ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1233

By: Fisher of the Senate

and

Tyler of the House

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 583, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 155, O.S.L. 1999 (47 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 583), which relates to used motor vehicle dealer licenses; providing different security requirements for non-auction consignment dealers; providing different means of determining when business is primarily consignment business; authorizing promulgation of rules and sanctions for violation of rules; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 583, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 155, O.S.L. 1999 (47 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 583), is amended to read as follows:

Section 583. A. 1. It shall be unlawful and constitute a misdemeanor for any person, firm, association, corporation, or trust to engage in business as, or serve in the capacity of, or act as a used motor vehicle dealer, used motor vehicle salesperson, wholesale used motor vehicle dealer, manufactured home dealer, or manufactured home manufacturer selling directly to a licensed manufactured home dealer in this state without first obtaining a license or following other requirements therefor as provided in this section.

2. Any person, firm, association, corporation, or trust engaging, acting, or serving in the capacity of a used motor vehicle dealer and/or a used motor vehicle salesperson, or a manufactured home dealer, or having more than one place where the business of a used motor vehicle dealer or a manufactured home dealer is carried on or conducted shall be required to obtain and hold a current license for each thereof in which engaged. A used motor vehicle dealer's license shall authorize one person to sell without a salesperson's license in the event such person shall be the owner of a proprietorship, or the person designated as principal in the dealer's franchise or the managing officer or one partner if no principal person is named in the franchise. A salesperson's license may not be issued under a wholesale used motor vehicle dealer's license.

3. Any person, firm, association, corporation, or trust violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be fined not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00). A second or subsequent conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00); provided that each day such unlicensed person violates this section shall constitute a separate offense, and any vehicle involved in a violation of this subsection shall be considered a separate offense.

B. 1. Applications for licenses required to be obtained under provisions of this act, Section 581 et seq. of this title, which creates the Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission shall be verified by the oath or affirmation of the applicant and shall be on forms prescribed by the Commission and furnished to the applicants, and shall contain such information as the Commission deems necessary to enable it to fully determine the qualifications and eligibility of the several applicants to receive the license or licenses applied for. The Commission shall require in the application, or otherwise, information relating to:

a. the applicant's financial standing,

b. the applicant's business integrity,

c. whether the applicant has an established place of business and is engaged in the pursuit, avocation, or business for which a license, or licenses, is applied for,

d. whether the applicant is able to properly conduct the business for which a license, or licenses, is applied for, and

e. such other pertinent information consistent with the safeguarding of the public interest and the public welfare.

2. All applications for license or licenses shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee or fees in accordance with the schedule hereinafter provided. In the event any application is denied and the license applied for is not issued, the entire license fee shall be returned to the applicant.

3. All bonds and licenses issued under the provisions of this act shall expire on December 31, following the date of issue and shall be nontransferable. All applications for renewal of dealers' licenses should be submitted by November 1 of each year, and licenses shall be issued by January 10. If applications have not been made for renewal of licenses, such licenses shall expire on December 31 and it shall be illegal for any person to represent himself or herself and act as a dealer thereafter. Tag agents shall be notified not to accept dealers' titles until such time as licenses have been issued.

4. A used motor vehicle salesperson's license shall permit the licensee to engage in the activities of a used motor vehicle salesperson. Salespersons shall not be allowed to sell vehicles

unless applications, bonds, and fees are on file with the Commission and the motor vehicle salesperson's or temporary salesperson's license issued. A temporary salesperson's license, salesperson's renewal or reissue of salesperson's license shall be deemed to have been issued when the appropriate application, bond, and fee have been properly addressed and mailed to the Commission.

Dealers' payrolls and other evidence will be checked to ascertain that all salespersons for such dealers are licensed.

C. The schedule of license fees to be charged and received by the Commission for the licenses issued hereunder shall be as follows:

1. For each used motor vehicle dealer's license and each wholesale used motor vehicle dealer's license, Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00). If a used motor vehicle dealer or a wholesale used motor vehicle dealer has once been licensed by the Commission in the classification for which he or she applies for a renewal of the license, the fee for each subsequent renewal shall be One Hundred Dollars ($100.00); provided, if an applicant holds a license to conduct business as an automotive dismantler and parts recycler issued pursuant to Section 591.1 et seq. of this title, the initial fee shall be One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) and the renewal fee shall be Seventy-five Dollars ($75.00). If an applicant is applying simultaneously for a license under this paragraph and a license under paragraph 1 of Section 591.5 of this title, the initial application fee shall be One Hundred Fifty Dollars ($150.00);

2. For a used motor vehicle dealer's license, for each place of business in addition to the principal place of business, Fifty Dollars ($50.00);

3. For each used motor vehicle salesperson's license, Ten Dollars ($10.00);

4. For each holder who possesses a valid new motor vehicle dealer's license from the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission, One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) shall be the initial fee for a used motor vehicle license and the fee for each subsequent renewal shall be One Hundred Dollars ($100.00);

5. For each manufactured home dealer's license, and for each place of business in addition to the principal place of business, Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00);

6. For each renewal of a manufactured home dealer's license, and renewal for each place of business in addition to the principal place of business, One Hundred Dollars ($100.00); and

7. For each manufactured home manufacturer selling directly to a licensed manufactured home dealer in this state, Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars ($750.00).

