STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1462 By: Ellis

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1135.3, which relates to special license plates; reauthorizing Oklahoma Rifle Association plate; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1135.3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1135.3. A. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby authorized to design and issue appropriate official special license plates to persons wishing to demonstrate support, interest, or membership to or for an organization, occupation, cause or other subject as provided by this section.

Special license plates shall not be transferred to any other person but shall be removed from the vehicle upon transfer of ownership and retained. The special license plate may then be used on another vehicle but only after such other vehicle has been registered for the current year.

Special license plates shall be renewed each year by the Tax Commission or a motor license agent. The Tax Commission shall annually notify by mail all persons issued special license plates. The notice shall contain all necessary information and shall contain instructions for the renewal procedure upon presentation to a motor license agent or the Tax Commission. The license plates shall be issued on a staggered system.

The Tax Commission is hereby directed to develop and implement a system whereby motor license agents are permitted to accept applications for special license plates authorized under this section. The motor license agent shall confirm the applicant's eligibility, if applicable, collect and deposit any amount specifically authorized by law, accept and process the necessary information directly into such system and generate a receipt accordingly. For performance of these duties, motor license agents shall retain the fee provided in Section 1141.1 of this title for registration of a motor vehicle. The motor license agent fees for acceptance of applications and renewals shall be paid out of the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.

If fewer than one hundred of any type of special license plates authorized prior to January 1, 2004, are issued prior to January 1, 2006, the Tax Commission shall discontinue issuance and renewal of that type of special license plate. Any such authorized special license plate registrant shall be allowed to display the license

plate upon the designated vehicle until the registration expiration date. After such time the expired special license plate shall be removed from the vehicle.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, for special license plates authorized on or after July 1, 2004, no special license plates shall be developed or issued by the Tax Commission until the Commission receives one hundred (100) prepaid applications therefor. The prepaid applications must be received by the Tax Commission within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the effective date of the authorization or the authority to issue shall be null and void. In the event one hundred (100) prepaid applications are not received by the Tax Commission within such prescribed time period any payment so received shall be refunded accordingly.

B. The special license plates provided by this section are as follows:

1. Round and Square Dance License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for round and square dancing;

2. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to the criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission by the NAACP, and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the NAACP;

3. National Rifle Association License Plates - such plates shall be designed, subject to the criteria to be presented to the

Tax Commission by the National Rifle Association, and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the National Rifle Association;

4. Masonic Fraternity License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state who is a member of a Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma. Such persons may apply for a Masonic Fraternity license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of a Masonic Fraternity membership or upon the presentment of an application for a Masonic Fraternity license plate authorized and approved by the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Masonic Fraternities of Oklahoma and shall contain the Masonic emblem;

5. Shriner's Hospitals for Burned and Crippled Children License Plates - such plates shall be designed to demonstrate support for Shriner's Hospitals for Burned and Crippled Children and shall be issued to any resident of this state who is a member of a Shriner's Temple in Oklahoma. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Shriner's Temples in Oklahoma and shall contain the Shriner's emblem;

6. Balloonists License Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for hot air ballooning in this state;

7. Order of the Eastern Star License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state who is a member of an Order of the Eastern Star. Such persons may apply for an Order of the Eastern Star license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of an Order of the Eastern Star membership or upon the presentment of an application for an Order of the Eastern Star license plate authorized and approved by the organization. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Order of the Eastern Star and shall contain the Order of the Eastern Star emblem;

8. Knights of Columbus License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state who is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Such persons may apply for a Knights of Columbus license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of a Knights of Columbus membership or upon the presentment of an application for a Knights of Columbus license plate authorized and approved by the organization. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Knights of Columbus and shall contain the Knights of Columbus emblem;

9. Jaycees License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to members of the Jaycees. Persons applying for such license plate must show proof of membership in the Jaycees. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Jaycees;

