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## AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state revenue administration; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Sections 1107.2, 1140, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 195, O.S.L. 2019, 1141.1, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 158, O.S.L. 2012 and 7-602, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 74, O.S.L. 2017 (47 O.S. Supp. 2019, Sections 1140, 1141.1 and 7-602), which relate to motor vehicles; modifying provision related to odometer disclosure statements; modifying provisions related to appointment of motor license agents; modifying provisions related to certain online registration system; amending 62 O.S. 2011, Section 845, which relates to the Oklahoma Local Development and Enterprise Zone Incentive Leverage Act; creating agency special account; replacing statutory references; amending 68 O.S. 2011, Sections 227, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 358, O.S.L. 2016, 253, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 273, O.S.L. 2014, 1361.2, 1501, 2385.16, Section 5, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 2018, Section 6, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 2018, Section 7, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 2018, 3204, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 2018 and 3624, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 313, O.S.L. 2019 (68 O.S. Supp. 2019, Sections 227, 253, 2947.1, 2947.2, 2947.3, 3204 and 3624), which relate to administration of various state taxes; modifying provisions related to claim for refund process with respect to certain sales tax exemption; modifying provisions related to liability for unpaid taxes; modifying tax type with respect to which certain responsible persons may be assessed; modifying provisions related to administration of sales tax exemption with respect to disabled veterans; modifying definitions related to coin-operated devices; modifying provisions related to disclosure

1 of information in connection with administration of card-based disbursement system; modifying provisions 2 related to the County Government Education-Technical Revolving Fund; providing for agency special account; 3 modifying provisions related to apportionment of documentary stamp tax revenues; requiring transfer of 4 revenues to agency special account; modifying provisions related to the Film Enhancement Rebate 5 Program; amending Section 98, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2013, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 164, O.S.L. 2019 (85A O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 98), which 6 relates to the Self-Insurance Guaranty Fund; 7 modifying duties of Oklahoma Tax Commission related to fund balance; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an 8 emergency.

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

12 | SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1107.2, is

13 | amended to read as follows:

Section 1107.2 A transferor of any of the following vehicles shall not be required to execute an odometer disclosure statement;

- 1. A vehicle having a gross vehicle weight rating of more than sixteen thousand (16,000) pounds;
  - 2. A vehicle that is not self-propelled;
  - 3. A vehicle that is ten (10) twenty (20) years old or older;
- 4. A vehicle sold directly by the manufacturer to any agency of the United States in conformity with contractual specifications;
  - 5. An all-terrain vehicle;
    - 6. A motorcycle used exclusively off-road;

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- 7. A new motor vehicle prior to its transfer to the first retail purchaser; or
  - 8. A utility vehicle.
- 4 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1140, as
- 5 | last amended by Section 2, Chapter 195, O.S.L. 2019 (47 O.S. Supp.
- 6 2019, Section 1140), is amended to read as follows:
- 7 Section 1140. A. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall adopt rules
- 8 prescribing minimum qualifications and requirements for locating
- 9 motor license agencies and for persons applying for appointment as a
- 10 motor license agent. Such qualifications and requirements shall
- 11 | include, but not be limited to, the following:
- 12 | 1. Necessary job skills and experience;
- 13 2. Minimum office hours;
- 3. Provision for sufficient staffing, equipment, office space
- 15 and parking to provide maximum efficiency and maximum convenience to
- 16 | the public;

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- 4. Obtainment of a faithful performance surety bond as provided
- 18 | for by law;
- 19 5. In counties with a population in excess of thirty thousand
- 20 (30,000) persons according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, a
- 21 requirement that operation of a motor license agency be the primary
- 22 | source of income for the agent;
- 23 6. That the applicant has not been convicted of a felony and
- 24 that no felony charges are pending against the applicant;

7. That a complete financial statement be submitted by the applicant on forms provided by the Tax Commission;

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- 8. That a report of the applicant's credit history be obtained through the appropriate credit bureau; and
- That the location specified in the application for appointment as a motor license agent not be owned by a member of the Oklahoma Tax Commission or an employee of the Oklahoma Tax Commission or any person related to a member of the Oklahoma Tax Commission or an employee of the Tax Commission within the third degree by consanguinity or affinity and that the location not be within a three-mile radius of an existing motor license agency unless the applicant is assuming the location of an operating agency. If the applicant is assuming the location of an existing or operating agency, the current agent may submit a letter of resignation contingent upon the appointment of the applicant regardless of the population of the municipality in which the agency is located. The Tax Commission may, at its discretion, approve the relocation of an existing agency within a three-mile radius of another existing agency only if a naturally intervening geographic barrier within that radius causes the locations to be separated by not less than three (3) miles of roadway by the most direct route.
- B. After the necessary information has been forwarded to the Tax Commission, the Tax Commission or its designees may select

applicants to be interviewed and each item of information shall be reviewed.

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Any person making application to the Tax Commission for the purpose of becoming a motor license agent shall pay when submitting the application, a nonrefundable application fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). All such application fees shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Revolving Fund.

