

SHORT TITLE: Motor vehicles; modifying time period within which termination or period of issuance of vehicle liability policy requires insurance carrier to notify Department of Public Safety; effective date; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 480

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An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 7-608, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 351, O.S.L. 1992 (47 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 7-608), which relates to compulsory liability insurance; modifying time period within which termination or period of issuance of vehicle liability policy requires insurance carrier to notify Department of Public Safety; 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 7-608, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 351, O.S.L. 1992 (47 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 7-608), is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-608. A. Each insurance carrier, which issues a vehicle liability policy pursuant to the provisions of Sections 7-601 through 7-610 of this title, shall provide notice, either by means of written or electronic communication, to the Department of Public Safety of the termination of such policy for nonpayment or refund of premium if such termination is final and occurs within ~~the first one hundred eighty (180) days~~ one (1) year of the inception date of such policy. Each insurance carrier also shall provide such notice for any such policy which has been issued for a period of

less than ~~six (6) months~~ one (1) year which expires without renewal. Any notice required by this subsection shall be provided to the Department within a reasonable time after the expiration of any applicable grace period.

B. If an insurance carrier, required to provide notification pursuant to subsection A of this section, has knowledge that relinquishment of vehicle ownership is the reason for termination or expiration without renewal of a policy, that fact shall be included in the notification.

C. The Department of Public Safety shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the notification requirements specified in subsections A and B of this section, including the development of procedures which would permit insurance carriers to provide the required notices to the Department by means of written or electronic communication on a monthly basis.

D. Upon receipt of a notice of termination of insurance from a carrier pursuant to subsection A of this section, the Department of Public Safety shall notify the vehicle owner of the receipt of such termination notice and shall request proof of insurance from the vehicle owner. Within thirty (30) days of the request for proof of insurance, the vehicle owner shall submit such proof of insurance on a form prescribed by the Department. The Department shall not be required to notify or request proof of insurance from a former vehicle owner if the Department receives the notification as provided in subsection B of this section, unless the Department has reason to believe that the person should be maintaining an operator's policy.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. 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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