STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Sections 1105, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 1995, and 1112 (47 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1105), which relate to certificates of title and registration; modifying information contained on application for certificate of title; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1132, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 10, O.S.L. 1995 (47 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1132), which relates to registration fees; modifying motor vehicle valuation basis for registration fees; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1149, which relates to the powers of the Oklahoma Tax Commission; modifying certain price for which Oklahoma Tax Commission may investigate; amending 68 O.S. 1991, Section 2104, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 300, O.S.L. 1992 (68 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 2104), which relates to value of vehicles and excise tax; modifying basis for motor vehicle valuation; deleting references for certain optional or extra equipment; 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 1105, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 1995 (47 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1105), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1105. A. As used in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, Section 1101 et seq. of this title:

1. "Salvage vehicle" means any vehicle which is within the last ten (10) model years and which has been damaged by collision or other occurrence to the extent that the cost of repairing the vehicle for safe operation on the highway exceeds sixty percent (60%) of its fair market value, as defined by Section 1111 of this title, immediately prior to the damage. For purposes of this section, actual repair costs shall only include labor and parts for actual damage to the suspension, motor, transmission, frame or unibody and designated structural components;

2. "Rebuilt vehicle" means any salvage vehicle which has been rebuilt and inspected for the purpose of registration and title;

3. "Flood-damaged vehicle" means a salvage or rebuilt vehicle which was damaged by flooding or a vehicle which was submerged at a level to or above the dashboard of the vehicle and on which an amount of loss was paid by the insurer;

4. "Recovered-theft vehicle" means a salvage or rebuilt vehicle which was recovered from a theft; and

5. "Junked vehicle" means any vehicle which is incapable of operation or use on the highway, has no resale value except as a source of parts or scrap and has an eighty percent (80%) loss in fair market value.

B. The owner of every vehicle in this state shall possess a certificate of title as proof of ownership of such vehicle, except those vehicles registered pursuant to Section 1120 of this title and trailers registered pursuant to Section 1133 of this title,

previously titled in another state and engaged in interstate commerce, and except as provided in subsection M of this section. There shall be five (5) types of certificates of title:

1. Original title for any motor vehicle which is not a salvage, rebuilt or junked vehicle;

2. Salvage title for any motor vehicle which is a salvage vehicle or is specified as a salvage vehicle or the equivalent thereof on a certificate of title from another state;

3. Rebuilt title for any motor vehicle which is a rebuilt vehicle;

4. Junked title for any motor vehicle which is a junked vehicle or is specified as a junked vehicle or the equivalent thereof on a certificate of title from another state; and

5. Classic title for any motor vehicle, except a junked vehicle, which is twenty-five (25) model years or older.

Application for a certificate of title, whether the initial certificate of title or a duplicate, may be made to the Oklahoma Tax Commission or any motor license agent. When application is made with a motor license agent, the application information shall be transmitted either electronically or by mail to the Commission by the motor license agent. If the application information is transmitted electronically, the motor license agent shall forward the required application along with evidence of ownership, where required, by mail. Where the transmission of application information cannot be performed electronically, the Commission is authorized to provide postage paid envelopes to motor license agents for the purpose of mailing the application along with evidence of ownership, where required. The Commission shall upon receipt of proper application information issue an Oklahoma certificate of title. The certificates may be mailed to the applicant. Upon issuance of a certificate of title, the Commission shall provide the appropriate motor license agent with confirmation of such issuance.

C. 1. The application for certificate of title shall be upon a blank form furnished by the Commission, containing:

a. a full description of the vehicle,

b. the manufacturer's serial or other identification number,

c. the ~~manufacturer's factory delivered price and total delivered~~ actual sales price,

d. the motor number and the date on which first sold by the manufacturer or dealer to the owner,

e. any distinguishing marks,

f. a statement of the applicant's source of title,

g. any security interest upon the vehicle, and

h. such other information as the Commission may require.

2. The application for a certificate of title for a vehicle which is within the last seven (7) model years shall require a declaration as to whether the vehicle has been damaged by collision or other occurrence and whether the vehicle has been recovered from theft and the extent of the damage to the vehicle. The declaration shall be made by the owner of a vehicle if:

a. the vehicle has been damaged or stolen and the owner did not receive any payment for the loss from an insurer, or

b. the vehicle is titled or registered in a state that does not classify the vehicle or brand the title because of damage to or loss of the vehicle similar to the classifications or brands utilized by this state.

The declaration shall be based upon the best information and knowledge of the owner and shall be in addition to the requirements specified in paragraph 1 of this subsection. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall not issue a certificate of title for a vehicle which is subject to the provisions of this paragraph without the required declaration, completed and signed by the owner of the

vehicle. Upon receipt of an application without the properly completed declaration, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall return the application to the applicant with notice that the title may not be issued without the required declaration. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit the Oklahoma Tax Commission from recognizing the type of or brand on a title or other ownership document issued by another state or the inspection conducted in another state and issuing the appropriate certificate of title for the vehicle.

3. The certificate of title shall have the following security features:

a. intaglio printing or security thread, with or without watermark,

b. latent images,

c. fluorescent inks,

d. micro print,

e. void background, and

f. color coding.

4. Each title issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act shall be color coded as determined by the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

5. The certificate of title shall be of such size and design and color as the Commission may direct pursuant to the provisions of this section. The title shall be on colored paper or other material as designated by the Commission and be of such intensity or hue as will allow easy identification as to whether the title is an original title, a salvage title, a rebuilt title or a junked title. The type of title shall be identified on the front of the certificate of title. The original title, rebuilt title or classic title shall be identified by the word "Original", "Rebuilt" or "Classic" printed in the upper right quadrant of the certificate of title, in the space which is currently captioned "type of title".

D. 1. To obtain an original certificate of title for a vehicle that is being registered for the first time in this state which has not been previously registered in any other state, the applicant shall be required to deliver, as evidence of ownership, a manufacturer's certificate of origin properly assigned by the manufacturer, distributor, or dealer licensed in this or any other state shown thereon to be the last transferee to the applicant upon a form to be prescribed and approved by the Commission. A manufacturer's certificate of origin shall contain:

a. the manufacturer's serial or other identification number,

b. date on which first sold by the manufacturer to the dealer,

c. any distinguishing marks including model and the year same was made,

d. a statement of any security interests upon ~~said~~ the vehicle, and

e. such other information as the Commission may require.

2. The manufacturer's certificate of origin shall have the following security features:

a. intaglio printing or security thread, with or without watermark,

b. latent images,

c. fluorescent inks,

d. micro print, and

e. void background.

E. In the absence of a dealer's or manufacturer's number, the Commission may assign such identifying number to the vehicle, which shall be permanently stamped, burned or pressed or attached into the vehicle, and a certificate of title shall be delivered to the applicant upon payment of all fees and taxes, and the remaining copies shall be permanently filed and indexed by the Commission.

The Commission shall assign an identifying number to any rebuilt vehicle if the vehicle identification number displayed on the rebuilt vehicle does not accurately describe the vehicle as rebuilt. The motor license agent, at the time of inspection of the rebuilt vehicle pursuant to Section 1111 of this title, shall identify the make, model, and year for the body to accurately describe the rebuilt vehicle. At the time of the inspection, an appropriate identifying number shall be permanently stamped, burned, pressed, or attached on the rebuilt vehicle. The assigned identifying number shall be recorded on the certificate of title for the rebuilt vehicle. The dealer's or manufacturer's vehicle identification number on the rebuilt vehicle shall be preserved in the computer files of the Oklahoma Tax Commission for at least five (5) years.

F. When registering for the first time in this state a vehicle which was not originally manufactured for sale in the United States, to obtain a certificate of title, the Commission shall require the applicant to deliver:

1. As evidence of ownership, if the vehicle has not previously been titled in the United States, the documents constituting valid proof of ownership in the country in which the vehicle was originally purchased, together with a notarized translation of any such documents; and

2. As evidence of compliance with federal law, copies of the bond release letters for the vehicle issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Transportation, together with a receipt issued by the Internal Revenue Service indicating that the applicable federal gas guzzler tax has been paid.

The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall not issue a certificate of title for a vehicle which is subject to the provisions of this paragraph without the required documentation from agencies of the United States and evidence of ownership. Upon receipt of an

application without the required documentation, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall return the application to the applicant with notice that the certificate of title may not be issued without the required documentation. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit the Oklahoma Tax Commission from issuing certificates of title for antique or classic vehicles not driven upon the public streets, roads, or highways.

G. When registering in this state a vehicle which was titled in another state and which title contains the name of a secured party on the face of the other state certificate of title, or such state certificate is being held by the secured party in that state or any other state, the Commission or the motor license agent shall complete a lien entry form as prescribed by the Commission. The owner of such vehicle shall file an affidavit with the Commission or the motor license agent stating that title to the vehicle is being held by a secured party has not been issued pursuant to the laws of the state where titled, and that there is an existing lien or encumbrance on the vehicle. The current name and address of the secured party or lienholder shall also be stated in the affidavit. The form of the affidavit shall be prescribed by the Oklahoma Tax Commission and contain any other information deemed necessary by the Commission. A statement of the lien or encumbrance shall be included on the Oklahoma certificate of title and the lien or encumbrance shall be deemed continuously perfected as though it had been perfected pursuant to Section 1110 of this title. For completing the lien entry form and recording the security interest on the certificate of title, the Commission or the motor license agent shall collect a fee of Three Dollars ($3.00) which shall be in addition to other fees provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. The fee, if collected by the motor license agent pursuant to this subsection, shall be retained by the motor license agent.

H. The charge for each certificate of title issued, except for junked titles as defined in paragraph 4 of subsection B of this section, shall be Eleven Dollars ($11.00), which charge shall be in addition to any other fees or taxes imposed by law for such vehicle. One Dollar ($1.00) of each such charge shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund. However, the charge shall not apply to any vehicle which is to be registered in this state pursuant to the provisions of Section 1120 or 1133 of this title and which was registered in another state at least sixty (60) days prior to the time it is required to be registered in this state.

I. The vehicle identification number of a junked vehicle shall be preserved in the computer files of the Oklahoma Tax Commission for a period of not less than five (5) years. The charge of junked titles as defined in paragraph 4 of subsection B of this section shall be Four Dollars ($4.00). The fee remitted to the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.

J. If a vehicle is sold to a resident of another state, destroyed, dismantled, or ceases to be used as a vehicle, the owner shall immediately notify the Commission. Absent evidence to the contrary, failure to notify the Commission shall be prima facie evidence that the vehicle has been in continuous operation in this state.

K. If a vehicle is stolen, the owner shall immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency. Immediately after receiving such notification, the law enforcement agency shall notify the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

L. No title for an out-of-state vehicle, except any commercial truck or truck-tractor registered pursuant to Section 1120 of this title which is engaged in interstate commerce or any trailer or semitrailer registered pursuant to Section 1133 of this title which

is engaged in interstate commerce, shall be issued without an inspection of such vehicle and payment of a fee of Four Dollars ($4.00) for such inspection; provided, the Oklahoma Tax Commission may enter into reciprocal agreements with other states for such inspections to be performed at locations outside the boundaries of this state for vehicles which:

1. Are offered for sale at auction;

2. Have been solely used as vehicles for rent under the ownership of a licensed motor vehicle dealer or a person engaged in the business of renting motor vehicles; or

3. Have not been registered in this or any other state for more than one (1) year.

The inspection shall include a comparison of the vehicle identification number on the vehicle with the number recorded on the ownership records and the recording of the actual odometer reading on the vehicle. The Four Dollar ($4.00) fee shall be collected by the motor license agent or Commission when the title is issued. The motor license agent shall retain Two Dollars ($2.00) for his fee. The remaining Two Dollars ($2.00) shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.

The Oklahoma Tax Commission may allow the inspection to be performed at a location out-of-state by another state's department of motor vehicles or state police.

