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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 6-205, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 148, O.S.L. 1997 (47 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 6-205), which relates to mandatory revocation of license; suspending license for certain convictions; setting forth time period of suspension; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Sections 7-601.1 and 7-602, which relate to security verification; modifying contents of security verification form; requiring insurance policy to be consistent with vehicle registration; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1115.1, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 153, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1115.1), which relates to seizure of vehicles not bearing or displaying proper license plate; clarifying that other penalties apply; requiring certain insurance carriers to notify Oklahoma Tax Commission of vehicle identification numbers and insurance policy type; providing deadline for notice; requiring Oklahoma Tax Commission to compare identification numbers to vehicle registrations and notify owners; providing exemptions; requiring new residents to register vehicles and provide certain documentation; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1133.1, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 19, O.S.L. 1994 (47 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1133.1), which relates to commercial vehicles; requiring commercial insurance policy verification for vehicle registration; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1134, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 1996 (47 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1134), which relates to farm vehicles; requiring proof of farm insurance policy for vehicle registration; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1151, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 325, O.S.L. 1997 (47 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1151), which relates to offenses and penalties; modifying certain offenses and penalties; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 6-205, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 148, O.S.L. 1997 (47 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 6-205), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-205. A. The Department of Public Safety shall immediately revoke the driver license or driving privilege of any person, whether adult or juvenile, upon receiving a record of conviction in any municipal, state or federal court within the United States of any of the following offenses, when such conviction has become final:

1. Manslaughter or negligent homicide resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle;

2. Driving or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, any other intoxicating substance, or the combined influence of alcohol and any other intoxicating substance, or any violation of Section 6-106.4 of this title; provided, however, the Department shall not additionally revoke a license pursuant to this subsection if the person's driving privilege has been revoked because of a test result or test refusal pursuant to Section 753 or 754 of this title arising from the same circumstances which resulted in the conviction;

3. Any felony during the commission of which a motor vehicle is used;

4. Failure to stop and render aid as required under the laws of this state in the event of a motor vehicle accident resulting in the death or personal injury of another;

5. Perjury or the making of a false affidavit or statement under oath to the Department under the Uniform Vehicle Code, Section 1-101 et seq. of this title, or under any other law relating to the ownership or operation of motor vehicles;

6. A misdemeanor or felony conviction for unlawfully possessing, distributing, dispensing, manufacturing or trafficking in a controlled dangerous substance as defined in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, Section 2-101 et seq. of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes; ~~or~~

7. Failure to pay for gasoline pumped into a vehicle pursuant to Section ~~2~~ 1740 of ~~this act~~ Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

8. A second conviction and all subsequent convictions for a violation of paragraph 3 or 5 of subsection A of Section 1151 of this title.

B. The first license revocation under any provision of this section, except for paragraph 2, 6 or 7 of subsection A of this section, shall be for a period of one (1) year. Such period shall not be modified.

C. A license revocation under any provision of this section, except for paragraph 2, 6 or 7 of subsection A of this section, shall be for a period of three (3) years if a prior revocation under this section, except under paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section, commenced within the preceding five-year period as shown by the Department's record. Such period shall not be modified.

D. The period of license revocation under paragraph 2 or 6 of subsection A of this section shall be governed by the provisions of Section 6-205.1 of this title.

E. The first license revocation under paragraph 7 or 8 of subsection A of this section shall be for a period of six (6) months. A second or subsequent license revocation under paragraph 7 or 8 of subsection A of this section shall be for a period of one (1) year. Such periods shall not be modified.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 7-601.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-601.1 A. Every carrier, upon issuing an owner's policy, a renewal thereof, or a binder, shall supply a security verification form in duplicate to an owner for each insured vehicle on a form approved by the Insurance Commissioner.

1. The owner's security verification form shall contain the following minimum information:

- a. the name and address of the carrier,
- b. the name and address of the agent or office where the existence of security may be verified, if other than the carrier,
- c. the name of the named insured,

- d. a notice that an owner's liability insurance policy has been issued pursuant to the Compulsory Insurance Law of this state,
- e. the year of manufacture, make and at least the last three ~~(3)~~ digits of the vehicle identification number of each insured motor vehicle,
- f. the inclusive dates the motor vehicle liability insurance is in effect, ~~and~~
- g. a warning to the owner that state law:
 - (1) requires a current copy of the owner's security verification form must be surrendered to the motor license agent or other registering agency upon application or renewal for a motor vehicle license plate, and
 - (2) requires the other copy of the owner's security verification form to be carried in the motor vehicle at all times, and produced by any driver of the vehicle upon request for inspection by any peace officer or representative of the Department of Public Safety. In case of a collision, the security verification form shall be shown upon request of any person affected by the collision, and
- h. the type of insurance issued for the motor vehicle.

The security verification form shall not include the address of the named insured.

2. The owner's security verification form shall contain the following statement: "Examine policy exclusions carefully. This form does not constitute any part of your insurance policy."

3. When a carrier issues an owner's policy providing blanket liability coverage for a fleet of motor vehicles, the year of manufacture, make and at least the last three ~~(3)~~ digits of the vehicle identification number specified in subparagraph e of paragraph 1 of this subsection may be deleted. The security verification form shall bear the term "Fleet Coverage" and

otherwise meet the provisions of Section 7-600 et seq. of this title.

4. In the event the effective dates within an owner's policy exceed one (1) year, the carrier shall furnish the owner a copy of the owner's security verification form at least annually in addition to the time of issuance or renewal in order for the owner to submit such copy for motor vehicle registration purposes.

5. In the event an owner's policy also provides liability coverage which meets the requirements of an operator's policy, the carrier may also issue to each person entitled thereto an operator's security verification form as provided in this section.

B. Every carrier, upon issuing an operator's policy, a renewal thereof, or a binder, may issue to the insured person a written operator's security verification form of a size which may conveniently be carried upon the person, containing the following minimum information:

1. The name and address of the carrier;
2. The name and address of the person or office where an inquiry may be made to verify the existence of security;
3. The name of the named insured;
4. A notice that in accordance with the Compulsory Insurance Law of this state, liability coverage has been issued for the named insured;
5. A statement reflecting the form may be carried in lieu of an owner's form pursuant to the Compulsory Insurance Law while operating a motor vehicle. Such form shall be produced upon request of any peace officer or representative of the Department of Public Safety. In case of a collision, the form shall be shown upon request of a person affected by a collision with a vehicle operated by the insured; and
6. The inclusive dates of liability coverage.

C. A carrier may provide any additional information consistent with the Compulsory Insurance Law of this state in an owner's or operator's security verification form, but shall not be required to list the actual amounts of liability coverage thereon.

The security verification form shall not constitute nor be construed as any part of an insurance policy, renewal or binder.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 7-602, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-602. A. Until July 1, 1983, every person registering a motor vehicle in this state, except a licensed used car dealer, at the time of registration of such vehicle, shall certify the existence of security with respect to such vehicle on a form prescribed by the Department.

Any person who knowingly issues or promulgates a false or fraudulent writing in connection with this subsection or otherwise fails to comply with this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

Motor carriers required by the Corporation Commission, or any other entity, to maintain liability insurance are hereby exempt from Sections 7-600 through 7-610 of this title.

B. On and after July 1, 1983:

1. The owner of a motor vehicle registered in this state shall carry in such vehicle at all times a current owner's security verification form listing the vehicle or an equivalent form which has been issued by the Department and shall produce such form upon request for inspection by any law enforcement officer or representative of the Department of Public Safety and, in case of a collision, the form shall be shown upon request to any person affected by ~~said~~ the collision-;

2. Every person registering a motor vehicle in this state, except a motor vehicle which is not being used upon the public highways or public streets, or a manufactured home while ~~said~~ the manufactured home is on a permanent foundation, at the time of registration of such vehicle, shall certify the existence of security with respect to such vehicle by surrendering to a motor license agent or other registering agency a current owner's security verification form or an equivalent form issued by the Department. A motor license agent or other registering agency shall require the surrender of such form prior to processing an

application for registration or renewal. The type of insurance policy shall be consistent with the type of registration of the vehicle, and the motor license agent shall verify this fact prior to processing the application for registration or renewal;

