

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2080

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Sections 1113, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 22, O.S.L. 1996, 1136, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 313, O.S.L. 1996, and Section 2, Chapter 206, O.S.L. 1995 (47 O.S. Supp. 1996, Sections 1113, 1136, and 1136.1), which relate to license plates; providing for issuance of new license plates; providing for certain design; providing for certain design of special license plates; requiring license plates to be certain colors and have reflectorized material; permitting Oklahoma Tax Commission to deplete existing inventory; prohibiting Oklahoma Tax Commission from producing certain license plates; providing that special license plates be designed in accordance with certain provisions; redesigning certain special license plates; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1113, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 22, O.S.L. 1996 (47 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1113), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1113. A. 1. Upon the filing of a registration application and the payment of the fees provided for in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall assign to the vehicle described in the application a distinctive number, and issue the owner of the vehicle a certificate of registration and one license plate or a yearly decal for the year that a license plate is not issued. The yearly decal shall have an identification number and the last two numbers of the registration year for which it shall expire. Except as provided by Section 1113A of this title, the license plate shall remain with the vehicle until a replacement license plate is applied for. The yearly decal will validate said license plate for each registration period other than the year the license plate is issued. The license plate and decal shall be of such size, color, design and numbering as the Commission may direct. However, yearly decals issued to the owner of a vehicle who has filed an affidavit with the appropriate motor license agent in accordance with Section 7-607 of this title shall be a separate and distinct color from all other decals issued under this section.

2. The license plate shall be securely attached to the rear of the vehicle, except truck-tractor plates which shall be attached to the front of the vehicle. The Commission may, with the concurrence of the Department of Public Safety, by Joint Rule, change and direct the manner, place and location of display of any vehicle license plate when such action is deemed in the public interest. The license plate, decal and all letters and numbers shall be clearly visible at all times. The operation of a vehicle upon which the license plate is covered, overlaid or otherwise screened with any material, whether such material be clear, translucent, tinted or opaque, shall be a violation of this paragraph.

3. Upon payment of the annual registration fee provided in Section 1133 of this title, the Oklahoma Tax Commission may issue a permanent nonexpiring license plate to an owner of ten or more motor vehicles and for vehicles registered under the provisions of Section 1120 of this title. Upon payment of the annual registration fee, the Commission shall issue a certificate of registration that shall be carried at all times in the vehicle for which it is issued.

B. The license plates required under the provisions of this title shall conform to the requirements and specifications listed hereinafter:

1. Each license plate shall have a space for the placement of the yearly decals for each succeeding year of registration after the initial issue;

2. The provisions of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act regarding the issuance of yearly decals shall not apply to the issuance of apportioned license plates, including license plates for state vehicles, and exempt plates for governmental entities and fire departments organized pursuant to Section 592 of Title 18 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3. Within the limits herein prescribed the Commission shall redesign the official vehicle license plates which currently bear the legend "Oklahoma OK" or "Oklahoma is OK!" and substitute therefor the legend "Oklahoma Native America" as further described in this paragraph. Except for personalized license plates and license plates issued for motorcycles and mopeds, the emblem on the state flag of Oklahoma as provided for in Section 91 of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be a part of all license plates issued after December 31, 1988. The Commission may continue to issue license plates with the legend "Oklahoma is OK!" or "Oklahoma OK" until any inventory of such license plates is depleted but the Commission shall not produce or cause to be produced any additional license plates with these legends. Except for personalized license

plates, license plates issued for commercial vehicles, and license plates issued for motorcycles and mopeds, the "Oklahoma Native America" emblem shall be a part of all license plates issued after December 31, 1993. The specifications for lettering style and appearance for the legend "Oklahoma Native America" shall be provided to the Commission by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department. The license plates shall be issued with the letters and numerals in the colors of green and white. All license plates and decals shall be made with reflectorized material as a background to the letters, numbers and characters impressed thereon. The reflectorized material shall be of such a nature as to provide effective and dependable brightness during the service period for which the license plate or decal is issued;

4. Except for license plates issued for motorcycles and mopeds, all license plates issued after December 31, 1997, shall contain the legend "Oklahoma Native America", and except for special license plates, contain the emblem on the state flag, as provided in Section 91 of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes, in the center of the license plate. All special license plates, as provided in Sections 1136 and 1136.1 of this title, shall contain the legend "Oklahoma" centered at the top of the special license plate and the appropriate design emblem for each specific special license plate on the left one-third (1/3) of the special license plate with the numerals and letters on the right two-thirds (2/3) of the special license plate. The name, or similar name, of the special license plate shall be centered on the bottom of the special license plate unless otherwise specifically provided. Personalized special license plates shall contain the legend "Oklahoma Native America". Except for commercial vehicles subject to proportional registration, all commercial license plates shall contain the legend "Oklahoma" centered at the top of the commercial license plate with the word "Commercial" centered on the bottom of the license plate. For all license plates

of whatever kind, all numerals or combination of numerals and letters on the license plate, other than the legends on the top or bottom of the license plate or the emblems, shall be in the color of green. The background of all license plates shall be white.

All license plates and decals shall be made with reflectorized material as a background to the letters, numbers, and characters. The reflectorized material shall be of such a nature as to provide effective and dependable brightness during the service period for which the license plate or decal is issued.

The Commission may continue to issue license plates as provided in paragraph 3 of this subsection until any inventory of such plates is depleted, but the Commission shall not produce or cause to be produced any additional license plates as provided in paragraph 3 of this subsection;

5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Commission shall design appropriate official license plates for all state vehicles. The license plates shall be designed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4 of this subsection for special license plates. Such license plates shall be permanent in nature and designed in such manner as to remain with the vehicle for the duration of the vehicle's life span or until the title is transferred to a nongovernmental owner;

~~5.~~ 6. Within the limits prescribed in this section, the Commission shall design appropriate official license plates for vehicles of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. The license plates shall have the legend "Oklahoma OK" and shall contain the letters "OHP" followed by the state seal and the badge number of the Highway Patrol officer to whom the vehicle is assigned. The words "Oklahoma Highway Patrol" shall also be included on such license plates;

~~6.~~ 7. Within the limits prescribed in this section, the Commission shall design appropriate official license plates for vehicles of the Oklahoma Capitol Patrol. Such license plates shall

have the legend "Oklahoma ~~OK~~" and shall contain the letters "OCP" followed by the state seal and badge number of the Oklahoma Capitol Patrol officer to whom the vehicle is assigned. The words "Oklahoma Capitol Patrol" shall also be included on such license plates; and

~~7.~~ 8. Within the limits prescribed in this section, the Commission shall design appropriate official license plates for vehicles of the Oklahoma Lake Patrol. Such license plates shall have the legend "Oklahoma ~~OK~~" and shall contain the letters "OLP" followed by the state seal and badge number of the Oklahoma Lake Patrol officer to whom the vehicle is assigned. The words "Oklahoma Lake Patrol" shall also be included on such license plates.

C. Where the applicant has satisfactorily shown that the applicant owns the vehicle sought to be registered but is unable to produce documentary evidence of the ownership a license plate may be issued upon approval by the Commission. In such instances the reason for not issuing a certificate of title shall be indicated on the receipt given to the applicant. It shall still be the duty of the applicant to immediately take all necessary steps to obtain the Oklahoma certificate of title and it shall be unlawful for the applicant to sell the vehicle until the certificate has been obtained in the applicant's name.

D. The certificate of registration provided for in this section shall be in convenient form, and the certificate of registration, or a certified copy or photostatic copy thereof, duly authenticated by the Commission, shall be carried at all times in or upon commercial vehicles so registered, in such manner as to permit a ready examination thereof upon demand by any peace officer of the state or duly authorized employee of the Department of Public Safety. Any such officer or agent may seize and hold such commercial vehicle when the operator of the same does not have the registration certificate in the operator's possession or when any such officer or agent determines that the registration certificate has been obtained

by misrepresentation of any essential or material fact or when any number or identifying information appearing on such certificate has been changed, altered, obliterated or concealed in any way, until the proper registration or identification of such vehicle has been made or produced by the owner thereof.

