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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1485

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7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to certificates of title; amending 47
9 O.S. 2021, Section 1105, which relates to
10 definitions, application, and evidence of ownership;
11 exempting certain industry from inspection
12 requirement for issuance of title for out-of-state
13 vehicle; requiring exempt industry to submit certain
14 fee; directing apportionment of certain portion of
15 fee; and providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1105, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1105. A. As used in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and
20 Registration Act:

21 1. "Salvage vehicle" means any vehicle which is within the last
22 ten (10) model years and which has been damaged by collision or
23 other occurrence to the extent that the cost of repairing the
24 vehicle for safe operation on the highway exceeds sixty percent
(60%) of its fair market value, as defined by Section 1111 of this
title, immediately prior to the damage. For purposes of this

1 section, actual repair costs shall only include labor and parts for
2 actual damage to the suspension, motor, transmission, frame or
3 unibody and designated structural components;

4 2. "Rebuilt vehicle" means any salvage vehicle which has been
5 rebuilt and inspected for the purpose of registration and title;

6 3. "Flood-damaged vehicle" means a salvage or rebuilt vehicle
7 which was damaged by flooding or a vehicle which was submerged at a
8 level to or above the dashboard of the vehicle and on which an
9 amount of loss was paid by the insurer;

10 4. "Unrecovered-theft vehicle" means a vehicle which has been
11 stolen and not yet recovered;

12 5. "Recovered-theft vehicle" means a vehicle, including a
13 salvage or rebuilt vehicle, which was recovered from a theft; and

14 6. "Junked vehicle" means any vehicle which is incapable of
15 operation or use on the highway, has no resale value except as a
16 source of parts or scrap and has an eighty percent (80%) loss in
17 fair market value.

18 B. The owner of every vehicle in this state shall possess a
19 certificate of title as proof of ownership of such vehicle, except
20 those vehicles registered pursuant to Section 1120 of this title and
21 trailers registered pursuant to Section 1133 of this title,
22 previously titled by anyone in another state and engaged in
23 interstate commerce, and except as provided in subsection M of this
24 section. Except for owners that possess an agricultural exemption

1 permit pursuant to Section 1358.1 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma
2 Statutes, the owner of an all-terrain vehicle or a motorcycle used
3 exclusively off roads or highways in this state which is purchased
4 or the ownership of which is transferred on or after July 1, 2005,
5 and the owner of a utility vehicle used exclusively off roads and
6 highways in this state which is purchased or the ownership of which
7 is transferred on or after July 1, 2008, shall possess a certificate
8 of title as proof of ownership. Any person possessing an
9 agricultural exemption permit and owning an all-terrain vehicle or a
10 motorcycle used exclusively off roads or highways in this state
11 which is purchased or the ownership of which is transferred on or
12 after July 1, 2008, shall possess a certificate of title as proof of
13 ownership. Upon receipt of proper application information by such
14 owner, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall issue an original or
15 transfer certificate of title. Until July 1, 2008, any security
16 interest in an all-terrain vehicle that attached and was perfected
17 before July 1, 2005, and that has not otherwise terminated shall
18 remain perfected, and shall take priority over any subsequently
19 perfected security interest in the same all-terrain vehicle,
20 notwithstanding that a certificate of title may have been issued
21 with respect to the same all-terrain vehicle on or after July 1,
22 2005, and that a lien may have been recorded on said certificate of
23 title. There shall be eight types of certificates of title:
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1 1. Original title for any motor vehicle which is not a
2 remanufactured, salvage, unrecovered-theft, rebuilt, rebodied, or
3 junked vehicle;

4 2. Salvage title for any motor vehicle which is a salvage
5 vehicle or is specified as a salvage vehicle or the equivalent
6 thereof on a certificate of title from another state;

7 3. Rebuilt title for any motor vehicle which is a rebuilt
8 vehicle;

9 4. Junked title for any motor vehicle which is a junked vehicle
10 or is specified as a junked vehicle or the equivalent thereof on a
11 certificate of title from another state;

12 5. Classic title for any motor vehicle, except a junked
13 vehicle, which is twenty-five (25) model years or older;

14 6. Remanufactured title for any vehicle which is a
15 remanufactured vehicle;

16 7. Unrecovered-theft title for any motor vehicle which has been
17 stolen and not recovered; and

18 8. Rebodied title for any motor vehicle which is a rebodied
19 vehicle.

