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An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2001, Sections 1104.1, 1104.2, 1104.3, 1104.4, 1104.5, Section 2, Chapter 179, O.S.L. 2002 and Section 2, Chapter 319, O.S.L. 2002 (47 O.S. Supp. 2003, Sections 1104.6 and 1104.7), which relate to Oklahoma Motor Vehicle License and Registration Act; modifying apportionment of certain fees for specified license plates; providing for apportionment of fee for Color Oklahoma license plate; creating Color Oklahoma Revolving Fund and providing for deposits thereto and expenditures therefrom; providing for apportionment of fee for Fight Cancer license plate; creating Oklahoma Central Cancer Registry Revolving Fund and providing for deposits thereto and expenditures therefrom; specifying fee; providing limitations on transferability, fees, procedures for renewal and other procedures for special license plates for political subdivisions, tax-exempt or nonprofit, Physically Disabled, Indian Tribal, Hearing Impaired, Antique or Classic Vehicles and Honorary Consuls; providing for design and use of special license plates; providing for disposition of fees; providing limitations on transferability, procedures for renewal and other procedures for special license plates for recognition of service or awards; directing Oklahoma Tax Commission to develop specified system; providing for special license plates for Prisoner of War, National Guard, Air National Guard, United States Armed Forces, Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient, Missing In Action, Purple Heart Recipient, Pearl Harbor Survivor, D-Day Survivor, Killed in Action, Gold Star Parents, Military Decoration, Vietnam Veteran, Police Officer, World War II Veteran, Korean War Veteran, Municipal Official, Red Cross Volunteer, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Desert Storm, Military Reserve Unit, Oklahoma City Bombing Victims and Survivors, Civil Air Patrol, Ninety-Nines, Combat Infantry Badge, Somalia Combat Veterans, Police Chaplain, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Merchant Marine, Legislative, Disabled Veterans, United States Air Force Association, Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni, Amateur Radio Operator, Former Legislator, American Legion and Deputy Sheriffs; providing fee for special

license plates; providing for disposition of fees; providing for design and issuance of special license plates for persons wishing to demonstrate support, interest or membership; providing limitations on transferability, procedures for renewal and other procedures for special license plates; directing Oklahoma Tax Commission to develop specified system; providing for discontinuance of issuance and renewal of plates under certain conditions; providing for prepaid applications for certain plates; providing special license plates for Round and Square Dance, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Rifle Association, Masonic Fraternity, Shriner's Hospitals for Burned and Crippled Children, Balloonists, Order of the Eastern Star, Knights of Columbus, Jaycees, Ducks Unlimited, Kiwanis International, Certified Public Accountants, Civil Emergency Management, Civilian Conservation Corps, Rotarian, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Humane Society, Oklahoma Mustang Club, American Business Clubs, West Point 200th Anniversary, Northern Cherokee Nation of Old Louisiana Territory, Oklahoma Aquarium, Pride of Broken Arrow, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Parrothead Club, Oklahoma Bicycling Coalition, Electric Lineman, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, The National Pan-Hellenic Council Incorporated and Organ, Eye and Tissue; providing fee for special license plates; providing for disposition of fees; providing for design and issuance of personalized license; providing limitations on transferability, procedures for renewal and other procedures for personalized license plates; providing for personalized license plates for persons in certain combinations of numbers and letters, eligible for certain military decoration, motorcycles in certain combinations of numbers and letters, eligible for Korean War and World War II Veteran plates in certain combinations of letters and numbers and vehicles of a specified age; providing fee for personalized license plates; providing for disposition of fees; providing for design and issuance of special license plates for persons wishing to demonstrate support and provide financial assistance; providing limitations on transferability, procedures for renewal and other procedures for special license plates; directing Oklahoma Tax Commission to develop specified system; providing for discontinuance of issuance and renewal of plates under certain conditions; providing for prepaid applications for certain plates; providing special license plates for University or College Supporter, Environmental Awareness, Firefighter, Wildlife Conservation, Child Abuse Prevention, United States Olympic Committee Supporter, Oklahoma History, Historic Route 66, Heart of the Heartland, Emergency Medical Technician, Fight Breast Cancer, Crime Victims Awareness, Oklahoma Safe Kids Association, Four-H Club, Agricultural Awareness, Oklahoma Statehood Centennial, Support Education, Retired Oklahoma Highway Patrol Officers, Boy Scouts of America Supporter, Urban Forestry and Beautification, Oklahoma State Parks Supporter, Adoption Creates Families, Choose Life, Future Farmers of America,

Lions Club, Color Oklahoma, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon, Oklahoma Scenic Rivers and Fight Cancer; providing fee for personalized license plates; providing for disposition of fees; providing for design and issuance of special license plate for National Association of Stock Car Auto Racing Driver; providing for fee and disposition thereof; providing for design and issuance of special license plate for Animal Friendly Fund; specifying fee for plate; authorizing Oklahoma Tax Commission to enter into certain licensing agreement and to establish certain procedure for determining order in which plates are sold; amending 68 O.S. 2001, Section 113, which relates to tax administration; exempting certain disbursements from certain fund from agency budget limits; requiring Oklahoma Tax Commission to provide opportunity for taxpayers to donate income tax refunds for benefit of Oklahoma Pet Overpopulation Fund; creating the Oklahoma Pet Overpopulation Fund; specifying distribution of funds; creating Animal Friendly Revolving Fund; specifying distribution of funds; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 2282, which relates to schools and scholarship funds; modifying statutory reference pertaining to Heart of the Heartland Scholarship Fund; directing Oklahoma Tax Commission to enter into specified study and implement uniform format for special license plate; allowing State Veterinarian to adopt various education programs; allowing State Veterinarian to work with certain entities; requiring State Veterinarian to implement certain procedures to expend funds; repealing 47 O.S. 2001, Section 1136, as amended by Section 2 of Enrolled House Bill No. 1890 of the 2nd Session of the 49th Oklahoma Legislature, which relates to special license plates; repealing 47 O.S. 2001, Section 1136.1, which relates to license plates for antique or classic vehicles; repealing 47 O.S. 2001, Section 253, which relates to disposition of fees for certain special license plates; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 1104.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1104.1 A. ~~The twenty-five-dollar~~ Twenty-three Dollars (\$23.00) of the fee authorized by ~~paragraph 20 of Section 1136 of this title~~ Section 14 of this act for university or college supporter license plates which are received each year by the Oklahoma Tax Commission or its motor license agents shall be apportioned as follows:

1. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the fee for each license plate designating a particular state university or college shall be apportioned to the particular state university or college so designated on the license plate. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the fee for each license plate designating a particular private university or college shall be apportioned to the particular private university or college so designated on the license plate and may be used by the private university or college as compensation for use of the symbols, words, or letters authorized by the private university or college for use on the license plate; and

2. Three Dollars (\$3.00) shall be deposited to the Adaptive Grant Program for Oklahomans with Mental Retardation Revolving Fund created by this section to be used for educational purposes; ~~and~~

~~3. Two Dollars (\$2.00) shall be deposited to the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.~~

B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Department of Human Services to be designated the "Adaptive Grant Program for Oklahomans with Mental Retardation Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all funds deposited therein pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Department of Human Services for the administration of the Adaptive Grant Program for Oklahomans with Mental Retardation.

C. The Department of Human Services is hereby directed to promulgate rules to create the Adaptive Grant Program for Oklahomans with Mental Retardation Program to provide financial assistance in adaptation of furnishings, fixtures, vehicles, equipment or structures in order to meet any special needs of Oklahomans with mental retardation; provided, recipients of grants awarded pursuant to the program shall be limited to those programs, projects or

persons not otherwise qualifying for state or federal funding. The Department of Human Services is authorized to contract with a statewide private, nonprofit foundation certified to be a 501(c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service for administration of the program.

D. On or before January 1, 1991, and each year thereafter:

1. The Department of Human Services shall prepare an annual report on the Program; and

2. The State Auditor and Inspector shall conduct an audit of the funds of the Program.

Such report and audit shall be submitted to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 1104.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1104.2 A. Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of the ~~twenty-five-dollar~~ fee authorized by ~~paragraph 18 of Section 1136 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ Section 14 of this act for environmental awareness license plates which are received each year by the Oklahoma Tax Commission or its motor license agents shall be deposited to the Environmental Education Revolving Fund created by this section.