M. No title for any out-of-state vehicle offered for sale at salvage pools, salvage disposal sales, or an auction, or by a dealer or a licensed automotive dismantler and parts recycler, shall be issued without an inspection to compare the vehicle identification number on the vehicle with the number recorded on the ownership record and to record the actual odometer reading on the vehicle. Upon request of the seller, person or entity conducting an auction, dealer or licensed dismantler, the inspection shall be conducted at the location or place of business of the sale, auction, dealer, or

the dismantler. The inspection shall be conducted by any motor license agent or a duly authorized employee thereof; provided, the Oklahoma Tax Commission may enter into reciprocal agreements with other states for such inspections to be performed at locations outside the boundaries of this state for vehicles which:

1. Are offered for sale at auction;

2. Have been solely used as vehicles for rent under the ownership of a licensed motor vehicle dealer or a person engaged in the business of renting motor vehicles; or

3. Have not been registered in this or any other state for more than one (1) year.

The inspection shall be certified upon forms prescribed by the Oklahoma Tax Commission. The name and other identification of the authorized person conducting the inspection shall be legibly printed or typed on the form. Prior to any inspection by any employee of a motor license agent, the motor license agent shall notify the Oklahoma Tax Commission of the name and any other identification information requested by the Oklahoma Tax Commission of the authorized person. A signature specimen of the authorized person shall be submitted to the Oklahoma Tax Commission by the employing motor license agent. If the authorization to inspect vehicles is withdrawn or the employer-employee relationship is terminated, the motor license agent, immediately, shall notify the Commission and return any remaining inspection forms to the Oklahoma Tax Commission. The fee for the inspection shall be Four Dollars ($4.00). The motor license agent shall retain Three Dollars ($3.00) of the fee. Fees received by a motor license agent or an authorized employee thereof shall be handled and accounted for in the manner as prescribed by law for any other fees paid to or received by a motor license agent. Out-of-state vehicles brought into this state by a person licensed in another state to sell new or used vehicles to be sold within this state at a motor vehicle auction which is limited

to dealer to dealer transactions shall not be required to be inspected, unless ~~said~~ the vehicle is purchased by an Oklahoma dealer. Any person licensed in another state to sell new or used motor vehicles, who offers a motor vehicle for sale within this state at a motor vehicle auction which is limited to dealer to dealer transactions, shall not be within the definition of "owner" in Section 1102 of this title, for purposes of Section 1101 et seq. of this title.

N. An out-of-state vehicle which has been rebuilt shall be inspected pursuant to the provisions of Section 1111 of this title. The Commission shall train motor license agents in interpreting vehicle identification numbers to assure that it accurately describes the vehicle and to detect rollback or alteration of the odometer. Failure of a motor license agent to inspect the vehicle and make the required notations shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) for the first offense and Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) for the second offense or subsequent offense, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

O. The ownership of any vehicle which has been declared a total loss because of theft shall be transferred to the insurer by a salvage title. Upon recovery of the vehicle from theft, the ownership shall be transferred by an original title, salvage title, or junked title, as may be appropriate based upon an estimate of the amount of loss submitted by the insurer.

P. The owner of any vehicle which is incapable of operation or use on the public roads and has no resale value, except as parts, scrap or junk, may deliver the certificate of title to the vehicle to the Oklahoma Tax Commission for cancellation. Upon verification that any perfected lien against the vehicle has been released, the certificate of title shall be canceled without any fee, charge, or

cost required from the owner. The vehicle identification numbers on the certificates of title shall be preserved in the computer files of the Oklahoma Tax Commission for at least five (5) years from the date of cancellation of the certificate of title. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall prescribe and provide an affidavit form to be completed by the owner of any vehicle for which the certificate of title is canceled. No title or registration shall subsequently be issued for a vehicle for which the certificate of title has been surrendered pursuant to this subsection. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall prescribe a form for the transfer of ownership of a vehicle for which the certificate of title has been canceled.

