ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1755

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(motor vehicles - amending 47 O.S., Sections 151 and 156.3 - state-owned vehicles - effective date)

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 151, is amended to read as follows:

Section 151. A. On each side of every state-owned automobile shall be painted the words "State of Oklahoma" in conspicuous letters at least three (3) inches in height and the name of the department or institution by which said automobile is used <u>and a toll-free telephone number which may be called to report negligent or reckless driving of the state-owned vehicle</u> in conspicuous letters <u>and numbers</u> at least two (2) inches in height, except that vehicles used regularly as patrol units shall be distinctively painted black and white and shall bear the wording "Oklahoma Highway Patrol" on each side of the vehicle in letters of such size as to be easily distinguishable, it being the purpose and intention of the Legislature that said patrol units shall be marked in the future in the same manner as those now in use. The Commissioner of Public Safety is hereby authorized to designate colors and markings, in lieu of those authorized by the provisions of this section, for patrol units used for patrol purposes and for selective traffic law enforcement.

B. Vehicles purchased by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control for use in undercover investigations and

vehicles purchased by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall not be subject to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 156.3, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 116, O.S.L. 1994 (47 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 156.3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 156.3 A. This act, Section 151 et seq. of this title, shall not apply to and shall not be so construed as prohibiting the purchase and use of trucks or pickups by state departments, institutions or agencies when such trucks or pickups are necessary for the performance of their official duties, provided that all such trucks and pickups owned and operated by the Department of Transportation shall be painted either yellow or white, and all state-owned motor vehicles, except as otherwise provided for by law, shall be plainly marked, in letters <u>and numbers</u> not less than two (2) inches in height, with the words "State of Oklahoma" followed by the name of the appropriate department, institution or agency operating such vehicle <u>and a toll-free telephone number which may be called to report negligent or reckless driving of that state-owned vehicle</u>.

B. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to permit the purchase of any motor vehicle of ten thousand (10,000) pounds or less gross vehicle weight.

C. All acquisitions of any motor vehicle of ten thousand (10,000) pounds or less gross vehicle weight shall be approved by the Director of the Department of Central Services as provided for in Section 78a of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 1999.

Passed the House of Representatives the 10th day of March, 1999.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1999.

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President of the Senate