- C. Upon application by a person to serve as a motor license agent, in such counties, the Tax Commission is authorized to make a determination whether such person and such location meets the qualifications and requirements prescribed herein and, if such be the case, may appoint such person to serve as a motor license agent.
- D. A motor license agent, appointed pursuant to this subsection, shall be permitted to operate a motor license agency at a single location and shall be prohibited from operating subagencies or branch agencies.

Motor license agents appointed pursuant to this section shall be subject to all laws relating to motor license agents and shall be subject to removal at the will of the Tax Commission.

The Tax Commission shall appoint as many motor license agents as it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of the Motor Vehicle License and Registration Act. Provided, that in counties with a population in excess of twenty-five thousand (25,000) persons, according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, having only one

motor license agent serving the county, the Tax Commission  $\frac{1}{2}$  may establish at least one additional agency to serve the county.

- E. All motor license agents shall be self-employed independent contractors and shall be under the supervision of the Tax

  Commission; provided, any agent authorized to issue registrations pursuant to the International Registration Plan shall also be under the supervision of the Corporation Commission, subject to rules promulgated by the Corporation Commission pursuant to the provisions of subsection E of Section 1166 of this title. Any such agent, upon being appointed, shall furnish and file with the Tax Commission a bond in such amount as may be fixed by the Tax Commission. Such agent shall be removable at the will of the Tax Commission. Such agent shall perform all duties and do such things in the administration of the laws of this state as shall be enjoined upon and required by the Tax Commission or the Corporation Commission. Provided, the Tax Commission may operate a motor license agency in any county where a vacancy occurs.
- F. In the event of a vacancy existing by reason of resignation, removal, death or otherwise, in the position of any motor license agent, the Tax Commission is hereby empowered and authorized to take any and all actions it deems appropriate in order to provide for the orderly transition and for the maintenance of operations of the motor license agency including but not limited to the designation of one of its regular employees to serve as "acting agent" without

bond, and to receive and expend all fees or charges authorized or provided by law and exercise the same powers and authority as a regularly appointed motor license agent. An acting agent may be authorized by the Tax Commission equally as the preceding agent to make disbursements from any balances in the preceding motor license agent's operating account and the agent's operating funds for the payment of expenses of operations and salaries and other overhead. If such funds are insufficient, the Tax Commission is authorized to expend from funds appropriated for the operation of the Tax Commission such amounts as are necessary to maintain and continue the operation of any such motor license agency until a successor agent is appointed and qualified. The Tax Commission may require a blanket fiduciary bond of the agency employees.

- G. Any motor license agency operated by a motor license agent who has been charged with a felony shall be closed immediately. The Tax Commission shall determine whether the motor license agency shall be reopened and operated by the motor license agent. The determination shall be effected as soon as possible to prevent additional inconvenience to the public.
- H. When an application for registration is made with the Tax Commission, Corporation Commission or a motor license agent, a registration fee of One Dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) shall be collected for each license plate or decal issued. Such fees shall be in addition to the registration fees on motor vehicles and

when an application for registration is made to the motor license agent such motor license agent shall retain a fee as provided in Section 1141.1 of this title. When the fee is paid by a person making application directly with the Tax Commission or Corporation Commission, as applicable, the registration fees shall be in the same amount as provided for motor license agents and the fee provided by Section 1141.1 of this title shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Revolving Fund or as provided in Section 1167 of this title, as applicable. The Tax Commission shall prepare schedules of registration fees and charges for titles which shall include the fees for such agents and all fees and charges paid by a person shall be listed separately on the application and registration and totaled on the application and registration. The motor license agents shall charge only such fees as are specifically provided for by law, and all such authorized fees shall be posted in such a manner that any person shall have notice of all fees that are imposed by law.

- I. No person shall be appointed as a motor license agent unless the person has attested under oath that the person is not related by affinity or consanguinity within the third degree to:
  - 1. Any member of the Oklahoma Tax Commission; or
  - 2. Any employee of the Tax Commission.

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J. Any motor license agent appointed under the provisions of this title shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the Tax

- Commission when relocating an existing motor license agency. The
  Tax Commission may waive payment of such costs in case of unforeseen
  business or emergency conditions beyond the control of the agent.
- 4 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1141.1, as
  5 amended by Section 4, Chapter 158, O.S.L. 2012 (47 O.S. Supp. 2019,
  6 Section 1141.1), is amended to read as follows:

- Section 1141.1 A. Each motor license agent shall be entitled to retain the following amounts from the taxes and fees collected by such agent to be used to fund the operation of the office of such motor license agent subject to the provisions of Sections 1140 through 1147 of this title:
- 1. Beginning July 1, 2005, Two Dollars and eighty-one cents (\$2.81) for each vehicle registered and for each special license plate issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. Beginning July 1, 2006, and thereafter, Three Dollars and fifty-six cents (\$3.56) for each vehicle registered and for each special license plate issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act;
- 2. One Dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) for each certificate of title issued for boats and motors pursuant to the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 3. For each certificate of registration issued for boats and motors pursuant to the Oklahoma Statutes, an amount determined pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of this section;