Q. The owner of a vehicle which is not within the last ten (10) model years, not roadworthy and not capable of repair for operation or use on the roads and highways shall transfer the vehicle only upon a certificate of ownership prescribed by the Oklahoma Tax Commission, if the certificate of title to the vehicle is lost, has been canceled, or otherwise not available. The prescribed ownership form shall include the names and addresses of the buyer and seller, the driver's license number or social security number of the seller, the make and model of the vehicle, and the public vehicle identification number. If there is no public vehicle identification number, the vehicle shall be inspected by a law enforcement officer to verify the absence of the number on the vehicle and the prescribed ownership form shall include a signed statement, by such officer, verifying the absence of the number.

The certificate of ownership shall be completed in triplicate. The buyer and seller shall each retain a copy. Within thirty (30) days of the transaction, the seller shall submit one copy to the Oklahoma Tax Commission or a motor license agent accompanied with a fee of Four Dollars ($4.00). One Dollar ($1.00) shall be retained by the motor license agent and Three Dollars ($3.00) shall be

deposited in the Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund in the State Treasury.

Upon receipt of the certificate, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall verify that any perfected lien upon the vehicle has been released. If the lien is not released, the Commission shall mail notice of the transfer to the lienholder at the lienholder's last-known address. If a certificate of title has been issued, it shall be canceled and the vehicle identification number shall be preserved in the computer of the Oklahoma Tax Commission for at least five (5) years. The buyer of the vehicle may not be sued and shall not be liable for monetary damages to the lienholder, however, the vehicle shall be subject to a valid repossession by a lienholder.

R. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall notify the chief administrative officer of the agency or department responsible for issuing motor vehicle certificates of title in each state in the United States of the types of motor vehicle certificate of title effective in Oklahoma on and after January 1, 1989.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1112, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1112. Every owner of a vehicle possessing a certificate of title shall, before using the same in this state, make an application for the registration of such vehicle with a motor license agent. The application shall contain such information as shall be required by the Oklahoma Tax Commission. Every owner, when making application for registration, shall furnish the following information:

1. A full description of the vehicle including the manufacturer's serial or other identification number, the ~~manufacturer's factory delivered price, total delivered~~ actual sales price, any security interest upon ~~said~~ the vehicle, an odometer

reading of ~~said~~ the vehicle when applicable, and the insurance security verification to ~~said~~ the vehicle;

2. The correct name and address, the name of the city, county and state in which the person in whose name the vehicle is to be registered resides, the driver's license number of the owner if the owner has a driver's license or the Federal Employers Identification Number of the owner if such owner is not an individual, and such other information as may be prescribed by the Commission; and

3. a. the name of the carrier of the owner's insurance policy for such vehicle,

   b. the policy number of the owner's policy for such vehicle, if available, or the name of the agent or office where the existence of security may be verified, if other than the carrier,

   c. the effective dates of the owner's policy for such vehicle, and

   d. a statement of the existence of a nonuse affidavit if filed by the vehicle owner pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-607 of this title.

In every case where a vehicle has been registered upon an application containing any false statement of a fact required in this section to be shown in an application for the registration thereof, the Commission shall give written notice of at least five (5) days to the owner of the vehicle, and shall require the owner to appear before it for the purpose of showing cause why ~~said~~ the registration should not be canceled. Unless satisfactory explanation is given by the owner concerning such false statement, the Commission shall cancel the registration. The owner of the vehicle shall then be required to immediately reregister the vehicle and pay the required fees. The owner shall not be entitled to refund or credit for the fees paid for registration of the motor

vehicle made under the application which contained any false statement of fact.

The Commission shall insert in ~~said~~ the application forms appropriate notice to the applicant that any false statement of a fact required to be shown in such application for registration subjects the applicant to prosecution.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1132, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 10, O.S.L. 1995 (47 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1132), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1132. A. For all vehicles, unless otherwise specifically provided by Section 1101 et seq. of this title, the following vehicle registration fees shall be assessed:

1. A registration fee of Fifteen Dollars ($15.00) shall be assessed at the time of initial registration by the owner and annually thereafter, for the use of the avenues of public access within this state; and

2. A fee, to be paid annually in lieu of all other taxes both general and local, of one and one-quarter percent (1 1/4%) of the ~~factory delivered price (F.D.P.). For this purpose the factory delivered~~ actual sales price which shall be rounded off to the nearest One Hundred Dollars ($100.00).

