

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending 68 O.S. 2001, Sections 2103 and 2105, which relate to motor vehicle excise taxes; deleting provision relating to definitions of certain terms; modifying circumstances under which vehicle considered new or used; modifying exemption from motor vehicle excise tax for vehicles offered for sale by motor vehicle dealers; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, 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 three and one-fourth percent (3 1/4%) of the value of each new vehicle. The excise tax for used vehicles shall be as follows:

- a. from October 1, 2000, until 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 July 1, 2001, and ending 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 three and one-fourth percent (3 1/4%) of the remaining value of such vehicle, and

- c. for the year beginning July 1, 2002, and all subsequent years, 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%) of the remaining value of such vehicle.

2. 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. 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/registant 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/registant 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. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 2105, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2105. An original or a transfer certificate of title shall be issued without the payment of the excise tax levied by Section 2101 et seq. of this title for:

1. Any vehicle owned by a nonresident person who operates principally in some other state but who is in Oklahoma only occasionally;

2. Any vehicle brought into this state by a person formerly living in another state, who has owned and registered the vehicle in such other state of residence at least sixty (60) days prior to the time it is required to be registered in this state; provided, however, this paragraph shall not apply to businesses engaged in renting cars without a driver;

3. Any vehicle registered by the State of Oklahoma, by any of the political subdivisions thereof, or by a fire department organized pursuant to Section 592 of Title 18 of the Oklahoma Statutes to be used for the purposes of the fire department, or a vehicle which is the subject of a lease or lease-purchase agreement executed between the person seeking an original or transfer certificate of title for the vehicle and a municipality, county, school district, or fire protection district. The person seeking an original or transfer certificate of title shall provide adequate proof that the vehicle is subject to a lease or lease-purchase agreement with a municipality, county, school district, or fire protection district at the time the excise tax levied would otherwise be payable. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall have the authority to determine what constitutes adequate proof as required by this section;

4. Any vehicle, the legal ownership of which is obtained by the applicant for a certificate of title by inheritance;

5. Any used motor vehicle, travel trailer, or commercial trailer which is owned and being offered for sale by a person licensed as a dealer to sell the same, under the provisions of Section 1101 et seq. of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

- ~~a. if such vehicle, travel trailer, or commercial trailer has been registered in Oklahoma and the excise tax paid thereon, or~~
- ~~b. when such vehicle, travel trailer, or commercial trailer has been registered in some other state but is not the latest manufactured model.~~

Provided, the provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed as allowing an exemption to any person not licensed as a dealer of used motor vehicles, travel trailers, or commercial trailers, or as an automotive dismantler and parts recycler in this state;

6. Any vehicle which was purchased by a person licensed to sell new or used motor vehicles in another state:

- a. if such vehicle is not purchased for operation or resale in this state, and
- b. the state from which the dealer is licensed offers reciprocal privileges to a dealer licensed in this state, pursuant to a reciprocal agreement between the duly authorized agent of the Tax Commission and the licensing state;

7. Any vehicle, the ownership of which was obtained by the lienholder or mortgagee under or by foreclosure of a lien or mortgage in the manner provided by law or to the insurer under subrogated rights arising by reason of loss under an insurance contract;

8. Any vehicle which is taxed on an ad valorem basis;

9. Any vehicle or motor vehicle, the legal ownership of which is obtained by transfers:

- a. from one corporation to another corporation pursuant to a reorganization. As used in this subsection the term "reorganization" means:
 - (1) a statutory merger or consolidation, or

