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THE STATE SENATE
Thursday, February 18, 2010

Committee Substitute for
Senate Bill No. 1398

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1398 - By: Mazzei and Stanislawski of the Senate and Hickman of the House.

[public health and safety - Oklahoma Vessel and Motor Registration Act - electronic mail - 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 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

1 registration fee, as provided in Section 4021 of this title, shall
2 receive a renewal notification without payment of such fee. The
3 printed notice shall contain all necessary information for such
4 registration including a breakdown of all charges to be paid by the
5 owner. The breakdown of the charges to be paid by the owner shall
6 include the charges an owner would pay to register the vessel or
7 motor for a one-year period and the charges an owner would pay to
8 register the vessel or motor for a three-year period. Use of a
9 postcard or electronic mail-type renewal notice is specifically
10 permitted. The content and form of the notice shall also contain
11 instructions as to the procedure for renewal upon presentation to a
12 motor license agent or by return mail to the Tax Commission's state
13 ~~office. On the back of such registration notice form there shall be~~
14 ~~an explanation of the apportionment of all fees and penalties~~
15 ~~collected and their disposition. Such explanation shall include~~
16 ~~information as to all charges and fees included in the total fee or~~
17 ~~incident to the registration of a vessel or motor. If the owner~~
18 ~~chooses the option of receiving these services through the mail,~~
19 ~~either from the Commission or a motor license agent, he shall be~~
20 ~~instructed to pay the final total listed for the period of~~
21 ~~registration chosen by the owner. The Tax Commission shall provide~~
22 information on its public website instructing persons on the
23 procedure for obtaining an annual notification via electronic mail,

1 free of charge, outlining all charges and fees associated with the
2 registration of vessels and motors, as well as an explanation of the
3 apportionment of vessel and motor registration fees and penalties.

4 The cost of mailing shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) for titles or other
5 forms or devices required by the Oklahoma Vessel and Motor
6 Registration Act. Provided, that the Tax Commission may adjust any
7 mailing costs as deemed appropriate to allow for increased or
8 additional fees charged by the United States Postal Service.

9 Failure by any applicant to receive notification of renewal as
10 provided by this section shall not excuse the applicant from
11 properly obtaining any registration at the proper time by presenting
12 proof of ownership to the Tax Commission's state office or to a
13 motor license agent.

14 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
15 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
16 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
17 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, dated 2-16-10 - DO PASS,
19 As Amended and Coauthored.