3. The following shall not be required to carry an owner's or operator's security verification form or an equivalent form from the Department during operation of the vehicle and shall not be required to surrender such form for vehicle registration purposes:

- a. any vehicle owned or leased by the federal or state government, or any agency or political subdivision thereof,
- b. any vehicle bearing the name, symbol, or logo of a business, corporation or utility on the exterior and which is in compliance with the provisions of Sections 7-600 through 7-610 of this title according to records of the Department of Public Safety which reflect a deposit, bond, self-insurance, or fleet policy,
- c. any vehicle authorized for operation pursuant to a permit number issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Corporation Commission,
- d. any licensed taxicab, and
- e. any vehicle owned by a licensed used motor vehicle dealer; and

4. Any person who knowingly issues or promulgates false or fraudulent information in connection with either an owner's or operator's security verification form or an equivalent form which has been issued by the Department of Public Safety shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

C. Each motor license agent is authorized to charge a fee of One Dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) to each person to whom said agent issues a certificate of registration and who is required to surrender proof of financial responsibility pursuant to the

provisions of Sections 7-600 through 7-610 of this title. ~~Said~~
The fee may be retained by the agent as compensation for ~~his~~ the
services in processing the proof of financial responsibility and
for processing the driver's license information, insurance
verification information, and other additional information
furnished to the agent pursuant to Section 1112 of this title, if
such agent does not receive the maximum compensation as authorized
by law.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1115.1, as
amended by Section 5, Chapter 153, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp.
1997, Section 1115.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1115.1 ~~After~~ In addition to the penalties provided in
the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, after ninety
(90) days from the expiration date for annual registration of a
vehicle, it shall be the duty of the Oklahoma Tax Commission,
Department of Public Safety, county sheriffs, and all other duly
authorized peace officers of this state to seize and take into
custody every vehicle owned within this state not bearing or
displaying a proper license plate required by the Oklahoma Vehicle
License and Registration Act. The vehicle shall not be released
to the owner until it is duly registered and the license,
registration, or title fee and penalties due are paid in full,
proof of security or an affidavit that the vehicle will not be
used on public highways or public streets, as required pursuant to
Section 7-600 et seq. of this title, is furnished, and the cost of
seizure, including the reasonable cost of taking the vehicle into
custody and storing the vehicle, have been paid. In the event the
owner of any vehicle seized fails to pay such fees and penalties
due, together with cost of seizure and storage, and fails to
provide proof of security or an affidavit that the vehicle will
not be used on public highways or public streets, the Oklahoma Tax
Commission or its motor license agents shall proceed to sell the
vehicle by posting not less than five notices of sale in five
different public places in the county where the vehicle is
located, one of such notices to be posted at the place where the
vehicle is stored; provided further, that a copy of the notice

shall also be sent by certified mail, restricted delivery, with return receipt requested, to the last-known address of the registered owner of such vehicle in question. Such vehicle shall be sold at such sale subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. In the event the sale price is equal to, or greater than, the total costs of sale, seizure and the fee and penalty, the purchaser shall be issued a certificate of purchase, license plate, manufactured home registration receipt and decal and registration certificate;

2. In the event the sale price is less than the total costs of sale, seizure, and the fee and penalty, such vehicle shall be sold as junk to the highest bidder, whereupon he shall receive a certificate of purchase; and if such vehicle be dismantled, the record to such junked vehicle shall be canceled. If not dismantled, the same shall be immediately registered; or

3. Any residue remaining unclaimed by the delinquent owner shall be administered in accordance with the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (1981).

