

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1262

By: Begley of the House

and

Littlefield of the Senate

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending Section 1, Chapter 134, O.S.L. 1998 (47 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1134.3), which relates to wrecker or towing vehicles; specifying registration requirements; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 134, O.S.L. 1998 (47 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1134.3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1134.3 A. Each operator of a wrecker or towing service licensed pursuant to Sections 951 through 957 of ~~Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ using this title operating a wrecker, wrecker vehicle, combination wrecker, combination wrecker vehicle, or any other motor vehicle which:

1. Is required to be registered in this state pursuant to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act except for any vehicle which is properly registered on a proportional basis pursuant to Section 1120 of this title; and

2. Is used primarily for towing other motor vehicles

shall register such vehicle in accordance with this section.

B. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall design an appropriate license plate for all wrecker vehicles registered pursuant to this section. Such license plates shall be permanent in nature and shall be 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 or the vehicle is no longer used for the purposes specified in Sections 951 through 957 of ~~Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title.

C. When registering the vehicle, a person shall be required to submit to the Oklahoma Tax Commission or a motor license agent a copy of the license issued pursuant to law to operate a wrecker or towing service. In addition, a security verification form as required pursuant to Sections 7-601.1 and 7-602 of ~~Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title shall be presented clearly setting forth on the face of such verification the vehicle identification number (VIN) of the vehicle being registered.

D. The owner of any wrecker or towing vehicle not properly registered pursuant to this section or the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act shall be immediately notified in writing by the Tax Commission, and such owner shall be subject to any penalties and fines imposed by law for improper registration of a vehicle, for failure to register a vehicle, or for failure to display a proper commercial license plate and decal. The owner shall also be subject to revocation of the owner's license to operate a wrecker or towing service.

E. Whenever a term defined in Section 951 of ~~Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title is used in this section, it shall have the meaning provided in that section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1999.

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of February,
1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 29th day of March, 1999.

President of the Senate