4. Two Dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) for each certificate of title issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. Provided, the fee retention amount for certificates of title issued pursuant to the provisions of subsection H of Section 1105 of this title, in which an insurer pays the optional twenty-two-dollar-fee amount, is Four Dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50);

- 5. Beginning October 1, 2000, three percent (3%) of the vehicle excise tax collected pursuant to Section 2103 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Beginning July 1, 2001, each motor license agent shall be entitled to retain three and one hundred twenty-five one-thousandths percent (3.125%) of the vehicle excise tax collected pursuant to Section 2103 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Beginning July 1, 2002, and for all subsequent years, each motor license agent shall be entitled to retain three and twenty-five one-hundredths percent (3.25%) of the vehicle excise tax collected pursuant to Section 2103 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes. However, beginning July 1, 2003, the Legislature shall annually review the percentage to be retained by the motor license agents pursuant to this paragraph to determine whether such percentage should be adjusted;
- 6. Four percent (4%) of the excise tax collected on the transfer of boats and motors pursuant to the Oklahoma Statutes;

7. Two Dollars (\$2.00) for each driver license, endorsement, identification license, or renewal or duplicate issued pursuant to Section 6-101 et seg. of this title;

- 8. Two Dollars (\$2.00) for the recording of security interests as provided in Section 1110 of this title;
- 9. Two Dollars (\$2.00) for each inspection conducted pursuant to subsection L of Section 1105 of this title;
- 10. Three Dollars (\$3.00) for each inspection conducted pursuant to subsection M of Section 1105 of this title;
- - 12. One Dollar (\$1.00) for each temporary permit issued pursuant to Section 1124 of this title;
  - through an online system dealing with the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, One Dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) for processing each proof of financial responsibility, driver license information, insurance verification information, and other additional information as provided in Section 7-602 of this title;
  - 14. The mailing fees and registration fees provided in Sections 1131 and 1140 of this title;
- 22 | 15. The notary fee provided in Section 1143 of this title;

- 16. Three Dollars (\$3.00) for each lien entry form completed and recorded on a certificate of title pursuant to subsection G of Section 1105 of this title;
- 17. Seven Dollars (\$7.00) for each notice of transfer as provided by subsection B of Section 1107.4 of this title;

- 18. Seven Dollars (\$7.00) for each certificate of title or each certificate of registration issued for repossessed vehicles pursuant to Section 1126 of this title;
- 19. Any amount specifically authorized by law to be retained by the motor license agent for the furnishing of a summary of a traffic record; and
- 20. Beginning July 1, 2009, each motor license agent shall also be entitled to a portion of the penalties for delinquent registration or payment of excise tax as provided for in subsection C of Section 1115, subsection F of Section 1132 and subsection C of Section 1151 of this title and of subsection A of Section 2103 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

The balance of the funds collected shall be remitted to the Oklahoma Tax Commission as provided in Section 1142 of this title to be apportioned pursuant to Section 1104 of this title.

B. For each certificate of registration issued for boats and motors, each motor license agent shall be entitled to retain the greater of One Dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) or an amount to be determined by the Tax Commission according to the provisions of

this subsection. At the end of fiscal year 1997 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Tax Commission shall compute the average amount of registration fees for all boats and motors registered in this state during the fiscal year and shall multiply the result by six and twenty-two one-hundredths percent (6.22%). The resulting product shall be the amount which may be retained by each motor license agent for each certificate of registration for boats and motors issued during the following calendar year.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 7-602, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 74, O.S.L. 2017 (47 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 7-602), is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-602. A. 1. The owner of a motor vehicle registered in this state shall carry in the vehicle at all times a current owner's security verification form listing the vehicle or an equivalent form which has been issued by the Department of Public Safety, and the operator of the vehicle shall produce the form upon request for inspection by any law enforcement officer or representative of the Department and, in case of an accident, the form shall be shown upon request to any person affected by the accident.

2. a. Every person registering a motor vehicle in this state, except a motor vehicle which is not being used upon the public highways or public streets, or a manufactured home while on a permanent foundation, at

the time of registration of the vehicle, shall certify the existence of security with respect to the vehicle by providing to a motor license agent or other registering agency necessary information from the current owner's security verification in a manner that allows verification of coverage through the online verification system. The information shall include the name or number issued by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners of the current insurance carrier authorized to do business in this state and the policy number applicable to the vehicle being registered. A motor license agent or other registering agency shall require the submission of the form or other verifying information prior to processing an application for registration or renewal.

shall use the online verification system to certify
the existence of security with respect to the vehicle
from an insurance carrier authorized to do business in
this state unless the online verification system is
not online or the required information is otherwise
not available. In such a case, the license agent or
other registering agency may accept verification as
provided in subparagraph a of this paragraph or from a

licensed insurance producer or customer service
representative to certify the existence of the
required insurance prior to processing any application
for motor vehicle registration. Every motor license
agent or other registering agent shall allow
submission of proof from a licensed insurance producer
or customer service representative pursuant to this
subparagraph via electronic mail at no additional cost
to the person registering the vehicle.

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- 3. Fleet vehicles operating under the authority of the Corporation Commission, the Federal Highway Administration, or vehicles registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 1120 of this title, shall certify the existence of security with respect to each vehicle at the time of registration by submitting one of the following:
  - a. a current owner's security verification form verifying the existence of security as required by the Compulsory Insurance Law, or
  - b. a permit number verified by the Corporation Commission indicating the existence of a current liability insurance policy. Provided, in the event the Corporation Commission is unable to verify the existence of insurance as provided herein in a prompt and timely fashion, the Corporation Commission may

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accept a current single state registration form issued by the Corporation Commission or any other regulating entity with which the Corporation Commission has entered into a reciprocal compact or agreement regarding the regulation of motor vehicles engaged in interstate or foreign commerce upon and over the public highways.

- 4. The following shall not be required to carry an owner's or operator's security verification form or an equivalent form from the Department of Public Safety during operation of the vehicle and shall not be required to surrender a security verification form for vehicle registration purposes:
  - a. any vehicle owned or leased by the federal or state government, or any agency or political subdivision thereof,
  - b. any vehicle bearing the name, symbol, or logo of a business, corporation or utility on the exterior and which is in compliance with the provisions of the Compulsory Insurance Law according to records of the Corporation Commission which reflect a deposit or fleet policy,
  - c. fleet vehicles maintaining current vehicle liability insurance as required by the Corporation Commission or any other regulating entity,

d. any licensed taxicab, and

- e. any vehicle owned by a licensed used motor vehicle dealer.
- 5. Any person who knowingly issues or promulgates false or fraudulent information in connection with either an owner's or operator's security verification form or an equivalent form which has been issued by the Department of Public Safety shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
- B. Each Except for registration renewal transactions completed through an online system dealing with the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, each motor license agent is authorized to charge a fee of One Dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) to each person to whom the agent issues a certificate of registration and who is required to surrender proof of financial responsibility, or for whom the motor license agent certifies the existence of financial responsibility through an authorized online certification system, pursuant to the provisions of the Compulsory Insurance Law. The fee may be retained by the agent as compensation for services in processing the proof of financial responsibility and for processing the driver license information, insurance verification information, and other additional information furnished to the agent pursuant to

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   Section 1112 of this title, if such agent does not receive the
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- 62 O.S. 2011, Section 845, is SECTION 5. AMENDATORY amended to read as follows:
- Section 845. There is hereby created within the State Treasury a special fund an agency special account for the Oklahoma Tax Commission to be designated the "Oklahoma Local Development and Enterprise Zone Incentive Leverage Act Incentive Payment Fund". The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby authorized and directed to withhold a portion of the taxes levied and collected pursuant to Section 2355 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes for deposit into the fund account in order to pay claims as they become due. All of the amounts deposited in such fund account shall be used and expended by the Tax Commission solely for the purposes and in the amounts authorized by the Oklahoma Local Development and Enterprise Zone Incentive Leverage Act. The liability of the State of Oklahoma
- to make the incentive payments under this act shall be limited to 18 the balance contained in the fund created by this section. 19
  - SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 227, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 358, O.S.L. 2016 (68 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 227), is amended to read as follows:
- 22 Section 227. (a) Any Except as provided in subsection B of 23 Section 1361.2 of this title, any taxpayer who has paid to the State 24 of Oklahoma, through error of fact, or computation, or

misinterpretation of law, any tax collected by the Tax Commission may, as hereinafter provided, be refunded the amount of such tax so erroneously paid, without interest.

- (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided by division (2) of this subsection, any taxpayer who has so paid any such tax may, within three (3) years from the date of payment thereof file with the Tax Commission a verified claim for refund of such tax so erroneously paid. The Tax Commission may accept an amended withholding tax or other report or return as a verified claim for refund if the amended report or return establishes a liability less than the original report or return previously filed.
- (2) Upon the effective date of this act, with respect to the sales tax imposed by Section 1354 of this title and with respect to the use tax imposed by Section 1402 of this title, any taxpayer who has so paid such sales or use tax may, within two (2) years from the date of payment thereof file with the Tax Commission a verified claim for refund of such tax so erroneously paid. The Tax Commission may accept an amended sales or use tax report or return as a verified claim for refund if the amended report or return establishes a liability less than the original report or return previously filed.
- (c) Said claim so filed with the Tax Commission, except for an amended report or return, shall specify the name of the taxpayer, the time when and period for which said tax was paid, the nature and

kind of tax so paid, the amount of the tax which said taxpayer claimed was erroneously paid, the grounds upon which a refund is sought, and such other information or data relative to such payment as may be necessary to an adjustment thereof by the Tax Commission. It shall be the duty of the Commission to determine what amount of refund, if any, is due as soon as practicable after such claim has been filed and advise the taxpayer about the correctness of his claim and the claim for refund shall be approved or denied by written notice to the taxpayer.

