

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 3179

By: Phillips and Frix of the  
House

3 and

4 Dossett (J.J.) of the  
5 Senate

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7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; defining terms;  
8 requiring registration for certain vehicles;  
9 disallowing for-hire transportation in certain  
10 vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1113, which  
11 relates to the issuance of certificates of  
12 registration, license plates and decals; providing  
13 for the distinctive design and issuance of license  
14 plates, decals and registration for certain vehicles;  
15 providing for plate placement on vehicle; providing  
16 for fee for replacement plate; authorizing for the  
17 design, color and size of plate and decals; requiring  
18 certain decals to be of a different color; requiring  
19 issuance of a certain identification number;  
20 requiring the tagging of certain other vehicle;  
21 requiring certain one-time processing fee; providing  
22 for codification; and providing an effective date.  
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

25 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
26 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-133.1a of Title 47, unless  
27 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

28 A. A "military surplus vehicle" is any motor vehicle having:

29 1. Three axles or fewer that meet the legal size and weight  
30 limits set forth in Section 14-103 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma  
31 Statutes;

1        2. An age less than thirty-five (35) years old and was  
2 manufactured for use in either the United States Armed Forces or any  
3 country that was a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
4 at the time the vehicle was manufactured. Such vehicle shall have  
5 been subsequently authorized for sale to civilians, except that  
6 military surplus vehicle does not include a tracked vehicle;

7        3. For each occupant, safety belts or safety shoulder harnesses  
8 which shall be installed pursuant to 49 C.F.R., Section 571.208 et  
9 seq.; and

10       4. Equipment required by the provisions of Sections 12-201  
11 through 12-232 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, with respect to  
12 equipment on vehicles.

13       B. A military surplus vehicle operated on the streets and  
14 highways of this state shall be registered as a motor vehicle.

15       C. Military surplus vehicles may be used as other vehicles of  
16 the same type, except military surplus vehicles may not transport  
17 people for hire.

18       SECTION 2.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-133.1b of Title 47, unless  
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21       "Military surplus vehicle collector" means the owner of one or  
22 more military surplus vehicles who acquires, collects, purchases,  
23 trades, or disposes of such vehicles or parts thereof for such  
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1 person's own use in order to restore, preserve, and maintain such  
2 vehicle or vehicles for historic interest.

3 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1113, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 1113. A. 1. Except for all-terrain vehicles, utility  
6 vehicles and motorcycles used exclusively off roads and highways,  
7 upon the filing of a registration application and the payment of the  
8 fees provided for in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration  
9 Act, the Oklahoma Tax Commission or Corporation Commission, as  
10 applicable, shall assign to the vehicle described in the application  
11 a distinctive number, and issue to the owner of the vehicle a  
12 certificate of registration, one license plate and a yearly decal.  
13 The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall assign an all-terrain vehicle,  
14 utility vehicle or motorcycle used exclusively off roads and  
15 highways a distinctive number and issue to the owner a certificate  
16 of registration and a decal but not a license plate. For each  
17 subsequent registration year, the Tax Commission shall issue a  
18 yearly decal to be affixed to the license plate, except for an all-  
19 terrain vehicle, utility vehicle or motorcycle used exclusively off  
20 roads and highways. The initial decal for an all-terrain vehicle,  
21 utility vehicle or motorcycle shall be attached to the front of the  
22 vehicle and shall be in clear view. The decal shall be on the front  
23 or on the front fork of the motorcycle used exclusively off roads  
24 and highways and the decal shall be in clear view. The yearly decal

1 shall have an identification number and the last two numbers of the  
2 registration year for which it shall expire. Except as provided by  
3 Section 1113A of this title, the license plate shall be affixed to  
4 the exterior of the vehicle until a replacement license plate is  
5 applied for. If the owner applies for a replacement license plate,  
6 the Tax Commission shall charge the fee provided for in Section 1114  
7 of this title. The yearly decal will validate the license plate for  
8 each registration period other than the year the license plate is  
9 issued. The license plate and decal shall be of such size, color,  
10 design and numbering as the Tax Commission may direct. However,  
11 yearly decals issued to the owner of a vehicle who has filed an  
12 affidavit with the appropriate motor license agent in accordance  
13 with Section 7-607 of this title shall be a separate and distinct  
14 color from all other decals issued under this section. Before the  
15 effective date of this act, the Tax Commission shall also issue a  
16 monthly decal which shall include a two-letter abbreviation  
17 corresponding to the county in which the vehicle is registered. The  
18 Tax Commission shall issue all decals in the possession of the Tax  
19 Commission on the effective date of this act before issuing any  
20 decals which do not contain the county abbreviation.