10. Ducks Unlimited License Plates – such plates shall be designed and issued to members of Ducks Unlimited. Persons applying for and renewing such license plates must show proof of tag membership in Ducks Unlimited. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with Ducks Unlimited;

11. Kiwanis International License Plates – such plates shall be designed and issued to members of Kiwanis International. Persons applying for such license plate must show proof of membership in Kiwanis International. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with Kiwanis International;

12. Certified Public Accountants License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state who is a Certified Public Accountant. Such persons may apply for a Certified Public Accountant license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of status as a Certified Public Accountant. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants;

13. Civil Emergency Management License Plates – such plates shall be designed and issued to persons wishing to demonstrate support for the state civil emergency management system;

14. Civilian Conservation Corps License Plates – such plates shall be designed, subject to criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission, by the Civilian Conservation Corps Association, and

issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support of the Civilian Conservation Corps;

15. Rotarian License Plates – such plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state who is a member of a Rotarian Club of Oklahoma. Such persons may apply for a Rotarian license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less upon proof of a Rotarian Club membership or upon the presentment of an application for a Rotarian license plate authorized and approved by a Rotarian Club of Oklahoma. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the five Rotarian District Governors and shall contain the Rotarian emblem;

16. Benevolent Protective Order of Elks – such plates shall be designed, subject to criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission, by the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and issued to any resident of this state who is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks;

17. Humane Society License Plates – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the Humane Society of the United States. The plates shall be issued to any person in any combination of numbers and letters from one to a maximum of seven, as for personalized license plates. The plate shall contain the official Humane Society logo;

18. Oklahoma Mustang Club – such plates shall be designed, subject to criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission, by the

Oklahoma Mustang Club, and issued to any resident of this state who is a member of the Oklahoma Mustang Club. Such persons may apply for an Oklahoma Mustang Club license plate upon presentment of proof of membership in the Oklahoma Mustang Club. The plates shall be issued to any person in any combination of numbers and letters from one to a maximum of seven, as for personalized license plates;

19. American Business Clubs (AMBUCS) License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to members of American Business Clubs. Persons applying for such license plate must show proof of membership in AMBUCS. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with American Business Clubs;

20. West Point 200th Anniversary License Plates – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to commemorate the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the West Point Society of Central Oklahoma;

21. Oklahoma Aquarium License Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to persons wishing to demonstrate support for the Oklahoma Aquarium. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Aquarium;

22. The Pride of Broken Arrow License Plates – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for The Pride of Broken Arrow marching band. The plates

shall be designed in consultation with the Broken Arrow Public School System;

23. Fellowship of Christian Athletes License Plates - such plates shall be designed in consultation with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and issued to members and supporters of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes;

24. Parrothead Club License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to members and supporters of the Parrothead Club. The license plate shall be issued to any person in any combination of numbers and letters from one to a maximum of seven as for personalized license plates;

25. Oklahoma Bicycling Coalition License Plates – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person who is a member of the Oklahoma Bicycling Coalition. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Bicycling Coalition;

26. Electric Lineman License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to persons wishing to demonstrate support for Oklahoma's electric linemen. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Electric Superintendent's Association;

27. Alpha Kappa Alpha License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person who is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. The license plates shall be designed in

consultation with the Oklahoma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority;

28. The National Pan-Hellenic Council Incorporated License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support to any of the nine sororities and fraternities recognized by the National Pan-Hellenic Council Incorporated. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council Incorporated;

29. Organ, Eye and Tissue License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to persons wishing to demonstrate support and increase awareness for organ, eye and tissue donation. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Organ Donor Education and Awareness Program Advisory Council;

30. Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to persons wishing to demonstrate support and increase awareness for Habitat for Humanity. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity;

31. Family Career and Community Leaders of America Incorporated License Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to persons wishing to demonstrate support for Family Career and Community Leaders of America Incorporated. The license plates shall be

designed in consultation with Family Career and Community Leaders of America Incorporated;

32. Delta Sigma Theta License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person who is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated;

