

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Committee Substitute for  
House Bill No. 3326

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 3326 - By: MILLER of the House and JOLLEY of the Senate.

An Act relating to motor vehicles; directing reissue of certain redesigned license plate; providing for certain apportionment; requiring reissue of license plates; authorizing promulgation of rules; providing certain procedures; specifying certain construction design and materials requirements; allowing for certain future reissue; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

- 1           SECTION 1.   NEW LAW   A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma  
2 Statutes as Section 1113.1 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,  
3 reads as follows:
- 4           A. The Administrator of the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall initiate the reissue of  
5 the official vehicle license plates which currently bear the legend “Oklahoma Native  
6 America” and, unless otherwise provided, all previous license plate designs and  
7 substitute therefor a new license plate designed by the Oklahoma License Plate Design  
8 Tack Force created in Section 1113.3 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- 9           B. In addition to the monies apportioned by Section 1104 of Title 47 of the  
10 Oklahoma Statutes, the following amounts of monies shall be placed to the credit of the

1 Oklahoma Tax Commission Revolving Fund for the purpose of conducting a new general  
2 issue of license plates commencing January 1, 2009:

3 1. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, the first  
4 Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) collected or received by the Tax Commission  
5 pursuant to the registration of vehicles as provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and  
6 Registration Act; and

7 2. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010, the first  
8 Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) collected or received by the Tax Commission  
9 pursuant to the registration of vehicles as provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and  
10 Registration Act.

11 C. Subject to the Oklahoma Tax Commission Revolving Fund receiving credit for  
12 the funds referenced in subsection B of this section, the Administrator shall devise a  
13 numbering system suitable for a new general issue of license plates commencing January  
14 1, 2009. Unless otherwise provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration  
15 Act, new license plates will be issued to all registrants applying for an original or  
16 renewal registration on or after January 1, 2009, and will continue until all previously  
17 issued license plates have been replaced. Upon receipt of the new general issue license  
18 plate, registrants shall replace any previously issued Oklahoma general issue license  
19 plate currently displayed on their vehicle.

20 D. The Tax Commission shall have the authority to promulgate any rules necessary  
21 to implement such a new general issue. In conjunction with a new general issue of

1 license plates, the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the Oklahoma Correctional Industries  
2 may utilize an alternative method of license plate inventory management.

3 E. Except for vehicles registered with a permanent nonexpiring license plate  
4 pursuant to Sections 1113 and 1133 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, vehicles  
5 registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 1120 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma  
6 Statutes, certain official special license plates and license plates issued for motorcycles  
7 and mopeds, the new license plate design provided for in subsection A of this section  
8 shall be a part of all license plates issued on or after January 1, 2009. The Oklahoma  
9 Tax Commission may establish procedures for the purpose of allowing current  
10 registrants to reserve their present general issue or personalized license plate numbers  
11 for a fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00), provided payment of the fees are received by the Tax  
12 Commission on or before November 1, 2008. The fees shall be deposited into the  
13 Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund for the purpose of conducting the new  
14 general issue of license plates.

15 F. The license plates shall be issued with identification numbers and letters in a  
16 color that provides a distinct contrast with a light-colored background in the plate  
17 identification area. All license plates and decals shall be made with reflectorized  
18 material as a background to the letters, numbers and characters displayed thereon. The  
19 reflectorized material shall be of such a nature as to provide effective and dependable  
20 brightness during the service period for which the license plate or decal is issued.

21 G. In furtherance of the public safety of Oklahoma drivers, the Department of  
22 Public Safety may request that the Oklahoma Tax Commission initiate subsequent

1 reissues of the official vehicle license plate. Provided however, such request shall not  
2 occur more frequently than seven (7) years following the most recent reissue. Upon such  
3 request and subject to the Tax Commission receiving the necessary funds the Tax  
4 Commission shall initiate the reissue.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

6 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
7 peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof  
8 this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET,  
10 dated 03-05-08 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.