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1115.2 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Each insurance carrier which issues a vehicle liability policy pursuant to law shall provide notice to the Oklahoma Tax Commission of the vehicle identification number (VIN) of all such vehicles being insured to operate in this state. Each insurance carrier shall also be required to state whether the insurance policy issued is a personal, commercial, or other specifically named type of policy. The notice shall be provided no later than the last day of each month by means of electronic communication. The Tax Commission shall compare the VINs received from the insurance carriers to the vehicles registered in this state. The owner of any vehicle not properly registered pursuant to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act shall be immediately notified in writing by the Tax Commission, and such owner shall be subject to any penalties and fines imposed by law for improper

registration of a vehicle, for failure to register a vehicle, or for failure to display a current Oklahoma license plate and decal.

B. The owner of any vehicle which is exempt from registration pursuant to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act shall have ninety (90) days from any notice received under this section to present written proof of the exemption to the Tax Commission or any motor license agent.

C. In addition to the requirements of Section 1125 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the owner of any vehicle registered in another state or country shall, upon becoming a resident of this state, register the vehicle pursuant to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. Upon registering the vehicle in this state, the owner shall provide the appropriate registration documents from the state in which the vehicle is currently registered.

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1133.1, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 19, O.S.L. 1994 (47 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1133.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1133.1 A. Any vehicle, including a station wagon as defined in paragraph ~~22~~ 24 of Section 1102 of this title, which has a combined laden weight of eight thousand (8,000) pounds or less and is used primarily for business or commercial purposes may be registered, pursuant to Section 1133 of this title, as a commercial vehicle having a combined laden weight over eight thousand (8,000) pounds and less than fifteen thousand and one (15,001) pounds. ~~Said~~ The registration application shall state that such vehicle or station wagon is used for business or commercial purposes. Such vehicles or station wagons registered pursuant to this section shall be assessed the license fees for such commercial vehicle pursuant to Section 1133 of this title.

B. Any person claiming the right to register a vehicle or station wagon pursuant to subsection A of this section shall sign an affidavit attesting to the fact that such person conducts a business or commercial enterprise or is employed by a person conducting a business or commercial enterprise that uses ~~said~~ the vehicle or station wagon primarily for the use of that business or

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commercial enterprise. Any person who signs said affidavit as required by this subsection when such person does not believe the information in ~~said~~ the affidavit is true or knows that it is not true, upon conviction, shall be guilty of perjury and shall be punished as provided for by law.

C. Upon initial registration by a person of a vehicle or station wagon pursuant to the provisions of this section, and upon transfer of ownership of any such vehicle or station wagon, any person claiming the right to register a vehicle or station wagon pursuant to subsection A of this section shall make further proof that the person does in fact conduct a business or commercial enterprise or is employed by a person conducting a business or commercial enterprise that uses said vehicle or station wagon primarily for the use of that business or commercial enterprise by presenting a permit to do business pursuant to Section 1364 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes or a Federal Employers Identification Number or, if a sole proprietor, a copy of Schedule C from their most recent federal income tax return. Any person claiming the right to re-register a vehicle or station wagon identified by the words "Commercial Vehicle" pursuant to subsection D of this section shall offer the same proof required by this subsection for initial registration or transfer of ownership. Such proof shall not be necessary if the name of the business or commercial enterprise is permanently and prominently displayed upon the outside of ~~said~~ the vehicle or station wagon.

D. Upon initial registration by a person of a vehicle or station wagon pursuant to the provisions of this section, and upon transfer of ownership of any such vehicle or station wagon the Commission or its motor license agents shall physically inspect such vehicles or station wagons to verify that the name of the business or commercial enterprise is permanently and prominently displayed upon the outside of ~~said~~ the vehicle or station wagon or ~~said~~ the vehicle or station wagon is identified by the words "Commercial Vehicle" permanently and prominently displayed upon the outside of the vehicle or station wagon in letters not less than two (2) inches high and two (2) inches wide. Such letters

shall be in sharp contrast to the background and shall be of sufficient shape and color as to be readily legible during daylight hours from a distance of fifty (50) feet while the vehicle or station wagon is not in motion. The Commission or its motor license agent shall receive the fee provided for in paragraph ~~5~~ 7 of Section 1102 of this title for making such inspection.