20 Application for a certificate of title, whether the initial
21 certificate of title or a duplicate, may be made to the Tax
22 Commission or any motor license agent. When application is made
23 with a motor license agent, the application information shall be
24 transmitted either electronically or by mail to the Tax Commission

1 by the motor license agent. If the application information is
2 transmitted electronically, the motor license agent shall forward
3 the required application along with evidence of ownership, where
4 required, by mail. Where the transmission of application
5 information cannot be performed electronically, the Tax Commission
6 is authorized to provide postage paid envelopes to motor license
7 agents for the purpose of mailing the application along with
8 evidence of ownership, where required. The Tax Commission shall
9 upon receipt of proper application information issue an Oklahoma
10 certificate of title. The certificates may be mailed to the
11 applicant. Upon issuance of a certificate of title, the Tax
12 Commission shall provide the appropriate motor license agent with
13 confirmation of such issuance.

14 C. 1. The application for certificate of title shall be upon a
15 blank form furnished by the Tax Commission, containing:

- 16 a. a full description of the vehicle,
 - 17 b. the manufacturer's serial or other identification
18 number,
 - 19 c. the motor number and the date on which first sold by
20 the manufacturer or dealer to the owner,
 - 21 d. any distinguishing marks,
 - 22 e. a statement of the applicant's source of title,
 - 23 f. any security interest upon the vehicle, and
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1 g. such other information as the Tax Commission may
2 require.

3 2. The application for a certificate of title for a vehicle
4 which is within the last seven (7) model years shall require a
5 declaration as to whether the vehicle has been damaged by collision
6 or other occurrence and whether the vehicle has been recovered from
7 theft and the extent of the damage to the vehicle. The declaration
8 shall be made by the owner of a vehicle if:

9 a. the vehicle has been damaged or stolen,

10 b. the owner did or did not receive any payment for the
11 loss from an insurer, or

12 c. the vehicle is titled or registered in a state that
13 does not classify the vehicle or brand the title
14 because of damage to or loss of the vehicle similar to
15 the classifications or brands utilized by this state.

16 The declaration shall be based upon the best information and
17 knowledge of the owner and shall be in addition to the requirements
18 specified in paragraph 1 of this subsection. The Tax Commission
19 shall not issue a certificate of title for a vehicle which is
20 subject to the provisions of this paragraph without the required
21 declaration, completed and signed by the owner of the vehicle. Upon
22 receipt of an application without the properly completed
23 declaration, the Tax Commission shall return the application to the
24 applicant with notice that the title may not be issued without the

1 required declaration. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit the
2 Tax Commission from recognizing the type of or brand on a title or
3 other ownership document issued by another state or the inspection
4 conducted in another state and issuing the appropriate certificate
5 of title for the vehicle.

6 3. The certificate of title shall have the following security
7 features:

- 8 a. intaglio printing or security thread, with or without
- 9 watermark,
- 10 b. latent images,
- 11 c. fluorescent inks,
- 12 d. micro print,
- 13 e. void background, and
- 14 f. color coding.

15 4. Each title issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma
16 Vehicle License and Registration Act shall be color coded as
17 determined by the Tax Commission.