After the first year's registration in this or any other state, the fee shall be assessed at ninety percent (90%) of the fee computed and assessed for the first year. Thereafter such fee shall be computed and assessed at ninety percent (90%) of the previous year's fee. The fee shall be so computed and assessed through the twelfth year of registration. The fee thereafter through the twentieth year of registration shall be the same as for the twelfth year of registration. The fee provided by this paragraph shall not be assessed after the twentieth year of registration. The fee provided by this paragraph shall be paid annually for the vehicle registered;

3. ~~Provided that in~~ In no event shall the fee for the registration of a vehicle imposed by this subsection exceed the fee paid to register ~~said~~ the vehicle for the preceding year; and

4. ~~Provided further, there~~ There shall be a credit allowed with respect to the fee for registration of a new vehicle which is a replacement for:

a. a new original vehicle which is stolen from the purchaser/registrant within ninety (90) days of the date of purchase of the original vehicle as certified by a police report or other documentation as required by the Commission, or

b. a defective new original vehicle returned by the purchaser/registrant to the seller within six (6) months of the date of purchase of the defective new original vehicle as certified by the manufacturer.

~~Said~~ The credit shall be in the amount of the fee for registration which was paid for the new original vehicle and shall be applied to the registration fee for the replacement vehicle. In no event will ~~said~~ the credit be refunded.

B. Upon every transfer or change of ownership of a vehicle, the new owner shall obtain title for and, except in the case of salvage vehicles and manufactured homes, register the vehicle within thirty (30) days of change of ownership and pay the fee provided in paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section in addition to any other fees provided for in this subsection. No new decal shall be issued to the registrant. Thereafter, the owner shall register the vehicle annually on the anniversary date of its initial registration in this state and shall pay the fees provided in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection A of this section and receive a decal evidencing such payment. Provided, used motor vehicle dealers shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

C. In the event the vehicle is not registered, titled and tagged within thirty (30) days from the date of transfer of ownership, the penalty for the failure of the owner of the vehicle to register ~~said~~ the vehicle within thirty (30) days shall be twenty-five cents ($0.25) per day, provided that in no event shall the penalty exceed Twenty-five Dollars ($25.00).

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1149, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1149. It shall be the duty of the Oklahoma Tax Commission, and ~~said~~ the Commission is hereby granted authority and jurisdiction to administer this act with the aid of its motor license agents, the Department of Public Safety, the Highway Patrol, county sheriffs and all other duly authorized peace officers. The Commission is hereby authorized to promulgate all necessary rules and regulations and prepare forms and records to carry this act into effect and to enforce the provisions thereof. The Commission shall have the authority in cases of dispute to determine the ~~factory delivered~~ actual sales price of any vehicle. The Commission shall periodically cause to be prepared and shall distribute to each authorized motor license agent a manual of procedure containing instructions, directions and guidelines to be followed by all motor license agents in the performance of their duties. All rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the powers contained in this act shall be submitted to the State Legislature by filing a copy thereof with the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Provided that, either house of the Legislature may revoke, or suspend, in whole or in part any such rule or regulation within thirty (30) days of the convening of any session of the Legislature by simple resolution.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 1991, Section 2104, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 300, O.S.L. 1992 (68 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 2104), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2104. A. The value of any new motor vehicle, except manufactured homes, for the purposes of the excise tax levied by Section 2103 of this title, shall be determined as of the time the person applying for a certificate of title thereto obtained either ownership or possession of the vehicle, which shall be presumed to be the actual date of the sale or other transfer of ownership, and assignment of the certificate of title.

