

SHORT TITLE: Motor vehicles; Oklahoma Tax Commission revenue enforcement officers; specifying duties; designating revenue enforcement officers as peace officers and requiring certain certification; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 831

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 116.13, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 146, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 116.13), which relates to Oklahoma Tax Commission revenue enforcement officers; specifying duties of revenue enforcement officers; designating revenue enforcement officers as peace officers and requiring certain certification; specifying time period within which certification must occur; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 116.13, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 146, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 116.13), is amended to read as follows:

Section 116.13 ~~(a)~~ A. It shall be the duty of the Oklahoma Tax Commission to assign revenue enforcement officers ~~to work with members of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol in the enforcement of Sections~~ who, in addition to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, shall enforce Section 14-101 et seq. of this title and other acts laws regulating the usage of the highways of the state and ~~in the enforcement of~~ the motor vehicle license and registration laws of the state. For purposes of this section, revenue enforcement officers are designated as peace officers. All revenue enforcement

officers employed on or before the effective date of this act shall become certified as peace officers by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) within twenty-four (24) months of the effective date of this act. Any revenue enforcement officer employed after the effective date of this act shall become certified as a peace officer by CLEET within twelve (12) months of employment.

~~(b)~~ B. Each employee of the Tax Commission assigned as a revenue enforcement officer, as herein provided, shall at all times while on duty be required to be dressed in a distinctive uniform and display a badge of office, both of which shall be completely different and distinguishable from those of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. All such badges shall be furnished by the Tax Commission and each badge shall display a distinctive serial number. The type and detail of ~~said~~ uniforms of revenue enforcement officers shall be designated by the Tax Commission and the Tax Commission shall furnish ~~said~~ such uniforms and replace them when necessary. An expense allowance of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month for maintenance and cleaning of uniforms shall be paid to each revenue enforcement officer of the Tax Commission.

~~(c)~~ C. Any person who without authority wears the badge or uniform of ~~an Oklahoma~~ a Tax Commission revenue enforcement officer, or who without authority impersonates such an officer, with intent to deceive anyone, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. 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.