

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2598

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An Act relating to motor vehicles; allowing licensed wrecker operators to take possession of impounded vehicle tags; requiring issuance of statement of charges owed; requiring wreck operators notify the Oklahoma Tax Commission of plate possession; allowing owner to take possession after payment; requiring wrecker operator to notify Tax Commission regarding received payments; directing the Tax Commission to promulgate rules creating certain database; requiring tag agents to not issue tags to certain individuals; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 964.1 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. When a licensed wrecker operator has lawfully towed and stored a vehicle with a license plate, the wrecker operator may take possession of the license plate of the vehicle. If the wrecker

operator takes possession of the license plate, the wrecker operator shall issue a statement of the amount owed by the vehicle owner.

1. After the issuance of the statement of the amount owed, the wrecker operator issuing the statement shall, within three (3) business days, notify the Oklahoma Tax Commission that the wrecker operator has taken possession of the license plate.

2. The vehicle owner may retrieve the license plate from the wrecker operator upon payment in full of any charges contained on the statement of amount owed, in addition to any storage charges which may have accrued.

3. The wrecker operator shall promptly notify the Tax Commission that the vehicle owner is in compliance and the license plate has been returned to the owner of the vehicle.

B. The Tax Commission shall promulgate rules and procedures to create a database that includes a listing of all license plates taken into possession by wrecker operators for nonpayment of service charges.

C. Tag agents shall review the database and shall not issue a new or renewed tag for this or any other vehicle owned by a person listed in the database until all service charges have been paid and the license plate has been released by the wrecker operator.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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