

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 171

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An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending 68 O.S. 1991, Section 2103, as last amended by Section 8, State Question No. 691, Legislative Referendum No. 319 (68 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 2103), which relates to vehicle excise taxes; modifying rate of vehicle excise tax; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 1991, Section 2103, as last amended by Section 8, State Question No. 691, Legislative Referendum No. 319 (68 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 2103), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2103. A. 1. Except as otherwise provided in Sections 2101 through 2108 of this title, there shall be levied an excise tax upon the transfer of legal ownership of any vehicle registered in this state and upon the use of any vehicle registered in this state and upon the use of any vehicle registered for the first time in this state. The excise tax for new vehicles shall be levied at the following percentages of the value of each new vehicle:

- a. until January 1, 2002, three and one-fourth percent (3 1/4%) of the value of each new vehicle,
- b. from January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002, two and eight-tenths percent (2.8%),
- c. from January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003, two and four-tenths percent (2.4%), and
- d. beginning January 1, 2004, two percent (2%).

2. The excise tax for used vehicles shall be as follows:

- a. from October 1, 2000, ~~until~~ through June 30, 2001, Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) on the first One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or less of value of such vehicle, and three and one-fourth percent (3 1/4%) of the remaining value of such vehicle,
- b. ~~for the year beginning from~~ July 1, 2001, and ending ~~June 30, 2002~~ through December 31, 2001, Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) on the first One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) or less of value of such vehicle, and three and one-fourth percent (3 1/4%) of the remaining value of such vehicle, ~~and~~
- c. ~~for the year beginning from~~ January 1, 2002, through June 30, 2002, Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) on the first One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) or less of value of such vehicle, and two and eight- tenths percent (2.8%) of the remaining value of such vehicle,
- d. from July 1, 2002, and all subsequent years through December 31, 2002, Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) on the first One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or less of value of such vehicle, and ~~three and one-~~ ~~fourth percent (3 1/4%)~~ two and eight-tenths percent (2.8%) of the remaining value of such vehicle,
- e. from January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003, Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) on the first One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or less of value of such vehicle, and two and four-tenths percent (2.4%) of the remaining value of such vehicle, and
- f. beginning January 1, 2004, Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) on the first One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or less of value of such vehicle, and two percent (2%) of the remaining value of such vehicle.

~~2.~~ 3. There shall be levied an excise tax of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for any truck or truck-tractor registered under the provisions of subsection A of Section 1133 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for a laden weight or combined laden weight of 54,001 pounds or more, and for any trailer or semitrailer registered under subsection C of Section 1133 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, which is primarily designed to transport cargo over the highways of this state and generally recognized as such. The excise tax levied pursuant to this paragraph shall not apply to special mobilized machinery, trailers, or semitrailers manufactured, modified or remanufactured for the purpose of providing services other than transporting cargo over the highways of this state. The excise tax levied pursuant to this paragraph shall also not apply to pickup trucks, vans, or sport utility vehicles.

~~3.~~ 4. The tax levied pursuant to this section shall be due at the time of the transfer of legal ownership or first registration in this state of such vehicle, and shall be collected by the Oklahoma Tax Commission, or an appointed motor license agent, at the time of the issuance of a certificate of title for any such vehicle. In the event an excise tax is collected on the transfer of legal ownership or use of the vehicle during any calendar year, then an additional excise tax must be collected upon all subsequent transfers of legal ownership. In computing the motor vehicle excise tax, the amount collected shall be rounded to the nearest dollar. The excise tax levied by this section shall be delinquent from and after the thirtieth day after the legal ownership or possession of any vehicle is obtained. Any person failing or refusing to pay the tax as herein provided on or before date of delinquency shall pay in addition to the tax a penalty of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per day for each day of delinquency, but such penalty shall in no event exceed the amount of the tax.

B. The excise tax levied in subsection A of this section assessed on all commercial vehicles registered pursuant to Section 1120 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall be in lieu of all sales and use taxes levied pursuant to the Sales Tax Code or the Use Tax Code. The transfer of legal ownership of any motor vehicle as used in this section and the Sales Tax Code and the Use Tax Code shall include the lease, lease-purchase or lease-finance agreement involving any truck in excess of eight thousand (8,000) pounds combined laden weight or any truck-tractor provided the vehicle is registered in Oklahoma pursuant to Section 1120 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes or any trailer, semitrailer or open commercial vehicle registered pursuant to Section 1133 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The excise tax levied pursuant to this section shall not be subsequently collected at the end of the lease period if the lessee acquires complete legal title of the vehicle.

C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to transfers made without consideration between:

1. Husband and wife;
2. Parent and child; or
3. An individual and an express trust which that individual or the spouse, child or parent of that individual has a right to revoke.

D. 1. There shall be a credit allowed with respect to the excise tax paid for a new vehicle which is a replacement for:

- a. a new original vehicle which is stolen from the purchaser/registrant within ninety (90) days of the date of purchase of the original vehicle as certified by a police report or other documentation as required by the Commission, or
- b. a defective new original vehicle returned by the purchaser/registrant to the seller within six (6)

months of the date of purchase of the defective new original vehicle as certified by the manufacturer.

2. The credit allowed pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection shall be in the amount of the excise tax which was paid for the new original vehicle and shall be applied to the excise tax due on the replacement vehicle. In no event shall the credit be refunded.

E. Despite any other definitions of the terms "new vehicle" and "used vehicle", to the contrary, contained in any other law, the term "new vehicle" as used in this section shall also include any vehicle of the latest manufactured model which is owned or acquired by a licensed used motor vehicle dealer which has not previously been registered in this state and upon which the motor vehicle excise tax as set forth in this section has not been paid. However, upon the sale or transfer by a licensed used motor vehicle dealer located in this state of any such vehicle which is the latest manufactured model, the vehicle shall be considered a used vehicle for purposes of determining excise tax.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2001.

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