

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 1178

6 By: Brown

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8 An Act relating to public safety; amending 63 O.S.
9 2001, Section 4030, as last amended by Section 102,
10 Chapter 1, O.S.L. 2005 (63 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section
11 4030), which relates to the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor
12 Registration Act; requiring development of certain
13 numbering system by the Oklahoma Tax Commission;
14 authorizing development of certain numbering system
15 by certain tribes; requiring conformation of certain
16 numbers to certain regulations; providing system
17 effective date; requiring certain recordation of
18 permanent vessel numbers issued by certain tribes;
19 providing specifications for placement of certain
20 decals and numbers; providing specifications for
21 composition of certain decals and numbers; and
22 providing an effective date.

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

24 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 4030, as
last amended by Section 102, Chapter 1, O.S.L. 2005 (63 O.S. Supp.
2007, Section 4030), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4030. A. 1. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall, and
each federally recognized Indian tribe of this state may, develop
and implement a permanent number system for vessels which is

1 consistent with United States Coast Guard statutes and regulations.

2 The system shall be effective upon the effective date of this act.

3 2. Except as otherwise provided by this section, every vessel
4 on the waters of this state shall display the permanent number
5 assigned to it by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Tax Commission or by a federally
6 recognized Indian tribe of this state, which number shall not be
7 obliterated, erased, mutilated, removed or missing.

8 3. In order to ensure that:

9 a. a permanent number issued by a federally recognized
10 Indian tribe of this state conforms to federal
11 statutory and regulatory requirements of the United
12 States Coast Guard, and

13 b. the rights prescribed in paragraph 2 of this
14 subsection are extended to every federally recognized
15 Indian tribe of this state,

16 every vessel on the waters of this state assigned a permanent number
17 by a federally recognized Indian tribe of this state which issues
18 permanent numbers shall be recorded and maintained by the Tax
19 Commission in the same manner as the Tax Commission records and
20 maintains the permanent number of vessels on the waters of this
21 state which are assigned by the Tax Commission.

22 B. The vessels authorized to display a number other than that
23 required by the provisions of the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor
24 Registration Act are:

1 1. A documented vessel, provided that such vessel is currently
2 registered, is displaying both current registration decals, and the
3 name, hailing port and official federal documentation number
4 assigned to it are displayed on the vessel according to federal law
5 or federal rules and regulations;

6 2. A vessel from a country other than the United States
7 temporarily using the waters of this state;

8 3. A vessel from another state owned by an out-of-state
9 resident using the waters of this state;

10 4. A vessel whose owner is the United States, a state or a
11 subdivision thereof; provided, however, if such vessel is used for
12 recreational or rental purposes on the public waters of this state,
13 ~~said~~ that vessel shall display the permanent number assigned to it
14 by the Tax Commission;

15 5. A vessel that is used exclusively and solely for racing
16 purposes;

17 6. A vessel that is used exclusively and solely as a lifeboat;
18 and

19 7. A commercial flotation device which is assigned a permit by
20 the ~~Oklahoma~~ Scenic Rivers Commission pursuant to the provisions of
21 Sections 1461 et seq. of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

22 C. Except as otherwise provided for in this section, every
23 vessel and every outboard motor on the waters of this state shall
24 display the current registration decals or decal assigned to it by

1 the ~~Oklahoma~~ Tax Commission. The outboard motor registration decal
2 shall be affixed to the upper portion of the motor cowling in such a
3 manner that approximately one-half (1/2) of the decal is displayed
4 on the left side of the motor cowling extending toward the rear of
5 the motor cowling. Vessel registration decals shall be:

- 6 1. Affixed on each side of the forward half of the vessel; and
- 7 2. In line with and within six (6) inches aft of the permanent
8 number.

9 D. The owner of any vessel issued a permanent number pursuant
10 to the provisions of the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor Registration Act,
11 Section 4002 et seq. of this title, shall place on or attach to the
12 vessel ~~said~~ the permanent number in such manner as may be prescribed
13 ~~by the rules of the Commission, in order~~ that it may be clearly
14 visible. The permanent number shall be:

- 15 1. Be maintained in legible condition;
- 16 2. Be painted, applied as a decal, or otherwise affixed to each
17 side of the forward half of the vessel in contrasting color to the
18 background, as high above the waterline as is practical;
- 19 3. Read from left to right;
- 20 4. Be comprised of numbers and letters printed in block style
21 of at least three (3) inches in height and one-half (1/2) inch in
22 stroke width; and

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