D. 1. The license issued to each used motor vehicle dealer, each wholesale used motor vehicle dealer, and each manufactured home dealer shall specify the location of the place of business. If the

business location is changed, the Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission shall be notified immediately of the change and the Commission may endorse the change of location on the license without charge. The license of each dealer shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the dealer's place or places of business.

2. Every used motor vehicle salesperson shall have the license upon his or her person when engaged in business, and shall display same upon request. The name of the employer of the salesperson shall be stated on the license and if there is a change of employer, the license holder shall immediately mail the license to the Commission for its endorsement of the change thereon. There shall be no charge for endorsement of change of employer on the license or penalty for not having a license upon his or her person.

E. 1. a. Each applicant for a used motor vehicle dealer's license shall procure and file with the Commission a good and sufficient bond in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00). ~~Beginning November 1, 1996, each~~ Each new applicant for a used motor vehicle dealer's license for the purpose of conducting a used motor vehicle auction ~~or whose business will consist primarily of consignment sales which total One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) or more in gross sales~~ shall procure and file with the Commission a good and sufficient bond in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00). ~~For purposes of this subsection, "primarily of consignment sales" means seventy-five percent (75%) of sales in number of vehicles sold within the previous twelve (12) months. A new dealer with no history of consignment sales shall be required to purchase a bond in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00). In lieu of the bond, an applicant for a used motor vehicle dealer's license for the purpose of conducting a used motor vehicle auction which is restricted to a dealer-to-dealer transaction may obtain check and title insurance in an amount not less than the amount of the used motor vehicle auction bond.~~ An applicant who intends to conduct a used motor vehicle auction who provides proof that the applicant has check and title insurance in an amount not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) shall only be required to have a bond in the amount of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00).

b. Each new applicant for a used motor vehicle dealer license for the purpose of conducting a used motor vehicle business which will consist primarily of non-auction consignment sales which are projected to equal Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.00) or more in gross annual sales shall procure and file with the Commission a good and sufficient bond in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00). The Commission shall prescribe by rule the method of operation of the non-auction consignment dealer in order to properly protect the interests of all parties to the

transaction and to provide sanctions against dealers who fail to comply with the rules.

c. Each applicant for a wholesale used motor vehicle dealer's license shall procure and file with the Commission a good and sufficient bond in the amount of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00).

~~c.~~ d. Each applicant for a manufactured home dealer's license shall procure and file with the Commission a good and sufficient bond in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000.00).

~~d.~~ e. Each manufactured home manufacturing facility selling directly to a licensed manufactured home dealer in this state shall procure and file with the Commission a good and sufficient bond in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000.00). In addition to all other conditions and requirements set forth herein, the bond shall require the availability of prompt and full warranty service by the manufacturer to comply with all warranties expressed or implied in connection with each manufactured home which is manufactured for resale in this state.

~~e.~~ f. The bond shall be approved as to form by the Attorney General and conditioned that the applicant shall not practice fraud, make any fraudulent representation, or violate any of the provisions of this act in the conduct of the business for which the applicant is licensed. One of the purposes of the bond is to provide reimbursement for any loss or damage suffered by any person by reason of issuance of a certificate of title by a used motor vehicle dealer, a wholesale used motor vehicle dealer, or a manufactured home dealer.

2. If a motor vehicle dealer has a valid license issued by the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission, then the bond as required by this subsection shall be waived.

3. Each applicant for a used motor vehicle salesperson's license shall procure and file with the Commission a good and sufficient bond in the amount of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00). The bond shall be approved as to form by the Attorney General and conditioned that the applicant shall perform duties as a used motor vehicle salesperson without fraud or fraudulent representation and without violating any provisions of this act.

4. The bonds as required by this section shall be maintained throughout the period of licensure. Should the bond be canceled for any reason, the license shall be revoked as of the date of cancellation unless a new bond is furnished prior to such date.

F. Any used motor vehicle dealer or wholesale used motor vehicle dealer is required to furnish and keep in force a minimum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) of single liability

insurance coverage on all vehicles offered for sale or used in any other capacity in demonstrating or utilizing the streets and roadways in accordance with the financial responsibility laws of this state.

G. Any manufactured home dealer is required to furnish and keep in force a minimum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00) of garage liability and completed operations insurance coverage.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2000.

Passed the Senate the 28th day of February, 2000.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 5th day of April, 2000.

Speaker of the House of Representatives