B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Department of Environmental Quality to be designated the "Environmental Education Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all funds deposited therein pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Department of Environmental Quality for environmental education programs.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 1104.3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1104.3 A. ~~The fee authorized by paragraph 64 of Section 1136 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of the fee authorized by Section 14 of this act for Agricultural Awareness license plates shall be apportioned as follows:

1. ~~Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) shall be deposited to the Ag in the Classroom Education Revolving Fund created in subsection B of this section; and~~

2. ~~One Dollar (\$1.00) shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.~~

B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the State Department of Agriculture to be designated the "Ag in the Classroom Education Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Department pursuant to the provisions of ~~paragraph 1 of~~ subsection A of this section. All monies accruing to the credit of such fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Department for the purpose of Ag in the Classroom Education Program. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 1104.4, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1104.4 A. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the fee authorized by Section 14 of this act for Four-H license plates shall be deposited in the OSU Extension Service License Plate Revolving Fund created in subsection B of this section.

B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for Oklahoma State University Extension Service to be

designated the "OSU Extension Service License Plate Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma State University Extension Service pursuant to the provisions of ~~paragraph 63 of Section 1136 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ Section 14 of this act. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma State University Extension Service for the purpose of expenses related to agricultural programs for youth. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 1104.5, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1104.5 A. ~~The Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the fee authorized by paragraph 76 of Section 1136 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ Section 14 of this act for Urban Forestry and Beautification license plates shall be apportioned as follows:

~~1. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) shall be deposited to the Urban Forestry and Beautification Revolving Fund created in subsection B of this section; and~~

~~2. Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.~~

B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Forestry Division of the State Department of Agriculture to be designated "Urban Forestry and Beautification Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Department pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Division for the purpose of contracting with or providing grants

to nonprofit organizations that develop and operate programs to encourage urban forestry and beautification. Such organizations may apply to the Department for grants to be paid from the fund, or the Department may solicit bids for contracts for particular services related to urban forestry and beautification to be paid from the fund. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 179, O.S.L. 2002 (47 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 1104.6), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1104.6 A. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the fee authorized by Section 14 of this act for Choose Life license plates shall be deposited to the Choose Life Assistance Program created in subsection B of this section.

B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Department of Human Services to be designated the Choose Life Assistance Program. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all the monies received by the Department of Human Services pursuant to the provisions of ~~paragraph 83 of Section 1136 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ Section 14 of this act. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are appropriated and shall be distributed at the beginning of each fiscal year in a pro rata share to all nonprofit organizations that provide services to the community that include counseling and meeting the physical needs of pregnant women who are committed to placing their children for adoption. Any unused funds in excess of ten percent (10%) of the funds allocated to a nonprofit organization shall be returned to the Choose Life Assistance Program Revolving Fund at the end of the fiscal year to be aggregated and distributed with the next fiscal year distribution.

~~B.~~ C. To apply for and receive the funds available through the Choose Life Assistance Program, an organization must deliver to the Department of Human Services an affidavit signed by a duly appointed representative of the organization that states the following:

1. The organization is a nonprofit organization;
2. The organization does not discriminate for any reason, including, but not limited to, race, marital status, gender, religion, national origin, handicap or age;
3. The organization counsels pregnant women who are committed to placing their children for adoption;
4. The organization is not involved or associated with any abortion activities, including counseling for or referrals to abortion clinics, providing medical abortion-related procedures, or pro-abortion advertising;
5. The organization does not charge women for any services received;
6. The organization understands that sixty percent (60%) of the funds received by an organization can only be used to provide for the material needs of pregnant women who are committed to placing their children for adoption, including clothing, housing, medical care, food, utilities, and transportation. Such funds may also be expended on infants awaiting placement with adoptive parents. Forty percent (40%) of the funds may be used for adoption, counseling, training, or advertising, but may not be used for administrative expenses, legal expenses, or capital expenditures.
7. The organization understands that no funds may be used for administrative expenses, legal expenses, or capital expenditures;
8. The organization understands that any unused funds at the end of the fiscal year that exceed ten percent (10%) of the funds received by the organization during the fiscal year must be returned to the Choose Life Assistance Program Revolving Fund to be

aggregated and distributed with the next fiscal year distribution;
and

9. The organization understands that each organization that receives such funds must submit to an annual audit of such funds verifying that the funds received were used in the manner prescribed by statute.

~~C.~~ D. Funds may not be distributed to any organization that is involved or associated with abortion activities, including counseling for or referral to abortion clinics, providing medical abortion-related procedures, or pro-abortion advertising, and funds may not be distributed to any organization that charges women for services received.

~~D.~~ E. Sixty percent (60%) of the funds received by an organization can only be used to provide for the material needs of pregnant women who are committed to placing their children for adoption, including clothing, housing, medical care, food, utilities, and transportation. Such funds may also be expended on infants awaiting placement with adoptive parents. Forty percent (40%) of the funds may be used for adoption, counseling, training, or advertising, but may not be used for administrative expenses, legal expenses, or capital expenditures.

~~E.~~ F. Each organization that receives funds must submit to an annual audit of such funds verifying that the funds received were used in the manner prescribed in this section.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 319, O.S.L. 2002 (47 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 1104.7), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1104.7 A. ~~The Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the fee authorized by paragraph 84 of Section 1136 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes Section 14 of this act for Future Farmers of America license plates shall be apportioned as follows:~~

~~1. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) shall be deposited to the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education Agriculture Revolving Fund created in subsection B of this section, and~~

~~2. Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.~~

B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education to be designated the "Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education Agriculture Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Department pursuant to the provisions of ~~paragraph 1 of~~ subsection A of this section. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Department for the purpose of funding programs and services to encourage students to consider agriculture as a career choice. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1104.8 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the fee authorized by Section 14 of this act for Color Oklahoma license plates shall be deposited to the Color Oklahoma Revolving Fund created in subsection B of this section.

B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Native Plant Society to be designated the "Color Oklahoma Revolving Fund" and administered by the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma Department of Tourism

and Recreation pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation for the purpose of preserving and planting wildflowers and native plants in Oklahoma and promoting wildflower heritage through education. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1104.9 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the fee authorized by Section 14 of this act for Fight Cancer license plates shall be deposited to the Oklahoma Central Cancer Registry Revolving Fund created in subsection B of this section.

B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the State Department of Health to be designated the "Oklahoma Central Cancer Registry Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the State Department of Health pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the State Department of Health for the implementation of the Oklahoma Central Cancer Registry. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1135.1 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby authorized to design and issue appropriate official special license plates to persons as provided by this section.

Special license plates shall not be transferred to any other person but shall be removed from the vehicle upon transfer of ownership and retained. The special license plate may then be used on another vehicle but only after such other vehicle has been registered for the current year.

Special license plates shall be renewed each year by the Tax Commission or a motor license agent. The Tax Commission shall annually notify by mail all persons issued special license plates. The notice shall contain all necessary information and shall contain instructions for the renewal procedure upon presentation to a motor license agent or the Tax Commission. The license plates shall be issued on a staggered system. The motor license agent fees shall be paid out of the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.

B. The special license plates provided by this section are as follows:

1. Political Subdivision Plates - such plates shall be designed for any vehicle owned by any political subdivision of this state having obtained a proper Oklahoma certificate of title. Such political subdivisions shall file an annual report with the Tax Commission stating the agency where such vehicle is located. Such license plates shall be permanent in nature and designed in such a manner as to remain with the vehicle for the duration of the life span of the vehicle or until the title is transferred to an owner who is not a political subdivision.

