ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2143

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and

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(revenue and taxation - amending 68 O.S., Section 2105 - vehicle excise tax - exemption - certain spouses - limiting use of exemption - effective date)

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 2105, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

a. if such vehicle, travel trailer, or commercial trailer has been registered in Oklahoma and the excise tax paid thereon, or

b. when such vehicle, travel trailer, or commercial trailer has been registered in some other state but is not the latest manufactured model.

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

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

a. if such vehicle is not purchased for operation or resale in this state, and

b. the state from which the dealer is licensed offers reciprocal privileges to a dealer licensed in this state, pursuant to a reciprocal agreement between the duly authorized agent of the Tax Commission and the licensing state;

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

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

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

a. from one corporation to another corporation pursuant to a reorganization. As used in this subsection the term "reorganization" means:

(1) a statutory merger or consolidation, or

(2) the acquisition by a corporation of substantially all of the properties of another corporation when the consideration is solely all or a part of the voting stock of the acquiring corporation, or of its parent or subsidiary corporation,

b. in connection with the winding up, dissolution, or liquidation of a corporation only when there is a distribution in kind to the shareholders of the property of such corporation,

c. to a corporation where the former owners of the vehicle or motor vehicle transferred are, immediately

after the transfer, in control of the corporation, and the stock or securities received by each is substantially in proportion to the interest in the vehicle or motor vehicle prior to the transfer,

d. to a partnership if the former owners of the vehicle or motor vehicle transferred are, immediately after the transfer, members of such partnership and the interest in the partnership received by each is substantially in proportion to the interest in the vehicle or motor vehicle prior to the transfer,

e. from a partnership to the members thereof when made in the dissolution of such partnership,

f. to a limited liability company if the former owners of the vehicle or motor vehicle transferred are, immediately after the transfer, members of the limited liability company and the interest in the limited liability company received by each is substantially in proportion to the interest in the vehicle or motor vehicle prior to the transfer, or

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

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

a. the vehicle shall not be rented to the same person for a period exceeding ninety (90) days,

b. any such vehicle exempted from the excise tax by these provisions shall not be placed under any type of lease agreement,

c. on any such vehicle exempted from the excise tax by this subsection that is reregistered in this state,

without a prior sale or transfer to the persons specified in divisions (1) and (2) of this subparagraph, at any time prior to the expiration of twelve (12) months from the date of issuance of the original title, the seller shall pay immediately the amount of excise tax which would have been due had this exemption not been granted plus a penalty of twenty percent (20%). No such excise tax or penalty shall become due and payable if the vehicle is sold or transferred in a condition either physical or mechanical which would render it eligible for a salvage title pursuant to law or if the vehicle is sold and transferred in this state at any time prior to the expiration of twelve (12) months:

(1) to the manufacturer of the vehicle or its controlled financing arm, or

(2) to a factory authorized franchised new motor vehicle dealer which holds a franchise of the same line-make of the vehicle being purchased, or

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

(1) payment of the excise tax plus penalty as provided in this section is made,

(2) the sale is made to a person specified in division (1) or (2) of subparagraph c of this paragraph, or

(3) the vehicle is eligible for a salvage title.

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

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

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

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

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

15. Any vehicle which:

a. is purchased by a private, nonprofit organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and which is primarily funded by a fraternal or civic service

organization with at least one hundred local chapters or clubs, and

b. is designed and used to provide mobile health screening services to the general public at no cost to the recipient, and for which no reimbursement of any kind is received from any health insurance provider, health maintenance organization, or governmental program;

16. Any vehicle purchased by a person presenting proper certification from the Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of the United States certifying that the person is a veteran with a service-connected disability rating of no less than one hundred percent (100%). A person who qualifies for this exemption may only claim this exemption on two vehicles during a calendar year. This exemption shall be transferable to the spouse of a person who qualifies for the exemption upon the death of the person; or

17. Any vehicle purchased by the spouse of a person killed during active duty for any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2004.

Passed the House of Representatives the 10th day of February, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate