

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2598

By: Echols

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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24 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE, dated
02/21/2019 - DO PASS, As Amended.