The registration fee shall be Eight Dollars (\$8.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by law, except the registration fees levied by Section 1132 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

2. Tax-Exempt or Nonprofit License Plates - such plates shall be designed for:

- a. any motor bus, manufactured home, or mobile chapel and power unit owned and operated by a religious corporation or society of this state holding a valid exemption from taxation issued pursuant to Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(a), and listed as an exempt organization in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c) (3), and that is used by the corporation or society solely for the furtherance of its religious functions,
- b. any vehicle owned and operated only by nonprofit organizations devoted exclusively to youth programs including, but not limited to, the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America,
- c. any vehicle, except passenger automobiles, owned or operated by nonprofit organizations actually involved in programs for the employment of the handicapped and used exclusively in the transportation of goods or materials for such organization,
- d. any vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit organization that provides older persons transportation to and from medical, dental and religious services and relief from business and social isolation,
- e. any vehicle owned and operated by a private nonprofit organization that:
 - (1) warehouses and distributes surplus foods to other nonprofit agencies and organizations, and
 - (2) holds a valid exemption from taxation issued pursuant to Section 501(c) of the Internal

Revenue Code, as amended, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c), and listed as an exempt organization in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and

(3) uses such vehicle exclusively for the transportation of such surplus foods, or

f. any vehicle which:

- (1) is owned and operated 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
- (2) 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.

Any person claiming to be eligible for a tax-exempt or nonprofit license plate under the provisions of this paragraph must have the name of the tax-exempt or nonprofit organization prominently displayed upon the outside of the vehicle, except those vehicles registered pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph b of this paragraph, unless such display is prohibited by federal or state law or by state agency rules. No vehicle shall be licensed as a tax-exempt or nonprofit vehicle unless the vehicle has affixed on each side thereof, in letters not less than two (2) inches high and two (2) inches wide, the name of the tax-exempt or nonprofit organization or the insignia or other symbol of such organization which shall be of sufficient size, shape and color as to be readily

legible during daylight hours from a distance of fifty (50) feet while the vehicle is not in motion.

The registration fee shall be Eight Dollars (\$8.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by law, except the registration fees levied by Section 1132 of this title;

3. Physically Disabled License Plates - such plates shall be designed for persons who are eligible for an insignia as a physically disabled person under the provisions of Section 15-112 of this title. It shall prominently display the international accessibility symbol, which is a stylized human figure in a wheelchair. The Tax Commission shall also design physically disabled license plates for motorcycles owned by persons who are eligible for an insignia as a physically disabled person pursuant to the provisions of Section 15-112 of this title. Upon the death of the physically disabled person, the special license plate shall be returned to the Tax Commission. There shall be no fee for such plate in addition to the rate provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act for the registration of the vehicle. For an additional fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), a person eligible for a physically disabled license plate shall have the option of purchasing a duplicate physically disabled special license plate which shall be securely attached to the front of the vehicle. The original physically disabled special license plate shall be securely attached to the rear of the vehicle at all times.

Any person who is eligible for a physically disabled license plate and whose vehicle has had modifications because of the physical disability of the owner or of a family member within the second degree of consanguinity of the owner, may register the vehicle for a flat fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). This fee shall be in lieu of all other registration fees provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act;

4. Indian Tribal License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any vehicle of a native American Indian Tribal Association exempted in Sections 201 through 204 of Public Law 97-473 and used by the tribal association exclusively for the furtherance of its tribal functions.

The registration fee shall be Eight Dollars (\$8.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by law, except the registration fees levied by Section 1132 of this title;

5. Hearing Impaired License Plates - such plates shall be designed for persons who are hearing impaired. Such persons may apply for a hearing-impaired license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less upon the presentment of an application on a form furnished by the Tax Commission and certified by a physician holding a valid license to practice pursuant to the licensing provisions of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, attesting that the person is hearing impaired. The license plate shall be designed so that such persons may be readily identified as being hearing impaired. There shall be no additional fee for the plate, but all other registration fees provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act shall apply;

6. Antique or Classic vehicles - such plates shall be designed and issued for any vehicle twenty-five (25) years of age or older, based upon the date of manufacture thereof and which travels on the highways of this state primarily incidental to historical or exhibition purposes only.

The registration fee shall be Eight Dollars (\$8.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by law, except the registration fees levied by Section 1132 of this title; and

7. Honorary Consul License Plate - such plates shall be designed to include the words "Honorary Consul" and issued to persons who are honorary consuls authorized by the United States to perform consular duties. Persons applying for such license plates

must show proof of standing as an honorary consul. The fee for such plate shall be Eight Dollars (\$8.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. The owner of the vehicle that possesses such license plates shall return the special license plates to the Oklahoma Tax Commission if the owner disposes of the vehicle during the registration year or ceases to be authorized to perform consular duties.

C. Special license plates provided by this section shall be designed in such a manner as to identify the use or ownership of the vehicle. Use of any vehicle possessing a special license plate provided by this section for any purpose not specified herein shall be grounds for revocation of the special license plate and registration certificate.

D. The fees provided by this section shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.

SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1135.2 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby authorized to design and issue appropriate official special license plates to persons in recognition of their service or awards as provided by this section.

Special license plates shall not be transferred to any other person but shall be removed from the vehicle upon transfer of ownership and retained. The special license plate may then be used on another vehicle but only after such other vehicle has been registered for the current year.

Special license plates shall be renewed each year by the Tax Commission or a motor license agent. The Tax Commission shall annually notify by mail all persons issued special license plates. The notice shall contain all necessary information and shall contain instructions for the renewal procedure upon presentation to a motor

license agent or the Tax Commission. The license plates shall be issued on a staggered system except for legislative plates and amateur radio operator license plates.

The Tax Commission is hereby directed to develop and implement a system whereby motor license agents are permitted to accept applications for special license plates authorized under this section. The motor license agent shall confirm the applicant's eligibility, if applicable, collect and deposit any amount specifically authorized by law, accept and process the necessary information directly into such system and generate a receipt accordingly. For performance of these duties, motor license agents shall retain the fee provided in Section 1141.1 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes for registration of a motor vehicle. The motor license agent fees for acceptance of applications and renewals shall be paid out of the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.

B. The special license plates provided by this section are as follows:

1. Prisoner of War License Plates - such plates shall be designed for honorably discharged or present members of the United States Armed Forces and civilians who were former prisoners of war held by a foreign country and who can provide proper certification of that status. Such persons may apply for a prisoner of war license plate for no more than two vehicles with each vehicle having a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The surviving spouse of any deceased former prisoner of war, if the spouse has not since remarried, or if remarried, the remarriage is terminated by death, divorce, or annulment, may apply for a prisoner of war license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The fee provided by this section for the special license plate authorized by this paragraph shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by law, except the registration fees levied by Section 1132 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

2. National Guard License Plates - such plates shall be designed for active or retired members of the Oklahoma National Guard. Retirees who are eligible for such plates shall provide proof of eligibility upon initial application, but shall not be required to provide proof of eligibility annually;

3. Air National Guard License Plates - such plates shall be designed for active or retired members of the Oklahoma Air National Guard. Retirees who are eligible for such plates shall provide proof of eligibility upon initial application, but shall not be required to provide proof of eligibility annually;

4. United States Armed Forces - such plates shall be designed for active, retired, former or reserve members of the United States Armed Forces, and shall identify which branch of service, and carry the emblem and name of either the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard, according to the branch of service to which the member belongs or did belong. Former members who have been dishonorably discharged shall not be eligible for such plates. Persons applying for such license plate must show proof of present or past military service by presenting a valid Uniformed Services Identity Card or the United States Department of Defense Form (DD)214. Retired or former members who are eligible for such plates shall provide proof of eligibility upon initial application, but shall not be required to provide proof of eligibility annually;

5. Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Such persons may apply for a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. There shall be no registration fee for the issuance of this plate;

6. Missing In Action License Plates - such plates shall be designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who are missing in action. The spouse of such missing person, if the spouse

has not since remarried, or if remarried, the remarriage is terminated by death, divorce, or annulment, and each parent of the missing person may apply for a missing in action license plate upon presenting proper certification that the person is missing in action and that the person making the application is the qualifying spouse or the parent of the missing person. The qualifying spouse and each parent of the missing person may each apply for the missing in action license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

7. Purple Heart Recipient License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who has been awarded the Purple Heart military decoration and, upon the death of the recipient, the spouse of the recipient. Such persons may apply for a Purple Heart recipient license plate for vehicles having a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

8. Pearl Harbor Survivor License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who can be verified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of the United States as being:

- a. a member of the United States Armed Forces on December 7, 1941,
- b. stationed on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Hawaii time at Pearl Harbor, the island of Oahu, or offshore at a distance not to exceed three (3) miles, and
- c. a recipient of an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces.

Such person may apply for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

9. Iwo Jima License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who can be verified by the United States

Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of the United States as being:

- a. a member of the United States Armed Forces in February of 1945,
- b. stationed in February of 1945 on or in the immediate vicinity of the island of Iwo Jima, and
- c. a recipient of an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces.

Such person may apply for an Iwo Jima license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

Such license plate shall have the legend "Oklahoma OK" and shall contain three letters and three numbers. Between the letters and numbers shall be a logo of the flag-raising at Iwo Jima. Below the letters, logo and numbers, the plate shall contain the words "FEB." at the left, "Iwo Jima" in the center and "1945" at the right. Such plates shall not be subject to the design requirements of any other license plates prescribed by law other than the space for the placement of the yearly decals for each succeeding year of registration after the initial issue;

10. D-Day Survivor License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who can be verified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of the United States as being:

- a. a member of the United States Armed Forces on June 6, 1944,
- b. a participant in the Allied invasion of the coast of Normandy on June 6, 1944; provided, if such participation cannot be verified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of the United States, the Tax Commission may, in its discretion, accept evidence of such participation from the person applying for the license plate, and

- c. a recipient of an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces.

Such person may apply for a D-Day Survivor license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

11. Killed in Action License Plates - such plates shall be designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who were killed in action. The spouse of the deceased person, if the spouse has not remarried, or if remarried, the remarriage is terminated by death, divorce, or annulment, may apply for a killed in action license plate upon presenting proper certification that the person was killed in action and that the person making the application is the qualifying spouse of the deceased person. The qualifying spouse may apply for a killed in action license plate for no more than two vehicles with each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The fee provided by this section for the special license plate authorized by this paragraph shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by law, except the registration fees levied by Section 1132 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

12. Gold Star Parents License Plates - such plates shall be designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who were killed during a war. The parents of the deceased person may apply for a gold star license plate upon presenting proper certification that the person was killed during a war and that the person making the application is the parent of the deceased person. The parent may apply for a gold star parent license plate for no more than two vehicles with each vehicle having a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The fee provided by this section for the special license plate authorized by this paragraph shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by law, except the registration fees levied by Section 1132 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

13. Military Decoration License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who has been awarded the

Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star military decoration or the Silver Star military decoration. Such persons may apply for a military decoration license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

14. Vietnam Veteran License Plates - such plates shall be designed for honorably discharged or present members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Vietnam Conflict. Such persons may apply for a Vietnam veteran license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

15. Police Officer License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any currently employed or retired municipal police officer. Police officers may apply for police officer plates for vehicles with a rated capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of employment by or retirement from a municipal police department by either an identification card or letter from the chief of the police department or the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement Board. Retirees who are eligible for such plates shall provide proof of eligibility upon initial application, but shall not be required to provide proof of eligibility annually. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with municipal police departments of this state;

16. World War II Veteran License Plates - such plates shall be designed to honor honorably discharged former members of the United States Armed Forces who are residents of this state and who can be verified by the Oklahoma Military Department, the Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of the United States as having served on federal active duty anytime during the period from September 16, 1940, to December 7, 1945. The former members may apply for a World War II Veteran license plate for vehicles with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The license plate shall have the legend "Oklahoma" and shall contain, in the center of the plate, either the Thunderbird Insignia of the 45th Infantry Division in the prescribed red and gold coloring or the emblem of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard according to the branch of service to which the member belonged. For the purpose of license plate identification, the plate shall contain four digits, two digits at the left and two digits at the right of the insignia or emblem. Centered on the bottom of the license plate shall be the words "WORLD WAR II";

17. Korean War Veteran License Plates - such plates shall be designed to honor honorably discharged former members of the United States Armed Forces who are residents of this state and who can be verified by the Oklahoma Military Department, the Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of the United States as having served on federal active duty anytime during the period from September 1, 1950, to April 27, 1954. The former members may apply for a Korean War Veteran license plate for vehicles with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

The license plate shall have the legend "OKLAHOMA" and shall contain, in the center of the plate, either the Thunderbird Insignia of the 45th Infantry Division in the prescribed red and gold coloring or the emblem of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard according to the branch of service to which the member belonged. For the purpose of license plate identification, the plate shall contain four digits, two digits at the left and two digits at the right of the insignia or emblem. Centered on the bottom of the license plate shall be the word "KOREA";

18. Municipal Official License Plates - such plates shall be designed for persons elected to a municipal office in this state and shall designate the name of the municipality and the district or ward in which the municipal official serves. The plates shall only be produced upon application;

19. Red Cross Volunteer License Plates - such plates shall be designed to honor American Red Cross volunteers and staff who are residents of this state. Such persons must present an identification card issued by the American Red Cross and bearing a photograph of the person. The license plate shall be designed with the assistance of the American Red Cross and shall have the legend "Oklahoma OK!" in the color Pantone 186C Red. Below the legend the symbol of the American Red Cross and no more than three letters and three numbers shall be in the color Pantone 186C Red. Below the symbol and letters and numbers shall be the words "American Red Cross" in black. The plates shall not be subject to the design requirements of any other license plates prescribed by law other than the space for the placement of the yearly decals for each succeeding year of registration after the initial issue;

20. Veterans of Foreign Wars License Plates - such plates shall be designed to honor the veterans of foreign wars and issued to any resident of this state who is a member of a Veterans of Foreign Wars organization in this state. Such persons may apply for Veterans of Foreign Wars license plates upon proof of membership in a Veterans of Foreign Wars organization. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization;

21. Desert Storm License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any honorably discharged or present member of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Persian Gulf Crisis and the Desert Storm operation. Such persons may apply for a Desert Storm license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

22. Military Reserve Unit License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any honorably discharged or present member of a reserve unit of the United States Armed Forces. Such persons may apply for a Military Reserve Unit license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

23. Oklahoma City Bombing Victims and Survivors License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any victim or survivor of the bombing attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995;

24. Civil Air Patrol License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person who is a member of the Civil Air Patrol. Such persons may apply for a Civil Air Patrol license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of membership in the Civil Air Patrol. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Civil Air Patrol;

25. Ninety-Nines License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to members of the Ninety-Nines. Persons applying for such license plate must show proof of membership in the Ninety-Nines. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Ninety-Nines;

26. Combat Infantryman Badge License Plates - such plates shall be designed to honor recipients of the Combat Infantryman Badge. The plate shall have the legend "Oklahoma OK". Below the legend shall be the Combat Infantryman Badge and three numbers. Below the badge and the numbers shall be the words "Combat Infantryman Badge". Such persons may apply for a Combat Infantryman Badge license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

27. Somalia Combat Veterans License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any honorably discharged or present member of the United States Armed Forces who saw combat in the United Nations relief effort. Such persons may apply for a Somalia Combat Veteran license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

28. Police Chaplain License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to members of the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC) who have completed the ICPC requirements for

basic certification as a police chaplain. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the ICPC;

29. Joint Service Commendation Medal License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state who has been awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal by the United States Secretary of Defense;

30. Merchant Marine License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, and issued to any person who during combat was a member of the Merchant Marines as certified by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. Such license plate may be issued for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

31. Legislative License Plates - such plates shall be designed for persons elected to the Oklahoma Legislature and shall designate the house of the Legislature in which the legislator serves and the district number;

32. Disabled Veterans License Plates - such plates shall be designed for persons presenting proper certification from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of the United States certifying such veteran has a service-connected disability rating of fifty percent (50%) or more, regardless which agency pays the disability benefits, or that such veteran has been awarded a vehicle by the United States government or receives a grant from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for the purchase of an automobile due to a service-connected disability rating or due to the loss of use of a limb or an eye. Such persons may apply to the Tax Commission for a disabled veterans license plate or to a motor license agent for a regular license plate for no more than two vehicles with each vehicle having a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The surviving spouse of any deceased disabled veteran, if the spouse has not since remarried, or

if remarried, the remarriage is terminated by death, divorce, or annulment, may apply for a disabled veterans license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