- (2) the acquisition by a corporation of substantially all of the properties of another corporation when the consideration is solely all or a part of the voting stock of the acquiring corporation, or of its parent or subsidiary corporation,
- b. in connection with the winding up, dissolution, or liquidation of a corporation only when there is a distribution in kind to the shareholders of the property of such corporation,
 - c. to a corporation where the former owners of the vehicle or motor vehicle transferred are, immediately after the transfer, in control of the corporation, and the stock or securities received by each is substantially in proportion to the interest in the vehicle or motor vehicle prior to the transfer,
 - d. to a partnership if the former owners of the vehicle or motor vehicle transferred are, immediately after the transfer, members of such partnership and the interest in the partnership received by each is substantially in proportion to the interest in the vehicle or motor vehicle prior to the transfer,
 - e. from a partnership to the members thereof when made in the dissolution of such partnership,
 - f. to a limited liability company if the former owners of the vehicle or motor vehicle transferred are, immediately after the transfer, members of the limited liability company and the interest in the limited liability company received by each is substantially in proportion to the interest in the vehicle or motor vehicle prior to the transfer, or

- g. from a limited liability company to the members thereof when made in the dissolution of such partnership;

10. Any vehicle which is purchased by a person to be used by a business engaged in renting motor vehicles without a driver, provided:

- a. the vehicle shall not be rented to the same person for a period exceeding ninety (90) days,
- b. any such vehicle exempted from the excise tax by these provisions shall not be placed under any type of lease agreement,
- c. on any such vehicle exempted from the excise tax by this subsection that is reregistered in this state, without a prior sale or transfer to the persons specified in divisions (1) and (2) of this subparagraph, at any time prior to the expiration of twelve (12) months from the date of issuance of the original title, the seller shall pay immediately the amount of excise tax which would have been due had this exemption not been granted plus a penalty of twenty percent (20%). No such excise tax or penalty shall become due and payable if the vehicle is sold or transferred in a condition either physical or mechanical which would render it eligible for a salvage title pursuant to law or if the vehicle is sold and transferred in this state at any time prior to the expiration of twelve (12) months:
 - (1) to the manufacturer of the vehicle or its controlled financing arm, or
 - (2) to a factory authorized franchised new motor vehicle dealer which holds a franchise of the same line-make of the vehicle being purchased, or

d. when this exemption is claimed, the Tax Commission shall issue a special title which shall restrict the transfer of the title only within this state prior to the expiration of twelve (12) months unless:

- (1) payment of the excise tax plus penalty as provided in this section is made,
- (2) the sale is made to a person specified in division (1) or (2) of subparagraph c of this paragraph, or
- (3) the vehicle is eligible for a salvage title.

For all other tax purposes vehicles herein exempted shall be treated as though the excise tax has been paid;

11. Any vehicle of the latest manufactured model, registered from a title in the name of the original manufacturer or assigned to the original manufacturer and issued by any state and transferred to a licensed, franchised Oklahoma motor vehicle dealer, as defined by Section 1102 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, which holds a franchise of the same line-make as the vehicle being registered;

12. Any new motor vehicle, registered in the name of a manufacturer or dealer of new motor vehicles, for which a license plate has been issued pursuant to Section 1116.1 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, if such vehicle is authorized by the manufacturer or dealer for personal use by an individual. The authorization for such use shall not exceed four (4) months which shall not be renewed or the exemption provided by this subsection shall not be applicable. The exemption provided by this subsection shall not be applicable to a transfer of ownership or registration subsequent to the first registration of the vehicle by a manufacturer or dealer;

13. Any vehicle, travel trailer, or commercial trailer of the latest manufacturer model purchased by a franchised Oklahoma dealer licensed to sell the same which holds a franchise of the same line-

make as the vehicle, travel trailer, or commercial trailer being registered;

14. Any vehicle which is the subject of a lease or lease-purchase agreement and which the ownership of such vehicle is being obtained by the lessee, if the vehicle excise tax was paid at the time of the initial lease or lease-purchase agreement; or

15. Any vehicle which:

- a. is purchased by a private, nonprofit organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and which is primarily funded by a fraternal or civic service organization with at least one hundred local chapters or clubs, and
- b. is designed and used to provide mobile health screening services to the general public at no cost to the recipient, and for which no reimbursement of any kind is received from any health insurance provider, health maintenance organization, or governmental program.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

SECTION 4. 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.

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