E. For the first year that any manufactured home is registered in this state, the Commission shall issue a metal license plate which shall be affixed to the manufactured home. Manufactured homes previously registered and subject to ad valorem taxation as provided by law shall have the metal license plate affixed at the time ad valorem taxes are paid for such manufactured home. The owner of the home shall be required to affix such plate to the home. The Commission shall make sufficient plates available to the various motor license agents of the state in order for an owner of a manufactured home to acquire the plate. A One Dollar (\$1.00) fee shall be charged for issuance of any plate. The fee shall be apportioned each month to the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury.

F. The manufactured home license plate shall be designed so that it is easily visible for purposes of verification by a county assessor that the manufactured home is properly assessed for ad valorem taxation. The plate shall be designed for a yearly decal. In the first year of registration a decal shall be issued for placement on the license plate indicating payment of applicable registration fees and excise taxes. In the second and all subsequent years for which the manufactured home is subject to ad valorem taxation, an annual decal shall be affixed to the license plate as evidence of ad valorem tax payment. The Commission shall issue decals to the various county treasurers of the state in order for a manufactured home owner to obtain such decal each year. Upon presentation of a valid ad valorem tax receipt, the manufactured home owner shall be issued the annual decal.

G. Upon the registration of a manufactured home in this state for the first time or upon discovery of a manufactured home previously registered within this state for which the information required by this subsection is not known, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall obtain:

1. The name of the owner of the manufactured home;
2. The serial number or identification number of the manufactured home;
3. A legal description or address of the location for the home;
4. The actual retail selling price of the manufactured home excluding Oklahoma taxes;
5. The certificate of title number for the home; and
6. Any other information which the Commission deems to be necessary.

The application for registration shall also include the school district in which the manufactured home is located or is to be located. The information shall be entered into a computer data system which shall be used by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to provide information to county assessors upon request by the assessor. The assessor may request any information from the system in order to properly assess a manufactured home for ad valorem taxation.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 1136, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 313, O.S.L. 1996 (47 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1136), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1136. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby authorized to design and issue appropriate official special license plates as provided by this section. Despite any provision to the contrary in this section, all special license plates issued after December 31, 1997, shall be designed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4 of subsection B of Section 1113 of this title for special license plates.

Special license plates shall not be transferred to any other person but shall be removed from the vehicle upon transfer of ownership and retained. The special license plate may then be used on another vehicle but only after such other vehicle has been registered for the current year with a motor license agent.

Special license plates shall be renewed each year by the Commission or a motor license agent. The Commission shall annually notify by mail all persons issued special license plates. The notice shall contain all necessary information and shall contain instructions for the renewal procedure upon presentation to a motor license agent or the Commission. The license plates shall be issued on a staggered system except for legislative and motorcycle license plates and vintage decals.

Special license plates shall be designed in such a manner as to identify the use and ownership of the vehicle. The special license plates provided by this section are as follows:

1. Political Subdivision Plates - such plates shall be designed for any vehicle owned by any political subdivision of this state and shall be registered for Five Dollars (\$5.00), after having obtained proper Oklahoma certificate of title. Such political subdivisions shall file an annual report with the Commission stating the agency where such vehicle is located. Such license plates shall be permanent in nature and designed in such a manner as to remain with the vehicle for the duration of the life span of the vehicle or until the title is transferred to an owner who is not a political subdivision;

2. Legislative License Plates - such plates shall be designed for persons elected to the Oklahoma Legislature and shall designate the house of the Legislature in which the legislator serves and ~~his~~ the district number of the legislator.