If the person qualifies for a disabled veterans license plate and is also eligible for an insignia as a physically disabled person under the provisions of Section 15-112 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the person shall be eligible to receive a disabled veterans license plate that also displays the international accessibility symbol, which is a stylized human figure in a wheelchair. Upon the death of the disabled veteran with a disabled veterans license plate with the international accessibility symbol, the plate shall be returned to the Tax Commission;

33. United States Air Force Association License Plates - such plates shall be designed for members of the United States Air Force Association. Persons applying for such license plate must show proof of membership in the Association. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Association;

34. Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state who is an alumnus of the Oklahoma Military Academy. Such persons may apply for an Oklahoma Military Academy Alumnus license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Military Academy and shall contain the shield of the Academy;

35. Amateur Radio Operator License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person, holding a valid operator's license, technician class or better, issued by the Federal Communications Commission, and who is also the owner of a motor vehicle currently registered in Oklahoma, in which has been installed amateur mobile transmitting and receiving equipment. Eligible persons shall be entitled to two special vehicle

identification plates as herein provided. Application for such identification plates shall be on a form prescribed by the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the plates issued to such applicant shall have stamped thereon the word "Oklahoma" and bear the official call letters of the radio station assigned by the Federal Communications Commission to the individual amateur operator thereof. All applications for such plates must be made to the Oklahoma Tax Commission on or before the first day of October of any year for such plates for the following calendar year and must be accompanied by the fee required in this section together with a certificate, or such other evidence as the Commission may require, of proof that applicant has a valid technician class or better amateur operator's license and proof of his ownership of a vehicle in which radio receiving and transmitting equipment is installed. Applicants shall only be entitled to one set of special identification plates in any one (1) year, and such calendar year shall be stamped thereon. The right to such special identification plates herein provided for shall continue until the amateur radio operator's license of the person to whom such plates are issued expires or is revoked;

36. Former Legislator License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to persons who have previously been elected to the Oklahoma Legislature and are no longer serving in the Oklahoma Legislature. The plates shall indicate the house of the Legislature the person last served in and the district number and shall indicate that the person is a former member of the Oklahoma Legislature;

37. American Legion License Plates - such plates shall be designed for members of the American Legion. Persons applying for such license plate must show proof of membership. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the American Legion of Oklahoma; and

38. Deputy Sheriff License Plate - such plates shall be designed for any currently employed or retired county sheriff or

deputy sheriff. County sheriffs or deputy sheriffs may apply for such plates for vehicles with a rated capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of employment by or retirement from a county sheriff's office by either an identification card or letter from the county sheriff or a government-sponsored retirement board from which the county sheriff or deputy sheriff may be receiving a pension. Retirees who are eligible for such plates shall provide proof of eligibility upon initial application, but shall not be required to provide proof of eligibility annually. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the county sheriff offices of this state.

C. Unless otherwise provided by this section, the fee for such plates shall be Eight Dollars (\$8.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. Such fees shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund to be used for the administration of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.

SECTION 12. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1135.3 of Title 68, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby authorized to design and issue appropriate official special license plates to persons wishing to demonstrate support, interest, or membership to or for an organization, occupation, cause or other subject as provided by this section.

Special license plates shall not be transferred to any other person but shall be removed from the vehicle upon transfer of ownership and retained. The special license plate may then be used on another vehicle but only after such other vehicle has been registered for the current year.

Special license plates shall be renewed each year by the Tax Commission or a motor license agent. The Tax Commission shall

annually notify by mail all persons issued special license plates. The notice shall contain all necessary information and shall contain instructions for the renewal procedure upon presentation to a motor license agent or the Tax Commission. The license plates shall be issued on a staggered system.

The Tax Commission is hereby directed to develop and implement a system whereby motor license agents are permitted to accept applications for special license plates authorized under this section. The motor license agent shall confirm the applicant's eligibility, if applicable, collect and deposit any amount specifically authorized by law, accept and process the necessary information directly into such system and generate a receipt accordingly. For performance of these duties, motor license agents shall retain the fee provided in Section 1141.1 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes for registration of a motor vehicle. The motor license agent fees for acceptance of applications and renewals shall be paid out of the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.

If fewer than one hundred of any type of special license plates authorized prior to January 1, 2004, are issued prior to January 1, 2006, the Tax Commission shall discontinue issuance and renewal of that type of special license plate. Any such authorized special license plate registrant shall be allowed to display the license plate upon the designated vehicle until the registration expiration date. After such time the expired special license plate shall be removed from the vehicle.

For special license plates authorized on or after July 1, 2004, no special license plates shall be developed or issued by the Tax Commission until the Commission receives one hundred (100) prepaid applications therefor. The prepaid applications must be received by the Tax Commission within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the effective date of the authorization or the authority to issue shall be null and void. In the event one hundred (100) prepaid

applications are not received by the Tax Commission within such prescribed time period any payment so received shall be refunded accordingly.

B. The special license plates provided by this section are as follows:

1. Round and Square Dance License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for round and square dancing;

2. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to the criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission by the NAACP, and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the NAACP;

3. National Rifle Association License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to the criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission by the National Rifle Association, and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the National Rifle Association;

4. Masonic Fraternity License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state who is a member of a Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma. Such persons may apply for a Masonic Fraternity license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of a Masonic Fraternity membership or upon the presentment of an application for a Masonic Fraternity license plate authorized and approved by the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Masonic Fraternities of Oklahoma and shall contain the Masonic emblem;

5. Shriner's Hospitals for Burned and Crippled Children License Plates - such plates shall be designed to demonstrate support for Shriner's Hospitals for Burned and Crippled Children and shall be issued to any resident of this state who is a member of a Shriner's Temple in Oklahoma. The license plate shall be designed in

consultation with the Shriner's Temples in Oklahoma and shall contain the Shriner's emblem;

6. Balloonists License Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for hot air ballooning in this state;

7. Order of the Eastern Star License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state who is a member of an Order of the Eastern Star. Such persons may apply for an Order of the Eastern Star license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of an Order of the Eastern Star membership or upon the presentment of an application for an Order of the Eastern Star license plate authorized and approved by the organization. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Order of the Eastern Star and shall contain the Order of the Eastern Star emblem;

8. Knights of Columbus License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state who is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Such persons may apply for a Knights of Columbus license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of a Knights of Columbus membership or upon the presentment of an application for a Knights of Columbus license plate authorized and approved by the organization. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Knights of Columbus and shall contain the Knights of Columbus emblem;

9. Jaycees License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to members of the Jaycees. Persons applying for such license plate must show proof of membership in the Jaycees. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Jaycees;

10. Ducks Unlimited License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to members of Ducks Unlimited. Persons applying for and renewing such license plates must show proof of tag

membership in Ducks Unlimited. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with Ducks Unlimited;

11. Kiwanis International License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to members of Kiwanis International. Persons applying for such license plate must show proof of membership in Kiwanis International. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with Kiwanis International;

12. Certified Public Accountants License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state who is a Certified Public Accountant. Such persons may apply for a Certified Public Accountant license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of status as a Certified Public Accountant. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants;

13. Civil Emergency Management License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to persons wishing to demonstrate support for the state civil emergency management system;

14. Civilian Conservation Corps License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission, by the Civilian Conservation Corps Association, and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support of the Civilian Conservation Corps;

15. Rotarian License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state who is a member of a Rotarian Club of Oklahoma. Such persons may apply for a Rotarian license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of a Rotarian Club membership or upon the presentment of an application for a Rotarian license plate authorized and approved by a Rotarian Club of Oklahoma. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the five Rotarian District Governors and shall contain the Rotarian emblem;

16. Benevolent Protective Order of Elks - such plates shall be designed, subject to criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission, by the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and issued to any resident of this state who is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks;

17. Humane Society License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the Humane Society of the United States. The plates shall be issued to any person in any combination of numbers and letters from one to a maximum of seven, as for personalized license plates. The plate shall contain the official Humane Society logo;

18. Oklahoma Mustang Club - such plates shall be designed, subject to criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission, by the Oklahoma Mustang Club, and issued to any resident of this state who is a member of the Oklahoma Mustang Club. Such persons may apply for an Oklahoma Mustang Club license plate upon presentment of proof of membership in the Oklahoma Mustang Club. The plates shall be issued to any person in any combination of numbers and letters from one to a maximum of seven, as for personalized license plates;

