

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1398

By: Mazzei and Stanislawski of
the Senate

and

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An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2001, Section 4020, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 2004 (63 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 4020), which relates to the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor Registration Act; modifying procedures for renewal notifications; authorizing certain fee amount; providing for receipt of renewal notifications by members of the armed forces and components of armed forces and related parties; authorizing certain methods for notification; modifying required content of notifications; imposing duty on the Oklahoma Tax Commission with respect to procedures for annual notifications; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 4020, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 379, O.S.L. 2004 (63 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 4020), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4020. ~~Beginning January 1, 1990, the~~ The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall notify through the mail, or via electronic mail, all persons who have not opted out of the notification system within the state who have previous vessel or motor registrations on record of the period for registration that are due to be registered in July

of that year. Such Persons choosing to receive such annual notification through the mail shall be assessed an annual fee of fifty cents (\$0.50), notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1114.1 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, which shall be used by the Tax Commission for printing and mailing of renewal notifications. Members of the armed forces of the United States, the Reserve Corps of the armed forces of the United States, and the Oklahoma National Guard and their spouses eligible for the military registration fee, as provided in Section 4021 of this title, shall receive a renewal notification without payment of such fee. The printed notice shall contain all necessary information for such registration including a breakdown of all charges to be paid by the owner. The breakdown of the charges to be paid by the owner shall include the charges an owner would pay to register the vessel or motor for a one-year period and the charges an owner would pay to register the vessel or motor for a three-year period. Use of a postcard or electronic mail-type renewal notice is specifically permitted. The content and form of the notice shall also contain instructions as to the procedure for renewal upon presentation to a motor license agent or by return mail to the Tax Commission's state office. On the back of such registration notice form there shall be an explanation of the apportionment of all fees and penalties collected and their disposition. Such explanation shall include information as to all charges and fees included in the total fee or incident to the registration of a vessel or motor. If the owner chooses the option of receiving these services through the mail, either from the Commission or a motor license agent, he shall be instructed to pay the final total listed for the period of registration chosen by the owner. The Tax Commission shall provide information on its public website instructing persons on the procedure for obtaining an annual notification via electronic mail, free of charge, outlining all charges and fees associated with the registration of vessels and motors, as well as an explanation of the apportionment of vessel and motor registration fees and penalties. The cost of mailing shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) for titles or other forms or devices required by the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor Registration Act. Provided, that the Tax Commission may adjust any mailing costs as deemed appropriate to allow for increased or additional fees charged by the United States Postal Service.

Failure by any applicant to receive notification of renewal as provided by this section shall not excuse the applicant from

properly obtaining any registration at the proper time by presenting proof of ownership to the Tax Commission's state office or to a motor license agent.

SECTION 2. 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.

Passed the Senate the 21st day of May, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of May, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives