

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
SUBSTITUTE  
FOR ENGROSSED  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2307

By: Frix, Patzkowsky and Kerbs  
of the House

and

Standridge and Bergstrom of  
the Senate

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An Act relating to driver licenses; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1144, as last amended by Section 6 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2098 of the 1st Session of the 57th Oklahoma Legislature, which relates to motor license agent's office hours; modifying hours of operation; allowing certain authorization; requiring at least one agent office be open per county; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1144, as last amended by Section 6 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2098 of the 1st Session of the 57th Oklahoma Legislature, is amended to read as follows:

1       Section 1144. A. Payments for any required registration fees,  
2 license plates or decals or excise taxes except as otherwise  
3 provided by law, may be made as follows:

4       1. By the applicant's personal or company check if presented  
5 within the period of time required for purchase or renewal of the  
6 registration and license plates or decals. At the time of  
7 presentment, the motor license agent may utilize a check  
8 verification system provided by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to  
9 confirm that there are sufficient funds to pay the check. Upon  
10 notification that there are insufficient funds, the agent shall  
11 refuse to accept the check or deliver the license plate or decal.  
12 If an agent fails to utilize the check verification system and the  
13 check is returned for nonpayment, the agent shall not receive any  
14 fees for the transaction. No motor license agent shall be required  
15 to accept any check from any person during any penalty period  
16 relating to that person's registration; or

17       2. By a nationally recognized credit or debit card issued to  
18 the applicant. The Tax Commission may add an amount equal to the  
19 amount of the service charge incurred as a service charge for the  
20 acceptance of such credit card. For purposes of this paragraph,  
21 "nationally recognized credit or debit card" means any instrument or  
22 device, whether known as a credit card, credit plate, charge plate,  
23 debit card or by any other name, issued with or without fee by an  
24 issuer for the use of the cardholder in obtaining goods, services or

1 anything else of value on credit which is accepted by over one  
2 thousand merchants in this state. The Tax Commission shall  
3 determine which nationally recognized credit or debit cards will be  
4 accepted by a motor license agent as payment for any required motor  
5 vehicle registration fees, license plates or decals or excise taxes.  
6 Provided however the Tax Commission must ensure that no loss of  
7 state revenue will occur by the use of such card.

8 B. Each motor license agent's office shall be open a minimum of  
9 forty (40) hours per week, of which four (4) such hours per week  
10 shall be in the evening hours or on Saturday, subject to the  
11 approval of the Tax Commission, except during such weeks that  
12 contain a legal holiday prescribed by the statutes of this state.  
13 Provided that the Tax Commission may authorize a motor license agent  
14 to stay open a lesser period of time if the Tax Commission is  
15 satisfied that the public is being properly served. Provided  
16 further that there shall be at least one motor license agent in each  
17 county open the hours designated in this section. All motor license  
18 agents shall post their hours in a conspicuous place for the  
19 public's information.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

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

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