18 5. The certificate of title shall be of such size and design
19 and color as the Tax Commission may direct pursuant to the
20 provisions of this section. The title shall be on colored paper or
21 other material as designated by the Tax Commission and be of such
22 intensity or hue as will allow easy identification as to whether the
23 title is an original title, a salvage title, a rebuilt title,
24 remanufactured title, rebodied title, or a junked title. The type

1 of title shall be identified on the front of the certificate of
2 title. The original title, rebuilt title, remanufactured title, an
3 unrecovered-theft title, rebodied title, or classic title shall be
4 identified by the word "Original", "Rebuilt", "Remanufactured",
5 "Unrecovered Theft", "Rebodied", or "Classic" printed in the upper
6 right quadrant of the certificate of title, in the space which is
7 currently captioned "type of title". A rebodied title shall also
8 identify on the front of the title the year, make, and model of the
9 originally manufactured vehicle which has been rebodied and display
10 a notation that reads as follows: "This vehicle has been assembled
11 with new major components licensed by the original manufacturer".

12 D. 1. To obtain an original certificate of title for a vehicle
13 that is being registered for the first time in this state which has
14 not been previously registered in any other state, the applicant
15 shall be required to deliver, as evidence of ownership, a
16 manufacturer's certificate of origin properly assigned by the
17 manufacturer, distributor, or dealer licensed in this or any other
18 state shown thereon to be the last transferee to the applicant upon
19 a form to be prescribed and approved by the Tax Commission. A
20 manufacturer's certificate of origin shall contain:

- 21 a. the manufacturer's serial or other identification
22 number,
- 23 b. date on which first sold by the manufacturer to the
24 dealer,

- c. any distinguishing marks including model and the year same was made,
- d. a statement of any security interests upon the vehicle, and
- e. such other information as the Tax Commission may require.

2. The manufacturer's certificate of origin shall have the following security features:

- a. intaglio printing or security thread, with or without watermark,
- b. latent images,
- c. fluorescent inks,
- d. micro print, and
- e. void background.

E. In the absence of a dealer's or manufacturer's number, the Tax Commission may assign such identifying number to the vehicle, which shall be permanently stamped, burned, or pressed or attached into the vehicle, and a certificate of title shall be delivered to the applicant upon payment of all fees and taxes, and the remaining copies shall be permanently filed and indexed by the Tax Commission. The Tax Commission shall assign an identifying number to any rebuilt vehicle if the vehicle identification number displayed on the rebuilt vehicle does not accurately describe the vehicle as rebuilt. The motor license agent, at the time of inspection of the rebuilt

1 vehicle pursuant to Section 1111 of this title, shall identify the
2 make, model, and year for the body to accurately describe the
3 rebuilt vehicle. At the time of the inspection, an appropriate
4 identifying number shall be permanently stamped, burned, pressed, or
5 attached on the rebuilt vehicle. The assigned identifying number
6 shall be recorded on the certificate of title for the rebuilt
7 vehicle. The dealer's or manufacturer's vehicle identification
8 number on the rebuilt vehicle shall be preserved in the computer
9 files of the Tax Commission for at least five (5) years.

10 F. When registering for the first time in this state a vehicle
11 which was not originally manufactured for sale in the United States,
12 to obtain a certificate of title, the Tax Commission shall require
13 the applicant to deliver:

14 1. As evidence of ownership, if the vehicle has not previously
15 been titled in the United States, the documents constituting valid
16 proof of ownership in the country in which the vehicle was
17 originally purchased, together with a notarized translation of any
18 such documents; and

19 2. As evidence of compliance with federal law, copies of the
20 bond release letters for the vehicle issued by the United States
21 Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of
22 Transportation, together with a receipt issued by the Internal
23 Revenue Service indicating that the applicable federal gas guzzler
24 tax has been paid.

1 The Tax Commission shall not issue a certificate of title for a
2 vehicle which is subject to the provisions of this paragraph without
3 the required documentation from agencies of the United States and
4 evidence of ownership. Upon receipt of an application without the
5 required documentation, the Tax Commission shall return the
6 application to the applicant with notice that the certificate of
7 title may not be issued without the required documentation. Nothing
8 in this paragraph shall prohibit the Tax Commission from issuing
9 certificates of title for antique or classic vehicles not driven
10 upon the public streets, roads, or highways, for mini-trucks
11 registered pursuant to Section 1151.3 of this title, or for medium-
12 speed electric vehicles.