19. American Business Clubs (AMBUCS) License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to members of American Business Clubs. Persons applying for such license plate must show proof of membership in AMBUCS. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with American Business Clubs;

20. West Point 200th Anniversary License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to commemorate the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the West Point Society of Central Oklahoma;

21. Northern Cherokee Nation of the Old Louisiana Territory License Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to persons

wishing to demonstrate support or affiliation with the Northern Cherokee Nation of the Old Louisiana Territory;

22. Oklahoma Aquarium License Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to persons wishing to demonstrate support for the Oklahoma Aquarium. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Aquarium;

23. The Pride of Broken Arrow License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for The Pride of Broken Arrow marching band. The plates shall be designed in consultation with the Broken Arrow Public School System;

24. Fellowship of Christian Athletes License Plates - such plates shall be designed in consultation with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and issued to members and supporters of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes;

25. Parrothead Club License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to members and supporters of the Parrothead Club. The license plate shall be issued to any person in any combination of numbers and letters from one to a maximum of seven as for personalized license plates;

26. Oklahoma Bicycling Coalition License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person who is a member of the Oklahoma Bicycling Coalition. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Bicycling Coalition;

27. Electric Lineman License Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to persons wishing to demonstrate support for Oklahoma's electric linemen. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Electric Superintendent's Association;

28. Alpha Kappa Alpha License Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to persons wishing to demonstrate support for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. The license plates shall be designed in

consultation with the Oklahoma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority;

29. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated License Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to persons wishing to demonstrate support for Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated;

30. The National Pan-Hellenic Council Incorporated License Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support to any of the nine sororities and fraternities recognized by the National Pan-Hellenic Council Incorporated. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council Incorporated; and

31. Organ, Eye and Tissue License Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to persons wishing to demonstrate support and increase awareness for organ, eye and tissue donation. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Organ Donor Education and Awareness Program Advisory Council.

C. The fee for such plates shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. Unless otherwise provided in this section, the fee shall be apportioned as follows: Eight Dollars (\$8.00) of the special license plate fee shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund to be used for the administration of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act and the remaining Seven Dollars (\$7.00) of the special license plate fee shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1104 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 13. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1135.4 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby authorized to design and issue personalized license plates. The personalized license plates shall be issued on a staggered system except for vintage decals.

Personalized special license plates shall not be transferred to any other person but shall be removed from the vehicle upon transfer of ownership and retained. The personalized special license plate may then be used on another vehicle but only after such other vehicle has been registered for the current year.

Personalized special license plates shall be renewed each year by the Tax Commission or a motor license agent. The Tax Commission shall annually notify by mail all persons issued special license plates. The notice shall contain all necessary information and shall contain instructions for the renewal procedure upon presentation to a motor license agent or the Tax Commission. The motor license agent fees for renewals shall be paid out of the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.

B. Such plates shall be designed and issued for the following:

1. Any person in any combination of numbers or letters from one to a maximum of seven;

2. Persons eligible for two or more of the military decoration special license plates provided for in Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Such plates may be issued in any combination of emblems. However, such plates shall only display up to three emblems and shall also display any combination of letters or numbers from one to a maximum of three;

3. Motorcycles in any combination of numbers or letters from one to a maximum of six;

4. Persons eligible for Korean War Veteran license plates provided for in Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Such plates may display any combination of letters or numbers up to three on each side of the insignia or emblem;

5. Persons eligible for World War II Veteran license plates provided for in Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Such plates may display any combination of letters or numbers up to three on each side of the insignia or emblem; and

6. Persons owning vehicles which are twenty-one (21) years and older are qualified to submit for approval by the Tax Commission or a motor license agent a vintage but expired official Oklahoma license plate which is twenty-one (21) years and older. Upon approval of such personalized plate, the owner shall be issued the annual registration decal which the Tax Commission or agent shall direct to be affixed.

C. The fee for such plates shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. Eight Dollars (\$8.00) of the personalized tag fee shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund to be used for the administration of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) of the personalized tag fee shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1104 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 14. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1135.5 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby authorized to design and issue appropriate official special license plates to persons wishing to demonstrate support and provide financial assistance as provided by this section.

Special license plates shall not be transferred to any other person but shall be removed from the vehicle upon transfer of ownership and retained. The special license plate may then be used on another vehicle but only after such other vehicle has been registered for the current year with a motor license agent.

Special license plates shall be renewed each year by the Tax Commission or a motor license agent. The Tax Commission shall annually notify by mail all persons issued special license plates. The notice shall contain all necessary information and shall contain instructions for the renewal procedure upon presentation to a motor license agent or the Tax Commission. The license plates shall be issued on a staggered system.

The Tax Commission is hereby directed to develop and implement a system whereby motor license agents are permitted to accept applications for special license plates authorized under this section. The motor license agent shall confirm the applicant's eligibility, if applicable, collect and deposit any amount specifically authorized by law, accept and process the necessary information directly into such system and generate a receipt accordingly. For performance of these duties, motor license agents shall retain the fee provided in Section 1141.1 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes for registration of a motor vehicle. The motor license agent fees for acceptance of applications and renewals shall be paid out of the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.

If fewer than one hundred of any type of special license plates authorized prior to January 1, 2004, are issued prior to January 1, 2006, the Tax Commission shall discontinue issuance and renewal of that type of special license plate. Any such authorized special license plate registrant shall be allowed to display the license plate upon the designated vehicle until the registration expiration date. After such time the expired special license plate shall be removed from the vehicle.

For special license plates authorized on or after July 1, 2004, no special license plates shall be developed or issued by the Tax Commission until the Commission receives one hundred (100) prepaid applications therefor. The prepaid applications must be received by the Tax Commission within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the

effective date of the authorization or the authority to issue shall be null and void. In the event one hundred (100) prepaid applications are not received by the Tax Commission within such prescribed time period any payment so received shall be refunded accordingly.

B. The special license plates provided by this section are as follows:

1. University or College Supporter License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support to any state-supported or private university or college. As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1104.1 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

2. Environmental Awareness License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to the criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission by the Department of Environmental Quality in consultation with the Oklahoma Arts Council, and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support to implement the statewide general public environmental education program created pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Environmental Quality Code. Such plates shall be designed and issued to any person in any combination of numbers and letters from one to a maximum of seven, as for personalized license plates. A dealer's license plate issued pursuant to Section 1116.1 or 1128 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes may be designated an Environmental Awareness License Plate upon payment of the fee imposed by this section and any other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be apportioned pursuant to Section 1104.2 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3. Firefighter License Plates - such plates shall be designed for any career or retired firefighter, volunteer or paid.

Firefighters may apply for firefighter plates for up to four vehicles with a rated capacity of one (1) ton or less or for a motorcycle upon proof of a fire department membership by either an identification card or letter from the chief of the fire department. Retirees who are eligible for such plates shall provide proof of eligibility upon initial application, but shall not be required to provide proof of eligibility annually. The surviving spouse of any deceased firefighter, if the spouse has not since remarried, may apply for a firefighter license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less or for a motorcycle upon proof that the deceased firefighter was a member of a fire department by either an identification card or letter from the chief of the fire department.

Except for motorcycles, the license plate shall have the legend "Oklahoma" in the color Pantone 186C Red and shall contain no more than three letters and three numbers in the color Pantone 301C Blue. Between the letters and numbers shall be the Firefighter Maltese Cross Logo in the color Pantone 186C Red outlined in the color Pantone 301C Blue. Below the letters and the logo shall be the word "Firefighter" in the color Pantone 186C Red. The license plate for motorcycles may be of a similar design as space permits or a new design in order to meet the space requirements of a motorcycle license plate. The plates shall not be subject to the design requirements of any other license plates prescribed by law other than the space for the placement of the yearly decals for each succeeding year of registration after the initial issue.

As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be deposited to the Oklahoma State Firemen's Museum Building & Memorial Fund for support of the Oklahoma Firefighter Fallen and Living Memorial;

4. Wildlife Conservation License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to the criteria to be presented to the Tax

Commission by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation in consultation with the Oklahoma Arts Council, and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for wildlife conservation in this state through the Wildlife Diversity Fund, provided for in Section 3-310 of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Such plates may be designed and issued to any person as for personalized license plates.