21       2.     a.     The operation of a street-legal utility vehicle on the  
22                 streets and highways of this state requires the  
23                 vehicle be issued a certificate of registration and  
24                 license plate to be renewed annually. Upon the filing

1 of a registration application and the payment of the  
2 fees provided for in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and  
3 Registration Act, the Oklahoma Tax Commission or  
4 Corporation Commission, as applicable, shall assign to  
5 the vehicle described in the application a distinctive  
6 number, and issue to the owner of the vehicle a  
7 certificate of registration, one license plate and a  
8 yearly decal. For each subsequent registration year,  
9 the Tax Commission shall issue a yearly decal to be  
10 affixed to the license plate. The initial decal for a  
11 street-legal utility vehicle shall be attached to the  
12 front of the vehicle and shall be in clear view. The  
13 yearly decal shall have an identification number and  
14 the last two numbers of the registration year for  
15 which it shall expire. Except as provided by Section  
16 1113A of this title, the license plate shall be  
17 affixed to the exterior of the vehicle until a  
18 replacement license plate is issued. If the owner  
19 applies for a replacement license plate, the Tax  
20 Commission shall charge the fee provided for in  
21 Section 1114 of this title. The yearly decal will  
22 validate the license plate for each registration  
23 period other than the year the license plate is  
24 issued. The license plate and decal shall be of such

1 size, color, design and numbering as the Tax  
2 Commission may direct. However, yearly decals issued  
3 to the owner of a vehicle who has filed an affidavit  
4 with the appropriate motor license agent in accordance  
5 with Section 7-607 of this title shall be a separate  
6 and distinct color from all other decals issued under  
7 this section.

8 b. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall design and issue a  
9 temporary tag to out-of-state owners of street-legal  
10 utility vehicles. The temporary tag shall be  
11 recognized in lieu of registration in this state. The  
12 temporary tag shall clearly indicate the date of  
13 issuance and the date of expiration, which shall be  
14 five (5) days, including the day of issuance. Upon  
15 application for a temporary tag, the out-of-state  
16 owner shall show proof of insurance coverage that  
17 satisfies the requirements of the Compulsory Insurance  
18 Law pursuant Section 7-600 et seq. of this title. The  
19 Oklahoma Tax Commission is authorized to promulgate  
20 rules and procedures to implement the provisions of  
21 this paragraph.

22 3. a. The operation of a military surplus vehicle, as  
23 defined by Section 1 of this act, on the streets and  
24 highways of this state requires that the vehicle be

1       issued a certificate of registration and license plate  
2       to be renewed annually. Upon the filing of a  
3       registration application and the payment of the fees  
4       provided for in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and  
5       Registration Act, the Oklahoma Tax Commission or  
6       Oklahoma Corporation Commission, as applicable, shall  
7       design and assign license plates of a distinctive  
8       design in lieu of the usual license plates that shall  
9       show, in addition to the identification number, that  
10       the vehicle meets the qualifications of a military  
11       surplus vehicle, as the case may be, owned by an  
12       Oklahoma military surplus vehicle collector. The  
13       registration shall be valid for one (1) year and may  
14       be renewed by payment of such annual fee. The yearly  
15       decal shall have an identification number and the last  
16       two numbers of the registration year for which it  
17       shall expire. Except as provided by Section 1113A of  
18       this title, the license plate shall be affixed to the  
19       exterior of the vehicle until a replacement license  
20       plate is issued. If the owner applies for a  
21       replacement license plate, the Tax Commission shall  
22       charge the fee provided for in Section 1114 of this  
23       title. The yearly decal will validate the license  
24       plate for each registration period other than the year

1       the license plate is issued. The license plate and  
2       decals shall be of such size, color, design, and  
3       numbering as the Tax Commission may direct. However,  
4       yearly decals issued to the owner of a vehicle who has  
5       filed an affidavit with the appropriate motor license  
6       agent in accordance with Section 7-607 of this title  
7       shall be a separate and distinct color from all other  
8       decals issued under this section.