- (d) If the claim for refund is denied, the taxpayer may file a demand for hearing with the Commission. The demand for hearing must be filed on or before the sixtieth day after the date the notice of denial was mailed. If the taxpayer fails to file a demand for hearing, the claim for refund shall be barred.
- (e) Upon the taxpayer's timely filing of a demand for hearing, the Commission shall set a date for hearing upon the claim for refund which date shall not be later than sixty (60) days from the date the demand for hearing was mailed. The taxpayer shall be notified of the time and place of the hearing. The hearing may be held after the sixty-day period provided by this subsection upon agreement of the taxpayer.
- (f) The provisions of this section shall not apply: (1) to refunds of income tax erroneously paid, refunds of which tax shall be payable out of the income tax adjustment fund as provided by law;

(2) to estate tax because the payment of such tax is covered by an order of the Tax Commission and the estate and interested parties are given notice that Commission's position and computation of the tax will become final unless they protest and resist the payment thereof as provided by statute; nor, (3) in any case where the tax was paid after an assessment thereof was made by the Tax Commission which assessment became final under the law.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 253, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 273, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 253), is amended to read as follows:

Section 253. A. When the Oklahoma Tax Commission files a proposed assessment against corporations, limited liability companies or other legal entities for unpaid sales taxes, mixed beverage gross receipts tax collected pursuant to Section 5-105 of Title 37A of the Oklahoma Statutes, withheld income taxes or motor fuel taxes collected pursuant to Article 5, 6 or 7 of this title, the Commission shall file such proposed assessments against the individuals personally liable for the tax.

B. Any individual shall be liable for the payment of sales tax, mixed beverage gross receipts tax, withheld income tax or motor fuel tax if, during the period of time for which the assessment was made, the individual was responsible for withholding or collection and remittance of taxes or had direct control, supervision or

responsibility for filing returns and making payments of the tax due the State of Oklahoma.

- C. Personal liability for sales tax, mixed beverage gross

  receipts tax, withheld income tax or motor fuel tax shall be

  determined in accordance with the standards for determining

  liability for payment of federal withholding tax pursuant to the

  Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or regulations

  promulgated pursuant to such section.
- 9 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 1361.2, is 10 amended to read as follows:
  - Section 1361.2 A. In order to claim the exemption authorized by paragraph 34 of Section 1357 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma

    Statutes, the person to whom the sale is made shall be required to furnish the vendor proof of eligibility for the exemption as issued by the Oklahoma Tax Commission. All vendors shall honor the proof of eligibility for sales tax exemption and sales for the benefit of the disabled veteran to a person providing such proof shall be exempt from the tax levied pursuant to the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code.
  - B. A claim for refund of sales taxes erroneously paid may only be made under circumstances where the vendor refuses to honor the proof of eligibility issued by the Tax Commission for the exemption authorized by paragraph 34 of Section 1357 of this title and the person eligible for such exemption submits to the Tax Commission a

signed notification of the vendor's denial of exemption on a form prescribed by the Tax Commission.

SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 1501, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1501. As used in Sections 1501 through 1512 of this title:

- "Person" means any individual, partnership, association,
   limited liability company or corporation;
- 2. "Music device" means any and all mechanical devices which render, cause to sound, or release music where the same may be heard by one or more public patrons, and each separate loudspeaker, phonograph, juke box, or outlet from which such music emits shall each be construed to be a separate "music device" as herein defined; except in the case where the music emits from more than one speaker transmitting from the same music-producing mechanism, in which case the several outlets or speakers in each place of business shall be collectively considered one such music device;
- 3. "Coin-operated music device" means any such music device which is operated, motivated, released, or played by or upon the payment or insertion of a coin, token or similar object, whether there is one or more boxes or devices in the premises for the reception of such coin, tokens, or similar objects; coin-operated radio or television receiving sets in hotels, motels, or tourist cabins for the use and benefit of the guests and visitors of such

hotels, motels, or tourist rooms or cabins shall be included in such definition;

- 4. "Coin-operated amusement device" means any and all nongambling mechanical or electronic machines which, upon the payment or insertion of a coin, token, or similar object, provide music, amusement or entertainment, including, but not limited to, such games as pool, phonographs, video television, shooting galleries, pinball, foosball, bowling, shuffle board, or any other amusement device with or without a replay feature which can be legally shipped interstate according to federal law;
- 5. "Coin-operated vending device" means any and all machines or devices which, upon the payment or insertion of a coin, token or similar object, dispenses tangible personal property, including but not limited to cigarettes, candies, gum, cold drinks, hot drinks, sandwiches, or chips. It shall not mean vending machines or devices used exclusively for the purpose of selling services, such as pay telephone booths, parking meters, gas and electric meters or other distribution of needful service;
- 6. "Coin-operated bulk vending device" means a machine or device which, upon the payment or insertion of a coin, token or similar object dispenses to the purchaser ballpoint pens, combs, cigarette lighters, prophylactics, filled capsules, peanuts, gum balls, mints, perfume or novelties; and

7. "Coin-operated devices" means coin-operated music devices, coin-operated amusement devices, coin-operated vending devices and coin-operated bulk vending devices. Coin-operated devices shall not include any device dispensing tangible personal property or providing amusement where payment is made solely through the use of a credit or debit card or other electronic or digital payment process.

SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2385.16, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2385.16 A. All payments received by the Oklahoma Tax

Commission transmitted by employers for taxes withheld from
employees and all payments received by the Tax Commission from
taxpayers as herein provided shall be deposited with the State

Treasurer in the Tax Commission's Official Depository Clearing

Account and be designated Income Tax Withholding Funds. These funds
shall be under the exclusive control of the Tax Commission. The Tax

Commission is empowered and directed each month to transfer the
amount thereof which the Tax Commission estimates to be necessary to
make tax refunds to a separate account designated as the Income Tax

Withholding Refund Account, and to make apportionments from such
funds remaining in said Official Depository Clearing Account, of the
amount it considers available for distribution as income taxes
collected. The Tax Commission shall maintain a balance in the
refund account sufficient to cover anticipated tax refunds.

All warrants drawn against such refund account as provided in the preceding subsection which are not presented for payment within ninety (90) days of issuance thereof shall be void.

Persons entitled to refunds of monies represented by warrants which are not presented for payment within ninety (90) days from the date of issuance thereof may file claims for refund at any time within three (3) years from the due date of the return. Such claims shall be filed and paid under the provisions of Section 2373 of this Code, and if allowed shall be paid under the provisions of such section. An income tax refund warrant which was not presented for payment within ninety (90) days from the date of issuance or reissued for a like amount up to three (3) years from the date of issuance of the original warrant shall be subject to reporting and remittance to the Oklahoma State Treasurer pursuant to the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.

- B. Neither the Tax Commission nor any member or employee thereof shall be held personally liable for making any refund by reason of a fraudulent withholding certificate being used as a basis for such refund.
- C. The Oklahoma Tax Commission may use a direct deposit system and card-based disbursement system in lieu of checks or warrants for the purposes of issuing refunds for overpayment of individual income taxes. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 205 of this title, the Tax Commission may enter into a contract with, and release

taxpayer information to, entities deemed to be qualified by the Tax Commission to implement the card-based disbursement system. The Tax Commission shall not release to any entity contracted with pursuant to this section the full social security number of taxpayers opting to receive a refund through the card-based disbursement system. SECTION 11. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 2018 (68 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 2947.1), is amended to read as follows: Section 2947.1 There is hereby created in the State Treasury  $\frac{1}{2}$ revolving fund for the Oklahoma Tax Commission to be designated the "County Government Education-Technical Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma Tax Commission from the apportionment of documentary stamp revenues as provided by Section 3204 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma State University Center for Local Government Technology and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service County Training Program for the purpose of education, training, research, software and computer modernization. The fund shall be subject to the oversight of the Commission on County Government Personnel Education and Training. Amounts deposited in any fiscal year shall be distributed by the Oklahoma Tax Commission as provided in Section 6 of this act. Expenditures

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    2018 (68 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 2947.2), is amended to read as
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    2021, and for each fiscal year thereafter, ten percent (10%)
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    and Section 3006 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
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    Commission monthly to the Oklahoma State University Center for Local
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training, support, professional development, and additional software

and 2862 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes related to any

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necessary for county assessors, treasurers and boards of
equalization, and the acquisition and administration of a computerassisted mass appraisal software system for county governments;
provided, the Oklahoma State University Center for Local Government
Technology may delay the acquisition of such software until such
time as sufficient funds are available.

- C. After the computer-assisted mass appraisal software acquisition is complete and associated costs are paid, any county which elects not to participate in the Oklahoma State University Center for Local Government Technology's computer-assisted mass appraisal software system may apply to the Center for Local Government Technology for a refund up to ten percent (10%) of such county's deposit to the revolving fund annually annual documentary stamp tax revenue apportionment received by the Center for Local Government Technology; provided, if available funds are insufficient for a ten-percent rebate, the percentage shall be adjusted so that rebates may be paid.
- SECTION 13. AMENDATORY Section 7, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 2018 (68 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 2947.3), is amended to read as follows:
- Section 2947.3 A. Within the County Government Education—

  Technical Revolving Fund there shall be established a reserve account. The reserve account shall consist of any Any revenue not otherwise apportioned pursuant to the provisions of subsection A or

subsection B of Section 6 2947.2 of this act title shall be

deposited and maintained in the agency special account created in

Section 2947.1 of this title under the procedures provided for in

this section.

- B. The maximum balance for the reserve agency special account shall never exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) at the end of each fiscal year.
- C. The Oklahoma State University Center for Local Government
  Technology and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service County
  Training Program may request permission to expend funds in the
  reserve account from the Commission on County Government Personnel
  Education and Training. The Tax Commission shall, upon written
  notification of expenditure approval from the Commission on County
  Government Personnel Education and Training, distribute from the
  agency special account the approved amount, if available, to the
  Oklahoma State University Center for Local Government Technology or
  Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service County Training Program, as
  applicable.
- D. The balance in the reserve agency special account of the County Covernment Education-Technical Revolving Fund shall serve as a contingency for adverse conditions if the distributions provided for in subsections A and B of Section 6 2947.2 of this act title are insufficient to support the purposes of education training, research, software and computer modernization of county governments.