The fee for such plate shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and shall be in addition to the regular plate issued to the member and the fees charged therefor;

3. Tax-Exempt or Nonprofit License Plates - such plates shall be designed for:

- a. any motor bus, manufactured home, or mobile chapel and power unit owned and operated by a religious corporation or society of this state holding a valid exemption from taxation issued pursuant to Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(a), and listed as an exempt organization in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and that is used by the corporation or society solely for the furtherance of its religious functions,
- b. any vehicle owned and operated only by nonprofit organizations devoted exclusively to youth programs including, but not limited to, the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America,
- c. any vehicle, except passenger automobiles, owned or operated by nonprofit organizations actually involved in programs for the employment of the handicapped and used exclusively in the transportation of goods or materials for such organization,
- d. any vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit organization that provides older persons transportation to and from medical, dental and religious services and relief from business and social isolation, or
- e. any vehicle owned and operated by a private nonprofit organization that:

- (1) warehouses and distributes surplus foods to other nonprofit agencies and organizations, and
- (2) holds a valid exemption from taxation issued pursuant to Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c), and listed as an exempt organization in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and
- (3) uses such vehicle exclusively for the transportation of such surplus foods.

The registration fee shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00).

Any person claiming to be eligible for a tax-exempt or nonprofit license plate under the provisions of this paragraph must have the name of the tax-exempt or nonprofit organization prominently displayed upon the outside of the vehicle, except those vehicles registered pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph b of this paragraph, unless such display is prohibited by federal or state law or by state agency rules. 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 shall be no fee for such plate in addition to the rate provided by this act for the registration of the vehicle.

Any person who is eligible for a physically disabled license plate and whose vehicle has had modifications because of the physical disability of the owner, may register the vehicle for a flat fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). This fee shall be in lieu of all other registration fees provided by this act;

9. Disabled Veterans License Plates - such plates shall be designed for persons presenting proper certification from the United States 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.

All personalized license plates shall contain the legend "Oklahoma Native America" and shall have numerals or letters, or a combination of numerals and letters, other than the legend or any emblem, in the color of green. The background of all personalized license plates shall be white.

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~~ contain on the left one-third (1/3) a logo of the flag-raising at Iwo Jima. ~~Below the letters, logo and numbers,~~ Centered on the bottom of the plate shall ~~contain~~ be 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 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~~ on the left one-third (1/3) of the license plate. Centered on the bottom of the license plate shall be the word "Firefighter" in the color Pantone 186C Red. ~~The plates shall not be subject to the design requirements of any other license plates prescribed by law other than the space for the placement of the yearly decals for each succeeding year of registration after the initial issue.~~

The fee for 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~~ on the left one-third (1/3) of the plate, either the Thunderbird Insignia of the 45th Infantry Division in the

prescribed red and gold coloring or the emblem of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard according to the branch of service to which the member belonged. ~~For the purpose of license plate identification, the plate shall contain four digits, two digits at the left and two digits at the right of the insignia or emblem.~~ Centered on the bottom of the license plate shall be the words "WORLD WAR II". ~~However, the plates may be issued to any person in any combination of numbers and letters with up to three on each side of the insignia or emblem as for personalized license plates.~~

The fee for 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~~ on the left one-third (1/3) 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. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the twenty-five-dollar fee shall be apportioned pursuant to paragraph D of Section 3-310 of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

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 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~~. The symbol of the American Red Cross and no more than three letters and three numbers shall be on the left one-third (1/3) of the license plate and shall be in the color Pantone 186C Red. ~~Below the symbol and letters and numbers~~ Centered on the bottom of the license plate 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-five Dollars (\$25.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.

The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall be authorized, if necessary, to enter into 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;

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 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 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; and

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.

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 3. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 206, O.S.L. 1995 (47 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1136.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1136.1 The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby authorized to design and issue appropriate official license plates for antique or classic vehicles. The design of this license plate shall be in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4 of subsection B of Section 1113 of this title. The plates shall be designed and issued for any vehicle twenty-five (25) years of age or older, based upon the date of manufacture thereof and which travels on the highways of this state primarily incidental to historical or exhibition purposes only.

The registration fee shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) and, except as otherwise provided in this section, shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by law. Vehicles issued an antique

vehicle license plate pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be exempt from the registration fee levied by paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 1132 of this title.

The license plates for antique or classic vehicles shall be renewed each year by the Tax Commission or a motor license agent. The Tax Commission shall annually notify by mail all persons issued these 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 Tax Commission.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

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