13 G. When registering in this state a vehicle which was titled in
14 another state and which title contains the name of a secured party
15 on the face of the other state certificate of title, or such state
16 certificate is being held by the secured party in that state or any
17 other state, the Tax Commission or the motor license agent shall
18 complete a lien entry form as prescribed by the Tax Commission. The
19 owner of such vehicle shall file an affidavit with the Tax
20 Commission or the motor license agent stating that title to the
21 vehicle is being held by a secured party, has not been issued
22 pursuant to the laws of the state where titled, and that there is an
23 existing lien or encumbrance on the vehicle. The current name and
24 address of the secured party or lienholder shall also be stated in

1 the affidavit. The form of the affidavit shall be prescribed by the
2 Tax Commission and contain any other information deemed necessary by
3 the Tax Commission. A statement of the lien or encumbrance shall be
4 included on the Oklahoma certificate of title and the lien or
5 encumbrance shall be deemed continuously perfected as though it had
6 been perfected pursuant to Section 1110 of this title. For
7 completing the lien entry form and recording the security interest
8 on the certificate of title, the Tax Commission or the motor license
9 agent shall collect a fee of Three Dollars (\$3.00) which shall be in
10 addition to other fees provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and
11 Registration Act. The fee, if collected by the motor license agent
12 pursuant to this subsection, shall be retained by the motor license
13 agent.

14 H. The charge for each certificate of title issued, except for
15 junked titles as defined in paragraph 4 of subsection B of this
16 section, shall be Eleven Dollars (\$11.00), which charge shall be in
17 addition to any other fees or taxes imposed by law for such vehicle.
18 One Dollar (\$1.00) of each such charge shall be deposited in the
19 Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund. However, the charge
20 shall not apply to any vehicle which is to be registered in this
21 state pursuant to the provisions of Section 1120 or 1133 of this
22 title and which was registered in another state at least sixty (60)
23 days prior to the time it is required to be registered in this
24 state. When an insurer requests a salvage or junk title in the name

1 of the insurer resulting from the settlement of a total loss claim
2 and upon presentation of appropriate proof of loss documentation as
3 required by the Commission, such transfer may be processed as one
4 title transaction, without first requiring issuance of a replacement
5 certificate of title in the name of the vehicle owner. The fee
6 shall be Twenty-two Dollars (\$22.00). Two Dollars (\$2.00) of this
7 fee shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement
8 Fund.

9 I. The vehicle identification number of a junked vehicle shall
10 be preserved in the computer files of the Tax Commission for a
11 period of not less than five (5) years. The charge of junked titles
12 as defined in paragraph 4 of subsection B of this section shall be
13 Four Dollars (\$4.00). The fee remitted to the Tax Commission shall
14 be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.

15 J. If a vehicle is sold to a resident of another state
16 destroyed, dismantled, or ceases to be used as a vehicle, the owner
17 shall immediately notify the Tax Commission. Absent evidence to the
18 contrary, failure to notify the Tax Commission shall be prima facie
19 evidence that the vehicle has been in continuous operation in this
20 state.

21 K. If a vehicle is stolen, the owner shall immediately notify
22 the appropriate law enforcement agency. Immediately after receiving
23 such notification, the law enforcement agency shall notify the Tax
24 Commission.