33. Omega Psi Phi License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person who is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated;

34. Alpha Phi Alpha License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person who is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated;

35. 50th Anniversary of the Interstate System of Highways License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to persons wishing to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Interstate System of Highways. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials;

36. Kappa Alpha Psi License Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person who is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi

Fraternity. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated;

37. Sigma Gamma Rho License Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person who is a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated;

38. Multiple Sclerosis License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to persons wishing to demonstrate support for and increase awareness of multiple sclerosis. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society;

39. Frederick Douglass High School License Plates – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for Frederick Douglass High School located in Oklahoma City. The plates shall be designed in consultation with representatives of Frederick Douglass High School National Alumni Association;

40. United States Air Force Academy License Plates – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the United States Air Force Academy;

41. In God We Trust License Plate – such plates shall be designed to include the motto, "In God We Trust", and shall be issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the motto;

42. National Weather Center License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the National Weather Center in Norman. The plates shall be designed in consultation with representatives of the National Weather Center Directors;

43. Make-A-Wish Foundation License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to persons wishing to demonstrate support for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Make-A-Wish Foundation;

44. South Central Section PGA Foundation License Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to persons wishing to demonstrate support for the South Central Section PGA Foundation. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the South Central Section PGA Foundation;

45. Putnam City High School License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for Putnam City High School. The plates shall be designed in consultation with representatives of Putnam City High School Alumni Association, Inc.;

46. Autism Awareness License Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to increase awareness of autism. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Autism Network;

47. Oklahoma Blood Institute License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the Oklahoma Blood Institute. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Blood Institute;

48. Zeta Phi Beta and Phi Beta Sigma License Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person who is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority or Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated;

49. Star Spencer High School License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for Star Spencer High School located in Oklahoma City. The plates shall be designed in consultation with representatives of the Star Spencer High School Alumni Association;

50. Northeast High School License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for Northeast High School located in Oklahoma City. The plates shall be designed in consultation with representatives of the Northeast High School Alumni Association;

51. Oklahoma City Central High School License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the Oklahoma City Central High School Alumni Association. The plates shall be designed in consultation with

representatives of the Oklahoma City Central High School Alumni Association;

52. Historic Greenwood District License Plate - such plates shall be issued to persons wishing to demonstrate support for music festivals held in the Historic Greenwood District in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the Greenwood Cultural Center;

53. Oklahoma Rifle Association License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the Oklahoma Rifle Association. The plates shall be designed in consultation with representatives of the Oklahoma Rifle Association. Pursuant to subsection A of this section, the Oklahoma Rifle Association license plate is hereby reauthorized effective November 1, 2012;

54. Oklahoma City Thunder License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the Oklahoma City Thunder. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma City Thunder organization;

55. Ovarian Cancer Awareness License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to increase awareness of ovarian cancer. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with the HOPE in Oklahoma organization;

56. BMW Car Club of America License Plate – such plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state who is a member

of the BMW Car Club of America. Such persons may apply for an BMW Car Club of America license plate upon presentment of proof of membership in the BMW Car Club of America. The plates shall be issued to any person in any combination of numbers and letters from one to a maximum of seven, as for personalized license plates. The license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Sunbelt Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America;

57. Deer Creek School District License Plates - such plates shall be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the Deer Creek School District. The plates shall be designed in consultation with representatives of the Deer Creek School District; and

58. Don't Tread On Me License Plate - such plates shall be designed to include the yellow background and rattlesnake emblem above the motto "DON'T TREAD ON ME" as found on the historic Gadsden flag, and shall be issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the freedom and liberty of the Republic.

C. The fee for such plates shall be Fifteen Dollars ($15.00) and shall be in addition to all other registration fees provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. Unless otherwise provided in this section, the fee shall be apportioned as follows: Eight Dollars ($8.00) of the special license plate fee shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund to be used for the administration of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and

Registration Act and the remaining Seven Dollars ($7.00) of the special license plate fee shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1104 of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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