As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be apportioned pursuant to subsection D of Section 3-310 of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

5. Child Abuse Prevention License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to the criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission by the Office of Child Abuse Prevention in the State Department of Health and the Oklahoma Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the prevention of child abuse.

As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be deposited in the Child Abuse Prevention Fund;

6. United States Olympic Committee Supporter License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the United States Olympic Committee. The plates shall be issued to any person in any combination of numbers and letters from one to a maximum of seven, as for personalized license plates. The plate shall contain the official United States Olympic Committee logo. The Tax Commission shall be authorized, if necessary, to enter into a licensing agreement with the United States Olympic Committee for any licensing fees which may be required in order to use the United States Olympic Committee logo or design. The licensing agreement shall provide for a payment of not more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each license plate issued;

7. Oklahoma History License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate interest in Oklahoma history. As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be deposited to the Oklahoma Historical Society Revolving Fund to be used for educational purposes;

8. Historic Route 66 License Plates - such plates shall be designed to honor historic Route 66, also known as the "Mother Road". As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be apportioned to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department Revolving Fund to be distributed to the Route 66 Museum located in Clinton, Oklahoma;

9. Heart of the Heartland License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to honor the victims of the terrorist bombing attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995. As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be deposited in the Heart of the Heartland Scholarship Fund, as established in Section 2282 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

10. Emergency Medical Technician License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person who is an emergency medical technician. Such persons may apply for an emergency medical technician license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of an emergency medical technician's license. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with the state association of emergency medical technicians. As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be apportioned to the county of residence of the person purchasing the plates to be equally apportioned by the county to the city and county volunteer fire departments in the county;

11. Fight Breast Cancer License Plates - such plates shall be designed to demonstrate support for the prevention and treatment of breast cancer in this state. As provided in this section, an amount

of the fee collected shall be apportioned to the Breast Cancer Act Revolving Fund;

12. Crime Victims Awareness License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate awareness of and support for victims of crimes. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Crime Victims Centre. As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be apportioned to the Attorney General's Revolving Fund for the Office of the Attorney General, which is hereby directed to use such funds to contract with a statewide nonprofit organization to provide services to crime victims;

13. Oklahoma Safe Kids Association License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support and awareness of the Oklahoma Safe Kids Association. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Safe Kids Association. As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be deposited in the Children's Hospital - Oklahoma Safe Kids Association Revolving Fund to be distributed to the Oklahoma Safe Kids Association program;

14. Four-H Club License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission by the Four-H Foundation, and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support of the Four-H Club. Such plates may be designed and issued to any person as for personalized license plates. As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be apportioned to the OSU Extension Service License Plate Revolving Fund created in Section 1104.4 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

15. Agricultural Awareness License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission, by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry in consultation with the Oklahoma Arts Council, and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support of the Department's Ag

in the Classroom Education Program. As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1104.3 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

16. Oklahoma Statehood Centennial License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to commemorate the centennial of Oklahoma's admission to statehood in 1907. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Capitol Complex and Centennial Commemoration Commission. As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Capitol Complex and Centennial Commemoration Commission Revolving Fund created in Section 98.5 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

17. Support Education License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission by the State Department of Education in consultation with the Oklahoma Arts Council, and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for education in this state. All motor license agents shall display a sample of the Support Education License plate in the area of the business accessed by the public. Twenty-three dollars (\$23.00) of the fee collected shall be apportioned as follows:

- a. five percent (5%) shall be deposited to the Education Reform Revolving Fund,
- b. five percent (5%) shall be deposited to the Higher Education Revolving Fund,
- c. five percent (5%) shall be deposited to the State Career Technology Fund, and
- d. eighty-five percent (85%) of the fee shall be deposited to the Teachers' Retirement Benefit Fund as set forth in Section 17-108 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

However, when the Teachers' Retirement Benefit Fund attains a seventy percent (70%) funded ratio based on an annual actuarial valuation as required by law, the amount of the fee shall be apportioned equally pursuant to subparagraphs a, b and c of this paragraph;

18. Retired Oklahoma Highway Patrol Officers License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any retired officer of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. The license plate shall have the legend "Oklahoma" and shall contain, in the center of the plate, the Highway Patrol Officers patch using the same colors and pattern as used in the patch. Centered on the bottom of the license plate shall be the word "Retired". The letters "TRP" shall be used in combination with three numbers on either side of the insignia or emblem. The color of the letters and numbers shall be brown. Retirees who are eligible for such plates shall provide proof of eligibility upon initial application, but shall not be required to provide proof of eligibility annually. The surviving spouse of any deceased retired officer of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, if the spouse has not since remarried, or if remarried, the remarriage is terminated by death, divorce, or annulment, may apply for a Retired Oklahoma Highway Patrol Officers license plate. As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be deposited into the Law Enforcement Retirement Fund;

19. Boy Scouts of America Supporter License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the Boy Scouts of America. The plates shall be issued to any person in any combination of numbers and letters from one to a maximum of seven, as for personalized license plates. The plate shall contain the official Boy Scouts of America logo. The Tax Commission shall be authorized, if necessary, to enter into a licensing agreement with the Boy Scouts of America for any licensing fees which may be required in order to use the Boy Scouts

of America logo or design. The licensing agreement shall provide for a payment to the Boy Scouts of America of not more than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for each license plate issued;

20. Urban Forestry and Beautification License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission, by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry in consultation with nonprofit organizations in this state that develop and operate programs to encourage urban forestry and beautification, and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support of such programs. As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1104.5 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

21. Oklahoma State Parks Supporter License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the Oklahoma state parks system. Twenty-three dollars (\$23.00) of the fee collected shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department Revolving Fund. Such money shall be designated for and may only be expended for the support of Oklahoma state parks;

22. Adoption Creates Families License Plates - such plates shall be issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support of pregnant women who are committed to placing their children for adoption and wishing to provide assistance to guardians, adoptive parents and other created families to assist in the adoption and placement of children in permanent, safe homes. The license plates shall be designed and final terminology delivered in consultation with the Oklahoma Adoption Coalition and the Department of Human Services. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of the fee collected shall be deposited in a revolving fund established in the State Treasury for and to be used by the Department of Human Services for the

implementation of the Investing in Stronger Oklahoma Families Act specifically for created families;

23. Choose Life License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to criteria presented to the Tax Commission, by Choose Life, Inc., and issued to any person who wishes to demonstrate support of organizations that encourage adoption as a positive choice for women with unplanned pregnancies. As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be deposited in the Choose Life Assistance Program Revolving Fund established in Section 1104.6 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

24. Future Farmers of America License Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to persons wishing to demonstrate support for the Oklahoma FFA (formerly known as Future Farmers of America). The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma FFA Foundation Board of Directors. As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1104.7 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

25. Lions Club License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to persons wishing to demonstrate support for the Lions Club of Oklahoma. The plates shall be issued to any person in any combination of numbers and letters from one to a maximum of seven, as for personalized license plates. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation and shall contain the official logo of the International Association of Lions Clubs. The Tax Commission shall be authorized to enter into a licensing agreement with the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation. The licensing agreement shall provide for a payment to the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation of not more than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each license plate issued;

26. Color Oklahoma License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission by the Oklahoma Native Plant Society, and issued to any person

wishing to demonstrate support for preserving and planting wildflowers and native plants in Oklahoma and to promote Oklahoma's wildflower heritage through education. As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be apportioned as provided in Section 8 of this act;

27. Girl Scouts of the United States of America Supporter License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. The plates shall be issued to any person in any combination of numbers and letters from one to a maximum of seven, as for personalized license plates. The plate shall contain the official Girl Scouts of the United States of America logo. The Tax Commission shall be authorized, if necessary, to enter into a licensing agreement with the Girl Scouts of the United States of America for any licensing fees which may be required in order to use the Girl Scouts of the United States of America logo or design. The licensing agreement shall provide for a payment to the Girl Scouts of Magic Empire Council, acting on behalf of all Oklahoma Girl Scout councils, of not more than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for each license plate issued;

28. Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon. The plate shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon. The Tax Commission shall be authorized to enter into a licensing agreement with the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon for any licensing fees which may be required in order to use the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon logo or design. The licensing agreement shall provide for a payment to the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon of not more than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for each license plate issued;

29. Oklahoma Scenic Rivers License Plate - such plates shall be designed to demonstrate support for the Oklahoma Scenic Rivers. The plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission. Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) of the fee shall be apportioned to the Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission;

30. Fight Cancer License Plate - such plates shall be designed to demonstrate support for the Oklahoma Central Cancer Registry. The plate shall contain the American Cancer Society logo. The American Cancer Society logo shall be used in accordance with the American Cancer Society's branding guidelines and shall only be utilized to support the Oklahoma Central Cancer Registry. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the fee shall be apportioned to the Oklahoma Central Cancer Registry Revolving Fund; and

31. Animal Friendly License Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for controlling the overpopulation of dogs and cats through educational and sterilization efforts. The plates shall be designed in consultation with the Veterinary Medical Association. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the fee collected shall be designated by the purchaser of the plate to be deposited in the Oklahoma Pet Overpopulation Fund created in Section 17 of this act or the Animal Friendly Revolving Fund created in Section 18 of this act.

C. The fee for such plates shall be Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. The fee shall be apportioned as follows:

1. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) or any other amount as provided in Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes of the fee shall be apportioned as provided or deposited in a fund as specified within the paragraph authorizing the special license plate;

2. Eight Dollars (\$8.00) of the fee shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund to be used for the

administration of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act;
and

3. Any remaining amounts of the fee shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1104 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 15. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1135.6 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby authorized to design and issue National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing Driver ("NASCAR") Theme License Plates. Such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate interest in NASCAR auto racing. The plates shall be of such design as the supplier of the license plates in consultation with the Oklahoma Tax Commission may prescribe. The fee for such plate shall be Forty Dollars (\$40.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. The Tax Commission shall be authorized to enter into a licensing agreement with the supplier of such NASCAR Driver license plates or other entity for any required licensing fees. The licensing agreement shall provide for a payment of not more than Twenty-five Percent (25%) of the fee authorized for each license plate issued. Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the forty-dollar fee shall be apportioned to the General Revenue Fund. The remaining amount of such fee shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.

For license plates numbered zero (0) through one hundred (100) displaying a particular NASCAR Driver theme, the Oklahoma Tax Commission may establish an auction or similar procedure for the purpose of determining the order in which such distinctive license plates are sold and the amount of the additional fee for the distinctive license plates. This amount shall be due at the time the original application is submitted to the Tax Commission and

Forty Dollars (\$40.00) thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration.

SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 113, is amended to read as follows:

Section 113. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Tax Commission to be known as the "Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund". Said revolving fund shall consist of any funds received by the Tax Commission for data processing services or equipment rental and any funds received by the Tax Commission from any incorporated city, town, or county pursuant to a contractual agreement for the augmentation of the enforcement and collection of municipal or county taxes entered into pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1371 or 2702 of this title. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Tax Commission is authorized to hire full-time-equivalent employees as necessary to perform such duties as to fulfill contractual agreements authorized pursuant to Sections 1371 and 2702 of this title, however, such employees hired to perform such contractual duties shall be supported solely by funds in the Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund which are collected by the Tax Commission from incorporated cities, towns, and counties pursuant to such contractual agreements and such employees shall be terminated upon the discontinuation of such funds or inadequate funds to support such positions. Such full-time-equivalent employees shall be in the unclassified service and shall not be subject to any provisions of the Oklahoma Personnel Act or to any of the rules or regulations promulgated by the Office of Personnel Management except leave regulations. All fees collected and apportioned to this fund under the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, Section 1101 et seq. of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, may be used by the Motor Vehicle Division of the Oklahoma Tax Commission to pay all costs incurred in the issuance of certificates of title and inspection of vehicles, including, but not limited to, additional

computer costs for the Tax Commission and motor license agents and the check verification system authorized pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 1144 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes or be used for capital expenditures as authorized by the Oklahoma State Legislature. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, disbursements from the fund shall be exempt from all agency budget limits.

SECTION 17. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2368.11 of Title 68, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall include on each state individual tax return form for tax years beginning after December 31, 2003, and each state corporate tax return form for tax years beginning after December 31, 2003, an opportunity for the taxpayer to donate from a tax refund for the benefit of the Oklahoma Pet Overpopulation Fund created in subsection C of this section.

B. The monies generated from donations made pursuant to subsection A of this section shall be collected by the Tax Commission and placed to the credit of the Oklahoma Pet Overpopulation Fund created in subsection C of this section.

C. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund to be designated the "Oklahoma Pet Overpopulation Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies transferred to the fund pursuant to subsection A of this section, all monies transferred to the fund through the purchase of Animal Friendly special license plates, and any monies received in the form of gifts, grants, reimbursements, or donations specifically designated for the fund.

D. All monies accruing to the credit of the Oklahoma Pet Overpopulation Fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry through the State Veterinarian for the purpose of

implementing and maintaining pet sterilization efforts in the State of Oklahoma.

E. Expenditures from the Oklahoma Pet Overpopulation Fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 18. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1104.10 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The fee authorized by Section 14 of this act shall be deposited to the Animal Friendly Revolving Fund created in subsection B of this section.

B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to be designated the "Animal Friendly Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Department pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry for the purpose of contracting with or providing grants to organizations of veterinary clinics that develop and operate programs that provide dog or cat spaying and neutering services and nonprofit organizations that provide shelter to unwanted stray dogs and cats. Such organizations may apply to the Department for grants to be paid from the fund. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 19. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 2282, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2282. A. There shall be created a trust fund to be known as the "Heart of the Heartland Scholarship Fund". The trust fund shall be managed and controlled by a board of trustees. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall constitute the board of trustees of the Heart of the Heartland Scholarship Fund.

B. The trust capital shall consist of all monies received from the sale of the Heart of the Heartland special license plates authorized pursuant to ~~Section 1136 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ Section 14 of this act.

C. The board of trustees shall invest the trust capital in a reasonable and prudent manner which, consistent with any long-term investment needs, will produce the greatest trust income over the term of the investment while preserving the trust capital. All trust income shall be reinvested into the trust fund except as provided in subsection D of this section.

D. The trust fund shall be administered for the purpose of providing the necessary funds for students attending institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education who were injured or whose parent or legal guardian was killed in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall grant the monies from the trust fund to any student eligible. To be eligible to receive the trust funds, an applicant shall:

1. Be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate or graduate program at a member institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education; and

2. Be a child injured or be the child of a parent or legal guardian killed as a result of the bombing at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

E. Any trust capital or income remaining in the trust fund on July 1, 2025, shall be transferred and deposited into the General Revenue Fund, and the Heart of the Heartland Scholarship Fund shall

terminate. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall promulgate any necessary rules to implement this section.

SECTION 20. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 602 of Title 4, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, through the State Veterinarian, may:

1. Adopt an education program concerning pet overpopulation with emphasis on the importance of spaying and neutering to control pet overpopulation;

2. Accept gifts, grants, and donations, including personal services. Any gift, grant, or donation other than personal services shall be deposited into the Oklahoma Pet Overpopulation Fund created in Section 17 of this act;

3. Develop, adopt, and implement a cooperative process for working with animal shelters, veterinarians, and local communities concerning pet overpopulation in this state; and

4. Enter into contracts with entities for the evaluation and selection of program applicants.

B. When expending funds to implement this section, the State Veterinarian shall:

1. Establish a method for publishing, accepting, and evaluating grant applications for spay and neuter programs; and

2. Give priority to the areas that have demonstrated the greatest need.

SECTION 21. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby directed to enter into a joint study with the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of developing a uniform basic format for Oklahoma special license plates. Notwithstanding any other provision in this title, the Tax Commission is hereby authorized to implement a uniform basic format

for special license plates as agreed to by the Department of Public Safety.

SECTION 22. REPEALER 47 O.S. 2001, Section 1136, as amended by Section 2 of Enrolled House Bill No. 1890 of the 2nd Session of the 49th Oklahoma Legislature, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 23. REPEALER 47 O.S. 2001, Section 1136.1, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 24. REPEALER 47 O.S. 2001, Section 253, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 25. This act shall become effective July 1, 2004.

SECTION 26. 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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