1 L. Except for all-terrain vehicles, utility vehicles and
2 motorcycles used exclusively for off-road use, no title for an out-
3 of-state vehicle, except any commercial truck or truck-tractor
4 registered pursuant to Section 1120 of this title which is engaged
5 in interstate commerce or any trailer or semitrailer registered
6 pursuant to Section 1133 of this title which is engaged in
7 interstate commerce, shall be issued without an inspection of such
8 vehicle and payment of a fee of Four Dollars (\$4.00) for such
9 inspection; provided, the Tax Commission may enter into reciprocal
10 agreements with other states for such inspections to be performed at
11 locations outside the boundaries of this state for vehicles which:

12 1. Are offered for sale at auction;

13 2. Have been solely used as vehicles for rent under the
14 ownership of a licensed motor vehicle dealer or a person engaged in
15 the business of renting motor vehicles; or

16 3. Have not been registered in this or any other state for more
17 than one (1) year.

18 The inspection shall include a comparison of the vehicle
19 identification number on the vehicle with the number recorded on the
20 ownership records and the recording of the actual odometer reading
21 on the vehicle. An establishment engaged in vehicle rentals as
22 defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry No. 532111,
23 shall be exempt from the inspection required pursuant to this
24 subsection; provided, the establishment shall be required to submit

1 payment of any fees required pursuant to this subsection when the
2 title is issued, and the portion of the fees retained by motor
3 license agents pursuant to this subsection shall be apportioned
4 equally between the motor license agents located within the county
5 in which the vehicle is located when the certificate of title is
6 issued. The four-dollar fee shall be collected by the motor license
7 agent or Tax Commission when the title is issued. The motor license
8 agent shall retain Two Dollars (\$2.00). The remaining Two Dollars
9 (\$2.00) shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission
10 Reimbursement Fund.

11 The Tax Commission may allow the inspection to be performed at a
12 location out-of-state by another state's department of motor
13 vehicles or state police.

14 M. No title for any out-of-state vehicle offered for sale at
15 salvage pools, salvage disposal sales, or an auction, or by a dealer
16 or a licensed automotive dismantler and parts recycler, shall be
17 issued without an inspection to compare the vehicle identification
18 number on the vehicle with the number recorded on the ownership
19 record and to record the actual odometer reading on the vehicle.
20 Upon request of the seller, person or entity conducting an auction,
21 dealer, or licensed dismantler, the inspection shall be conducted at
22 the location or place of business of the sale, auction, dealer, or
23 the dismantler. The inspection shall be conducted by any motor
24 license agent or a duly authorized employee thereof; provided, if

1 the vehicle identification number on the vehicle offered for sale at
2 salvage pools, salvage disposal sales, or a classic or antique
3 auction does not match the number recorded on the ownership record,
4 the inspection may be conducted at the location of or place of
5 business of such sale or auction by any state, county, or city law
6 enforcement officer. The Tax Commission may enter into reciprocal
7 agreements with other states for such inspections to be performed at
8 locations outside the boundaries of this state for vehicles which:

9 1. Are offered for sale at auction;

10 2. Have been solely used as vehicles for rent under the
11 ownership of a licensed motor vehicle dealer or a person engaged in
12 the business of renting motor vehicles; or

13 3. Have not been registered in this or any other state for more
14 than one (1) year.

15 The inspection shall be certified upon forms prescribed by the Tax
16 Commission. The name and other identification of the authorized
17 person conducting the inspection shall be legibly printed or typed
18 on the form. Prior to any inspection by any employee of a motor
19 license agent, the motor license agent shall notify the Tax
20 Commission of the name and any other identification information
21 requested by the Tax Commission of the authorized person. A
22 signature specimen of the authorized person shall be submitted to
23 the Tax Commission by the employing motor license agent. If the
24 authorization to inspect vehicles is withdrawn or the employer-

1 employee relationship is terminated, the motor license agent,
2 immediately, shall notify the Tax Commission and return any
3 remaining inspection forms to the Tax Commission. The fee for the
4 inspection shall be Four Dollars (\$4.00). The motor license agent
5 shall retain Three Dollars (\$3.00) of the fee. Fees received by a
6 motor license agent or an authorized employee thereof shall be
7 handled and accounted for in the manner as prescribed by law for any
8 other fees paid to or received by a motor license agent. Out-of-
9 state vehicles brought into this state by a person licensed in
10 another state to sell new or used vehicles to be sold within this
11 state at a motor vehicle auction which is limited to dealer-to-
12 dealer transactions shall not be required to be inspected, unless
13 the vehicle is purchased by an Oklahoma dealer. Any person licensed
14 in another state to sell new or used motor vehicles, who offers a
15 motor vehicle for sale within this state at a motor vehicle auction
16 which is limited to dealer-to-dealer transactions, shall not be
17 within the definition of "owner" in Section 1102 of this title, for
18 purposes of Section 1101 et seq. of this title.

19 N. A licensed motor vehicle dealer, upon payment of a fee of
20 Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00), may reassign an out-of-state certificate
21 of title to a used motor vehicle provided such dealer obtains the
22 appropriate inspection form required by either subsection L or M of
23 this section and attaches the form to the out-of-state certificate
24 of title. Motor license agents shall be allowed to retain Two

1 Dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) of the fee plus an additional
2 Two Dollars (\$2.00) or Three Dollars (\$3.00) as provided in
3 subsections L and M of this section for performance of the
4 inspection. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of the fee shall be deposited in
5 the Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund. An out-of-state vehicle
6 which has been rebuilt shall be inspected pursuant to the provisions
7 of Section 1111 of this title. The Tax Commission shall train motor
8 license agents in interpreting vehicle identification numbers to
9 assure that it accurately describes the vehicle and to detect
10 rollback or alteration of the odometer. Failure of a motor license
11 agent to inspect the vehicle and make the required notations shall
12 be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand
13 Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the first offense and Five Thousand Dollars
14 (\$5,000.00) for the second offense or subsequent offense, or by
15 imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or
16 by both such fine and imprisonment.

17 O. The ownership of any unrecovered vehicle which has been
18 declared a total loss by an insurer because of theft shall be
19 transferred to the insurer by an unrecovered-theft vehicle title;
20 provided, the ownership of any such vehicle which has been declared
21 a total loss by an insurer licensed by the Insurance Department ~~of~~
22 ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ and maintaining a multi-state motor vehicle
23 salvage processing center in this state shall be transferred to the
24 insurer by a salvage or an unrecovered-theft title without the

1 requirement of a visual inspection of the vehicle identification
2 number by the insurer. Upon recovery of the vehicle, the ownership
3 shall be transferred by an original title, salvage title, or junked
4 title, as may be appropriate based upon an estimate of the amount of
5 loss submitted by the insurer.

6 P. When an insurance company makes a total loss settlement on a
7 total loss vehicle and the insurance company or a salvage pool
8 authorized by the insurance company is unable to obtain the properly
9 endorsed certificate of ownership or other evidence of ownership
10 acceptable to the Oklahoma Tax Commission within thirty (30) days
11 following acceptance by the owner of an offer of an amount in
12 settlement of a total loss, that insurance company or salvage pool,
13 on a form provided by the Oklahoma Tax Commission and signed under
14 penalty of perjury, may request the Oklahoma Tax Commission to issue
15 the applicable salvage title for the vehicle. The request shall
16 include information declaring that the requester has made at least
17 two written attempts to obtain the certificate of ownership or other
18 acceptable evidence of title.

19 Q. The owner of any vehicle which is incapable of operation or
20 use on the public roads and has no resale value, except as parts,
21 scrap, or junk, may deliver the certificate of title to the vehicle
22 to the Tax Commission for cancellation. Upon verification that any
23 perfected lien against the vehicle has been released, the
24 certificate of title shall be canceled without any fee, charge, or

1 cost required from the owner. The vehicle identification numbers on
2 the certificates of title shall be preserved in the computer files
3 of the Tax Commission for at least five (5) years from the date of
4 cancellation of the certificate of title. The Tax Commission shall
5 prescribe and provide an affidavit form to be completed by the owner
6 of any vehicle for which the certificate of title is canceled. No
7 title or registration shall subsequently be issued for a vehicle for
8 which the certificate of title has been surrendered pursuant to this
9 subsection. The Tax Commission shall prescribe a form for the
10 transfer of ownership of a vehicle for which the certificate of
11 title has been canceled.