B. The value of any new vehicle, except those vehicles subject to the tax levied pursuant to Section 4481 of Title 26 of the United States Code, manufactured in the United States shall be the ~~manufacturer's~~ actual sales price of such ~~a~~ vehicle ~~delivered at the factory plus the value of all extra or optional equipment and accessories physically attached to such vehicle at the time of sale and sold as a part thereof minus any portion of the value of such optional equipment and accessories deducted by the dealer at the time of sale if such optional equipment and accessories are sold by the dealer as a discount package. The value of such optional equipment and accessories shall not be less than the manufacturer's suggested retail selling price thereof or the manufacturer's factory price thereof, whichever is the higher. Provided, that as to automobiles the value of such optional equipment and accessories shall not be less than the manufacturer's suggested retail selling price thereof as shown or listed on the label or sticker required by the Act of Congress known as the "Federal Disclosure of Automobile Information Act" (15 U.S.C.A. Section 1231), which is required to be securely affixed or attached on all new automobiles. A complete list of such extra or optional equipment and accessories showing separately such value of each item thereof or the total price of the discount package shall be furnished by the seller to the purchaser of all new vehicles. The total value of such optional equipment and accessories, minus any portion of such value deducted by the dealer at the time of sale if such optional equipment and accessories are~~

~~sold by the dealer as a discount package, and the factory delivered~~. The actual sales price of the vehicle, which total shall be the basis of the motor vehicle excise tax, shall be entered on the bill of sale furnished by the seller to the purchaser, or on such other form as may be prescribed by the Tax Commission. ~~The seller shall also show thereon separately, for license fee rate purposes, the factory delivered price of the vehicle without extra or optional equipment.~~

C. The value of a new vehicle subject to the tax levied pursuant to Section 4481 of Title 26 of the United States Code shall be, for the purposes of this article, the actual sales price of such vehicle, provided that ~~said~~ the tax has been paid on ~~said~~ the vehicle.

D. The ~~manufacturer's~~ price of a new vehicle manufactured outside of the United States shall, for the purpose of the excise tax levied by Section 2103 of this title, be the value of such model and make of vehicle as determined by the Tax Commission as the gross value of such vehicle at the point or port of entry into the United States, which value shall likewise include the value of all extra or optional equipment and accessories attached to such vehicle minus any portion of the value of such optional equipment and accessories deducted by the dealer at the time of sale if such optional equipment and accessories are sold by the dealer as a discount package.

E. For purposes of this section, the term "discount package" shall mean optional equipment and accessories physically attached to a vehicle which were selected and packaged together by the manufacturer to be offered for sale at a reduced price. The seller shall deliver to the buyer a copy of the label or sticker required by the Act of Congress known as the "Federal Disclosure of Automobile Information Act" (15 U.S.C.A. Section 1231) indicating a

discount package. The buyer shall deliver the copy to the Tax Commission at time of application for title.

F. Notwithstanding the definition of the terms "new vehicle" and "used vehicle" to the contrary contained in any other law, the term "new vehicle" as used in this section shall also include any vehicle of the latest manufactured model which is owned or acquired by a licensed used motor vehicle dealer and which has not theretofore been registered in Oklahoma and upon which vehicle an Oklahoma motor vehicle excise tax has not been paid. However, upon the sale or transfer by a licensed used motor vehicle dealer located in this state of any such vehicle which is the latest manufactured model, ~~said~~ the vehicle shall be valued as a used vehicle for excise tax purposes.

G. The value of a used vehicle shall be sixty-five percent (65%) of the new vehicle value of such vehicle, as determined ~~(as above provided)~~ in this section, for subsequent transfers in the first year and in the second year for which registered and sixty-five percent (65%) of the value of the previous year, so fixed for each successive calendar year for which such vehicle is registered and licensed in this, or any other state, until such vehicle reaches a minimum value of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00). In computing the motor vehicle excise tax, the fees collected shall be rounded to the nearest dollar.

H. In computing the motor vehicle excise tax due, the value of all vehicles shall be increased or reduced to the nearest multiple of Fifty Dollars ($50.00) and for this purpose Twenty-five Dollars ($25.00) or more shall be considered a major fraction of Fifty Dollars ($50.00) and shall require an increase to the next nearest multiple of Fifty Dollars ($50.00).

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

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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