E. The failure of any owner of a vehicle or station wagon to properly label the vehicle or station wagon or to properly utilize the vehicle or station wagon for the purposes required by this section shall result in the issuance of a new license plate at the rate specified in Section 1132 of this title and in addition a penalty of fifty percent (50%) of the cost of such license shall be assessed against the owner.

F. In addition to the requirements of Section 1133 of this title, any commercial vehicle having a combined laden weight over eight thousand (8,000) pounds and less than fifteen thousand and one (15,001) pounds shall be subject to the requirements of this section.

G. Any person claiming the right to register a vehicle or station wagon pursuant to this section shall supply to the Oklahoma Tax Commission or a motor license agent a security verification form as required pursuant to Sections 7-601.1 and 7-602 of this title clearly setting forth on the face of such verification form that the vehicle being registered is covered by a commercial business insurance policy.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1134, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 1996 (47 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1134), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1134. A. Upon each pickup, truck or truck-tractor owned and operated by one or more farmers and used primarily for farm use, and not for commercial or industrial purposes, the license fee shall be Thirty Dollars (\$30.00).

B. The fees herein assessed shall not apply to trailers or semitrailers or combinations thereof used primarily for farm use and for the transportation of products of the farm by the producer

thereof; and such fee shall not apply to any trailer or semitrailer or combinations thereof when used primarily for the transportation of any article or articles owned by the operator of such trailer or semitrailer or combinations thereof and not used in the furtherance of or incident to any commercial or industrial enterprise. The provisions of Section 1134.2 of this title shall apply to any trailers or semitrailers when used primarily for the transportation of logs, ties, stave bolts and posts, direct from forest to sawmill.

C. For the purpose of this section, a trailer or semitrailer or combination thereof owned by a farmer and used primarily for the purpose of transporting farm products to market or for the purpose of transporting to the farm material or things to be used thereon, and not for commercial or industrial purposes, may be registered for One Dollar (\$1.00); provided, any such trailer used by the holder of a certificate of convenience and necessity issued by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission or the Interstate Commerce Commission shall be conclusively presumed to be used in and for a commercial use, and must be licensed as such, paying the license fees provided in Section 1133 of this title.

D. Before a party shall be allowed to purchase a license plate or claim an exception or exemption under this section, ~~said~~ the party shall present a security verification form as required pursuant to Sections 7-601.1 and 7-602 of this title clearly showing that the vehicle being registered is covered by an insurance policy appropriate for farm use, and shall:

1. Show an income tax Schedule F for the preceding year or shall present proof that ~~said~~ the party possesses a farm serial number assigned to said party's farm by the Agriculture Stabilization Conservation County Committee; or

2. Present a ~~valid motor fuel tax exemption permit issued pursuant to the provisions of Section 509 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes or a~~ valid exemption card issued pursuant to the provisions of subsection ~~(D)~~ D of Section 1358.1 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

A violation shall be grounds for revocation of driver's license. Any person who signs ~~said~~ the affidavit as required by this section when such person does not believe that the information in ~~said~~ the affidavit is true or knows it is not true, upon conviction, shall be guilty of perjury and shall be punished as provided for by law.

E. Any person owning a truck upon which the farm truck license fee has been paid in Oklahoma for the current year and whose truck may be needed during grain harvests or other seasonal farming activities for hauling farm products other than his or her own, or for hauling gravel, shale or other road materials for rural roads, may make application with the Oklahoma Tax Commission for a short term commercial license for such truck for a period of time not to exceed ninety (90) days.

F. Upon such application, the Commission shall issue a temporary commercial truck license and register the truck upon payment of the following fees:

1. For thirty (30) days a fee equal to one-eighth (1/8) of the annual commercial license fee required for such truck~~;~~;
2. For sixty (60) days a fee equal to one-fourth (1/4) of the annual commercial license fee required for such truck~~;~~; and
3. For ninety (90) days a fee equal to three-eighths (3/8) of the annual commercial license fee required for such truck.

G. Provided, however, the provisions of this section shall not apply to the transportation of persons or property for hire.

SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1151, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 325, O.S.L. 1997 (47 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1151), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

3. To procure from another state or country, or display upon any vehicle owned by ~~him or her~~ such person within this state, except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, any license plate issued by any state or country other than this state, unless there shall be displayed upon such vehicle at all times the current license plate and decal assigned to it by the Oklahoma Tax Commission or the vehicle shall display evidence that the vehicle is registered as a nonresident vehicle pursuant to rules promulgated by the Tax Commission, with the concurrence of the Department of Public Safety. A violation of the provisions of this paragraph shall be presumed to have occurred if a person who is the holder of an Oklahoma driver's license operates a vehicle owned by ~~him or her~~ such person on the public roads or highways of this state and there is not displayed on the vehicle 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;

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

5. To operate a vehicle without proper license plate or decal or on which all taxes due the state have not been paid. This paragraph shall include, but not be limited to, those vehicles displaying a commercial, farm, or tax-exempt license plate for which such vehicle does not qualify pursuant to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act;

6. To buy, sell or dispose of, or possess for sale, use or storage, any secondhand or used vehicle on which the registration

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or license fee has not been paid, as required by law, and on which vehicle the person neglects, fails or refuses to display at all times the license plate or decal assigned to it;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14. To operate any vehicle displaying a yearly decal issued to the owner who has filed an affidavit with the appropriate motor license agent in accordance with Section 7-607 of this title.

Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this subsection shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon

conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Employees of the Motor Vehicle Division of the Tax Commission may be authorized by the Tax Commission to issue citations for a violation of paragraph 5 of this subsection. If a person convicted of violating the provisions of paragraph 5 of this subsection was issued a citation by a duly authorized employee of the Motor Vehicle Division of the Tax Commission, the fine herein levied shall be deposited to the Oklahoma Tax Commission Revolving Fund.

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

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

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

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

4. Buy, sell, or dispose of, or possess for sale, use or storage any used manufactured home on which the registration fees or excise taxes have not been paid as required by law; or

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

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

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

fee. Provided however, that the penalty for new commercial vehicles shall be equal to the license fee for such vehicles.

If a used vehicle is brought into Oklahoma by a resident of this state and is not registered within thirty (30) days, a penalty of twenty-five cents (\$.25) per day shall be charged from the date of entry to the date of registration, such penalty to accrue for thirty (30) days, upon failure to register, at the end of which time the penalty shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), provided that in no event shall the penalty exceed an amount equal to the license fee. Provided however, that the penalty for used commercial vehicles shall be equal to the license fee for such vehicles.

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

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

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

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

in violation of the motor vehicle laws of this state and will subject the violator to arrest."

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

The provisions of this subsection shall also apply to those motor-driven or operated vehicles known as "golf carts", "go-carts" and other motor vehicles which are manufactured principally for use off the streets and highways. Provided that golf carts owned by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, and operated by employees or agents of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, may be operated on the streets and highways of this state during daylight hours or under regulation developed by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission, when such streets and highways are located within the boundaries of a state park. The Department shall have warning signs placed at the entrance and other locations at those state parks allowing golf carts to be operated on the streets and highways of this state located within the boundaries of those state parks. The warning signs shall state that golf carts may be on such streets and highways and that motor vehicle operators shall take special precautions to be alert for the presence of the golf carts on such streets and highways.

F. Any person violating paragraph 3 or 6 of subsection A of this section, in addition to the penal provisions provided in this section, shall pay as additional penalty a sum equal to the amount of license fees due on such vehicle or registration fees due on a manufactured home known to be in violation and such amount is hereby declared to be a lien upon the vehicle as provided in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. In addition to the penalty provisions provided in this section, any person violating paragraph 3 or 5 of subsection A of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, be punished by an additional fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense, and for the second and all subsequent offenses, an additional fine of not more than Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars

(\$750.00) and the suspension of such person's driver license and right to operate the vehicle.

G. Each violation of any provision of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act for each and every day such violation has occurred shall constitute a separate offense.

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

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

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

SECTION 9. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

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