by the motor license agent pursuant to this paragraph shall not be included in the maximum sum that may be retained by motor license agents as compensation pursuant to the provisions of Section 1143 of this title;

36. 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;

37. 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 each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or

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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 each 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. 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 each 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 each 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;

39. 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;

40. 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

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Heartland Scholarship Fund, as established in Section 2282 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

41. United States Air Force Association License Plates -such plates shall be designed for members of the United States Air Force Association. Persons applying for such license plate must show proof of membership in the Association. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Association. 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;

42. Shriner's Hospitals for Burned and Crippled Children License Plates - such plates shall be designed to demonstrate support for Shriner's Hospitals for Burned and Crippled Children and shall be issued to any resident of this state who is a member of a Shriner's Temple in Oklahoma. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Shriner's Temples in Oklahoma and shall contain the Shriner's 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;

43. Emergency Medical Technician License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person who is an emergency medical technician. Such persons may apply for an emergency medical technician license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of an emergency medical technician's license. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with the state association of emergency medical technicians. 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 county of residence of the person purchasing the plates to be equally apportioned by the county to the city and county volunteer fire departments in the county;

44. Fight Breast Cancer License Plates - such plates shall be designed to demonstrate support for the prevention and treatment

of breast cancer in this state. The plate shall contain the legend "Fight Breast Cancer". 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 to the Breast Cancer Act Revolving Fund;

45. Balloonists License Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for hot air ballooning in this state. 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;

46. Veterans of Foreign Wars License Plates - such plates shall be designed to honor the veterans of foreign wars and issued to any resident of this state who is a member of a Veterans of Foreign Wars organization in this state. Such persons may apply for Veterans of Foreign Wars license plates upon proof of membership in a Veterans of Foreign Wars organization. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization. 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;

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

48. Crime Victims Awareness License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate awareness of and support for victims of crimes. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Crime Victims Centre. 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 to the Attorney General's Revolving Fund for the Office of the Attorney General, which is hereby directed to use such funds to contract with a statewide nonprofit organization to provide services to crime victims;

49. Desert Storm License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any honorably discharged or present member of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Persian Gulf Crisis and the Desert Storm operation. Such persons may apply for a Desert Storm license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The fee for each 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;

50. Military Reserve Unit License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any honorably discharged or present member of a reserve unit of the United States Armed Forces. Such persons may apply for a Military Reserve Unit license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The fee for each 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;

51. Knights of Columbus License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state who is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Such persons may apply for a Knights of Columbus license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of a Knights of

Columbus membership or upon the presentment of an application for a Knights of Columbus license plate authorized and approved by the organization. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Knights of Columbus and shall contain the Knights of Columbus emblem. The fee for each license 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;

52. Oklahoma Safe Kids Association License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support and awareness of the Oklahoma Safe Kids Association. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Safe Kids Association. 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 Children's Hospital - Oklahoma Safe Kids Association Revolving Fund to be distributed to the Oklahoma Safe Kids Association program;

53. Oklahoma City Bombing Victims and Survivors License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any victim or survivor of the bombing attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995. 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;

54. Civil Air Patrol License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person who is a member of the Civil Air Patrol. Such persons may apply for a Civil Air Patrol license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of membership in the Civil Air Patrol. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Civil Air Patrol. 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;

55. Quiet Birdmen License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to members of the Quiet Birdmen. Persons applying for such license plate must show proof of membership in the Quiet Birdmen. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Quiet Birdmen. 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;

56. Ninety-Nines License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to members of the Ninety-Nines. Persons applying for such license plate must show proof of membership in the Ninety-Nines. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Ninety-Nines. 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; and

57. Jaycees License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to members of the Jaycees. Persons applying for such license plate must show proof of membership in the Jaycees. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Jaycees. 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.

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 4. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1144, as last amended by Section 1 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2449 of the 2nd Session of the 46th Oklahoma Legislature, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1144. A. Payments for any required registration fees, license plates or decals or excise taxes except as otherwise provided by law, may be made as follows:

1. By the applicant's personal or company check if presented within the period of time required for purchase or renewal of the registration and license plates or decals. ~~At the time of presentment, the motor~~ The Oklahoma Tax Commission may provide a check verification system to be utilized by motor license agents. Motor license agent may utilize a agents have the option of utilizing the check verification system ~~provided~~ offered by the Tax Commission to confirm that there are sufficient funds to pay the check. ~~Upon~~ If the agent exercises this option, upon notification that there are insufficient funds, the agent shall refuse to accept the check or deliver the license plate or decal. If an agent opting to utilize the check verification system fails to utilize the ~~check verification~~ system and the check is returned for nonpayment, the agent shall not receive any fees for the transaction. No motor license agent shall be required to accept any check from any person during any penalty period relating to that person's registration; or

2. By a nationally recognized credit card issued to the applicant. ~~The Oklahoma~~ Tax Commission may add an amount equal to the amount of the service charge incurred, not to exceed four percent (4%) of the amount of such payment as a service charge for the acceptance of such credit card. For purposes of this paragraph, "nationally recognized credit card" means any instrument or device, whether known as a credit card, credit plate, charge plate or by any other name, issued with or without fee by an issuer for the use of the cardholder in obtaining goods, services or anything else of value on credit which is accepted by over one thousand merchants in this state. ~~The Oklahoma~~ Tax Commission shall determine which nationally recognized credit cards will be accepted by a motor license agent as payment for any required motor vehicle registration fees, license plates or decals or excise taxes. Provided however the ~~Oklahoma~~ Tax Commission

must ensure that no loss of state revenue will occur by the use of such card.

B. Each motor license agent's office shall be open a minimum of forty (40) hours per week, of which four (4) such hours per week shall be in the evening hours or on Saturday, subject to the approval of the Tax Commission, except during such weeks that contain a legal holiday prescribed by the statutes of this state. Provided that the Tax Commission may authorize a motor license agent to stay open a lesser period of time if the Tax Commission is satisfied that the public is being properly served. Provided further, that there shall be at least one motor license agent in each county open the hours designated in this section. All motor license agents shall post their hours in a conspicuous place for the public's information.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1201 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Oklahoma Tax Commission may, when in the best interests of this state and its residents, enter into an agreement with any nonprofit corporation or organization, the membership of which is open to any state or territory in the United States, Canada, Mexico or the District of Columbia and to representatives of the motor carrier industry and transportation-related associations.

The purpose of any such agreement shall be the design, promotion and deployment of a system that would allow legal prescreened vehicles, for a fee, to bypass open commercial weighing and inspection facilities, thereby improving the performance of highway systems to facilitate the movement of commercial vehicles without compromising regulatory compliance or public safety.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 1998.

SECTION 7. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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