12 R. The owner of a vehicle which is not within the last ten (10)
13 model years, not roadworthy and not capable of repair for operation
14 or use on the roads and highways, or a vehicle which is being sold
15 to a scrap metal dealer pursuant to Section 11-92 of Title 2 of the
16 Oklahoma Statutes, shall transfer the vehicle only upon a
17 certificate of ownership prescribed by the Tax Commission, if the
18 certificate of title to the vehicle is lost, has been canceled, or
19 otherwise not available. The prescribed ownership form shall
20 include the names and addresses of the buyer and seller, the driver
21 license number or social security number of the seller, the make and
22 model of the vehicle, and the public vehicle identification number.
23 If there is no public vehicle identification number, the vehicle
24 shall be inspected by a law enforcement officer to verify the

1 absence of the number on the vehicle and the prescribed ownership
2 form shall include a signed statement, by such officer, verifying
3 the absence of the number.

4 The certificate of ownership shall be completed in triplicate.
5 The buyer and seller shall each retain a copy. Within thirty (30)
6 days of the transaction, the seller shall submit one copy to the Tax
7 Commission or a motor license agent accompanied with a fee of Four
8 Dollars (\$4.00). One Dollar (\$1.00) shall be retained by the motor
9 license agent and Three Dollars (\$3.00) shall be deposited in the
10 Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund in the State Treasury.

11 Upon receipt of the certificate, the Tax Commission shall verify
12 that any perfected lien upon the vehicle has been released. If the
13 lien is not released, the Tax Commission shall mail notice of the
14 transfer to the lienholder at the lienholder's last-known address.
15 If a certificate of title has been issued, it shall be canceled and
16 the vehicle identification number shall be preserved in the computer
17 of the Tax Commission for at least five (5) years. The buyer of the
18 vehicle may not be sued and shall not be liable for monetary damages
19 to the lienholder~~r~~; however, the vehicle shall be subject to a valid
20 repossession by a lienholder.

21 S. The Tax Commission shall notify the chief administrative
22 officer of the agency or department responsible for issuing motor
23 vehicle certificates of title in each state in the United States of
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1 the types of motor vehicle certificate of title effective in
2 Oklahoma on and after January 1, 1989.

3 T. When registering for the first time in this state a
4 remanufactured vehicle which has not been registered in any other
5 state since its remanufacture, before issuing a certificate of
6 title, the Tax Commission shall require the applicant to deliver a
7 statement of origin from the remanufacturer.

8 U. If a vehicle is sold to a foreign buyer pursuant to the
9 provisions of the Automotive Dismantlers and Parts Recycler Act, the
10 licensed seller shall stamp the title with: "EXPORT ONLY.
11 NONTRANSFERABLE IN THE UNITED STATES." The licensed seller shall
12 supply the Tax Commission the title number, the vehicle
13 identification number and the foreign buyer's bid identification
14 number on a form prescribed by the Tax Commission. The Tax
15 Commission shall cancel the title, and the vehicle identification
16 number shall be preserved in the computer files of the Tax
17 Commission for a period of not less than five (5) years.

18 V. The Tax Commission shall not be considered a necessary party
19 to any lawsuit which is instigated for the purpose of determining
20 ownership of a vehicle, wherein the Tax Commission's only
21 involvement would be to issue title, and the court shall issue an
22 order dismissing the Tax Commission from the pending action. In the
23 event no other party or lienholder can be identified as to ownership
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1 or claim, the Tax Commission shall accept an affidavit of ownership
2 from the party claiming ownership and issue proper title thereon.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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