E. For any fiscal year ending June 30, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall transfer any amount of revenue in excess of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) remaining in the reserve agency special account of the County Government Education-Technical Revolving Fund to the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury. SECTION 14. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2947.4 of Title 68, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: On the effective date of this act, all monies remaining in the County Government Education-Technical Revolving Fund created in Section 2947.1 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be transferred to the agency special account created in Section 11 of this act. 68 O.S. 2011, Section 3204, as SECTION 15. AMENDATORY amended by Section 4, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 2018 (68 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 3204), is amended to read as follows: Section 3204. A. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall design such stamps in such denominations as in its judgment it deems necessary for the administration of this tax. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall distribute the stamps to the county clerks of the counties of this state, and the county clerks shall have the responsibility of selling these stamps and shall have the further duty of accounting for the stamps to the Oklahoma Tax Commission on the last day of

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each month. Stamp metering machines or rubber stamps as prescribed

by the Oklahoma Tax Commission may be used by the county clerk, and
the expenses thereof shall be paid by the county concerned. The use
of meters or rubber stamps shall be governed by the Oklahoma Tax
Commission.

- B. The county clerks shall account for all collections from the sales of such stamps to the Oklahoma Tax Commission, on the last day of each month. The first fifty-five cents (\$0.55) of each seventy-five cents (\$0.75) collected shall be apportioned as follows:
- 1. The county clerks shall retain five percent (5%) of all monies collected for such stamps as their cost of administration; and
- 2. Of the remaining ninety-five percent (95%) the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall transfer monthly to the County Government

  Education-Technical Revolving Fund created by Section 5 of this act distribute for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 2021, and for each fiscal year thereafter, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) plus three percent (3%) of the remainder as provided in Sections 2947.2 and 2947.3 of this title. The remainder of the collections shall be transferred by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury to be expended pursuant to legislative appropriation.
- C. The remaining twenty cents (\$0.20) of each seventy-five cents (\$0.75) collected shall be paid into the county general fund.

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SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 3624, as
last amended by Section 3, Chapter 313, O.S.L. 2019 (68 O.S. Supp.
3 2019, Section 3624), is amended to read as follows:
Section 3624. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Film
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Section 3624. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Film Enhancement Rebate Program. A rebate in the amount of up to seventeen percent (17%) of documented expenditures made in Oklahoma directly attributable to the production of a film, television production, or television commercial, as defined in Section 3623 of this title, in this state, may be paid to the production company responsible for the production. Provided, for documented expenditures made after July 1, 2009, the rebate amount shall be thirty-five percent (35%), except as provided in subsection B of this section.

- B. The amount of rebate paid to the production company as provided for in subsection A of this section shall be increased by an additional two percent (2%) of documented expenditures if a production company spends at least Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the use of music created by an Oklahoma resident that is recorded in Oklahoma or for the cost of recording songs or music in Oklahoma for use in the production.
- C. The rebate program shall be administered by the Office of the Oklahoma Film and Music Commission and the Oklahoma Tax

  Commission, as provided in the Compete with Canada Film Act.

D. To be eligible for a rebate payment:

1. The production company responsible for a film, television production, or television commercial, as defined in Section 3623 of this title, made in this state shall submit documentation to the Office of the Oklahoma Film and Music Commission of the amount of wages paid for employment in this state to residents of this state directly relating to the production and the amount of other production costs incurred in this state directly relating to the production;

- 2. The production company has filed or will file any Oklahoma tax return or tax document which may be required by law;
- 3. Except major studio productions, the production company shall provide the name of the completion guarantor and a copy of the bond guaranteeing the completion of the project or if a film has not secured a completion bond, the production company shall provide evidence that all Oklahoma crew and local vendors have been paid and there are no liens against the production company pending in the state;
- 4. The minimum budget for the film shall be Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of which not less than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be expended in this state;
- 5. The production company shall provide evidence of financing for production prior to the commencement of principal photography; and

6. The production company shall provide evidence of a certificate of general liability insurance with a minimum coverage of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) and a workers' compensation policy pursuant to state law, which shall include coverage of employer's liability.

- E. A production company shall not be eligible to receive both a rebate payment pursuant to the provisions of this act and an exemption from sales taxes pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 23 of Section 1357 of this title. If a production company has received such an exemption from sales taxes and submits a claim for rebate pursuant to the provisions of the Compete with Canada Film Act, the company shall be required to fully repay the amount of the exemption to the Tax Commission. A claim for a rebate shall include documentation from the Tax Commission that repayment has been made as required herein or shall include an affidavit from the production company that the company has not received an exemption from sales taxes pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 21 of Section 1357 of this title.
- F. The Office shall approve or disapprove all claims for rebate and shall notify the Tax Commission. The Tax Commission shall, upon notification of approval from the Office of the Film and Music Commission, issue payment for all approved claims from funds in the Oklahoma Film Enhancement Rebate Program Revolving Fund created in Section 3625 of this title. Excluding any rebate payments to high

impact productions as provided for in subsection G of this section, the amount of payments claims prequalified and approved by the Office in any single fiscal year shall not exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000.00). If the amount of approved claims exceeds the amount specified in this subsection in a fiscal year, payments shall be made in the order in which the claims are approved by the Office. If an approved claim is not paid in whole or in part, the unpaid claim or unpaid portion may be paid in the following fiscal year subject to the limitations specified in this subsection. The liability of the State of Oklahoma to make the incentive payments under this act shall be limited to the balance contained in the Oklahoma Film Enhancement Rebate Program Revolving Fund.

- G. 1. At the time the Office of the Film and Music Commission issues a conditional prequalification for a production, such prequalification may include a proposed designation as a high impact production, as defined in Section 3623 of this title.
- 2. The proposed designation must be approved by the Cabinet Secretary for Commerce and Tourism.
- 3. If the high impact production otherwise meets all of the requirements of the Compete With Canada Act and the Office gives final approval to rebate claims, such rebate claims shall not be subject to the Eight Million Dollar (\$8,000,000.00) cap provided for in subsection F of this section.

4. The payment of a rebate claim approved by the Office for a production designated as a high impact production by the Cabinet Secretary may be made as follows:

from the following sources:

- a. by special appropriation to the Oklahoma Film

  Enhancement Rebate Program Revolving Fund, if the

  claim is approved during a regular or special session

  of the Oklahoma Legislature, or
- b. by payment from the Oklahoma Quick Action Closing Fund pursuant to Section 48.2 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statues Statutes, if the claim is approved when the Oklahoma Legislature is not in session.

SECTION 17. AMENDATORY Section 98, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2013, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 164, O.S.L. 2019 (85A O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 98), is amended to read as follows:

Section 98. The Self-insurance Guaranty Fund shall be derived

- 1. Any unexpended funds, including interest thereon, held by the State Treasurer in the Workers' Compensation Self-insurance Guaranty Fund transferred to the Self-insurance Guaranty Fund as provided in Section 124 of this title;
- 2. In the event the net fund balance falls below Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00), the Workers' Compensation Commission shall make an assessment against each private self-insurer and group self-insurance association based on an assessment

rate to be determined by the commissioners, not exceeding two percent (2%) per annum of actual paid losses of the self-insurer during the preceding calendar year, payable to the Tax Commission for deposit to the fund. The assessment against private selfinsurers shall be determined using a rate equal to the proportion that the deficiency in the fund attributable to private selfinsurers bears to the actual paid losses of all private selfinsurers for the year period of January 1 through December 31 preceding the assessment. The assessment against group selfinsurance associations shall be determined using a rate equal to the proportion that the deficiency in excess of the surplus of the Group Self-Insurance Association Guaranty Fund at the date of the transfer attributable to group self-insurance associations bears to the actual paid losses of all group self-insurance associations cumulatively for any calendar year preceding the assessment. self-insurer shall provide the Workers' Compensation Commission with such information as the Commission may determine is necessary to effectuate the purposes of this paragraph. For purposes of this paragraph, "actual paid losses" means all medical and indemnity payments, including temporary disability, permanent disability, and death benefits, and excluding loss adjustment expenses and reserves.

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a. The assessment shall be paid within thirty (30) calendar days after the date the commissioners notify the self-insurer of the assessment.

b. A private employer or group self-insurance association which ceases to be a self-insurer shall remain liable for any and all assessments of the self-insurer as provided in this paragraph based on actual paid losses for the calendar year period preceding the assessment.

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Failure of a self-insurer to pay, or timely pay, an C. assessment required by this paragraph, or to report payment of the same to the Commission within ten (10) days of payment, shall be grounds for revocation by the Commission of the self-insurer's permit to selfinsure in this state, after notice and hearing. A former self-insurer failing to make payments required by this paragraph promptly and correctly, or failing to report payment of the same to the Commission within ten (10) days of payment, shall be subject to administrative penalties as allowed by law, including but not limited to, a fine in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the unpaid amount, whichever is greater, to be paid and deposited to the credit of the Workers' Compensation Commission Revolving Fund created in Section 28.1 of this title. It shall be the duty of the Tax Commission to collect the assessment provided for in this paragraph.

Commission is authorized to bring an action for recovery of any delinquent or unpaid assessments, and may enforce payment of the assessment by proceeding in accordance with Section 79 of this title.

- d. An impaired self-insurer shall be exempt from assessments beginning on the date of the Commission's designation until the Commission determines the selfinsurer is no longer impaired.
- e. The Tax Commission shall determine the fund balance as

  of March 1 and September 1 of each year, and when

  otherwise requested by the Workers' Compensation

  Commission, and shall advise the Workers' Compensation

  Commission in writing within thirty (30) days of each

  such determination;
- 3. Any interest accruing on monies paid into the fund; and
- 4. Monies transferred pursuant to Section 99 of this title.
- SECTION 18. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.
- SECTION 19. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or 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.

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