9       b. Each military surplus vehicle collector, as defined by  
10       Section 2 of this act, who applies for military  
11       surplus vehicle license plates will be issued a  
12       military surplus collector's identification number  
13       that will appear on each license plate. Second and  
14       all subsequent registrations under this section by the  
15       same collector will bear the same collector's  
16       identification number followed by a suffix letter for  
17       vehicle identification.

18       c. A military surplus vehicle collector must own and have  
19       registered one or more vehicles with regular Oklahoma  
20       license plates that are used for regular  
21       transportation.

22       d. There shall be a one-time processing fee of Twenty  
23       Dollars (\$20.00) to defray the cost of issuing the  
24       original military surplus vehicle collector's military



1                   surplus vehicle designation license plates to ensure  
2                   that each collector will be issued only one  
3                   collector's identification number.

4       4. The license plate shall be securely attached to the rear of  
5 the vehicle, except truck-tractor plates which shall be attached to  
6 the front of the vehicle. The Tax Commission may, with the  
7 concurrence of the Department of Public Safety, by Joint Rule,  
8 change and direct the manner, place and location of display of any  
9 vehicle license plate when such action is deemed in the public  
10 interest. The license plate, decal and all letters and numbers  
11 shall be clearly visible at all times. The operation of a vehicle  
12 in this state, regardless of where such vehicle is registered, upon  
13 which the license plate is covered, overlaid or otherwise screened  
14 with any material, whether such material be clear, translucent,  
15 tinted or opaque, shall be a violation of this paragraph.

16       ~~4.~~ 5. Upon payment of the annual registration fee provided in  
17 Section 1133 of this title, the Tax Commission or Corporation  
18 Commission, as applicable, or a motor license agent may issue a  
19 permanent nonexpiring license plate to an owner of one hundred or  
20 more commercial motor vehicles and for vehicles registered under the  
21 provisions of Section 1120 of this title. Upon payment of the  
22 annual registration fee, the Tax Commission or Corporation  
23 Commission shall issue a certificate of registration that shall be  
24 carried at all times in the vehicle for which it is issued.

1 Provided, if the registrant submits its application through  
2 electronic means, such qualified owners of one hundred or more  
3 commercial motor vehicles, properly registered pursuant to the  
4 provisions of Section 1133 of this title, may elect to receive a  
5 permanent certificate of registration that shall be carried at all  
6 times in the vehicle for which it is issued.

7 ~~5.~~ 6. Every vehicle owned by an agency of this state shall be  
8 exempt from the payment of registration fees required by this title.  
9 Provided, such vehicle shall be registered and shall otherwise  
10 comply with the provisions of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and  
11 Registration Act.

12 B. The license plates required under the provisions of this  
13 title shall conform to the requirements and specifications listed  
14 hereinafter:

15 1. Each license plate shall have a space for the placement of  
16 the yearly decals for each succeeding year of registration after the  
17 initial issue;

18 2. The provisions of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and  
19 Registration Act regarding the issuance of yearly decals shall not  
20 apply to the issuance of apportioned license plates, including  
21 license plates for state vehicles, and exempt plates for  
22 governmental entities and fire departments organized pursuant to  
23 Section 592 of Title 18 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

1        3. All license plates and decals shall be made with  
2 reflectorized material as a background to the letters, numbers and  
3 characters displayed thereon. The reflectorized material shall be  
4 of such a nature as to provide effective and dependable brightness  
5 during the service period for which the license plate or decal is  
6 issued;

7        4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Tax  
8 Commission shall design appropriate official license plates for all  
9 state vehicles. Such license plates shall be permanent in nature  
10 and designed in such manner as to remain with the vehicle for the  
11 duration of the vehicle's life span or until the title is  
12 transferred to a nongovernmental owner;

13        5. Within the limits prescribed in this section, the Tax  
14 Commission shall design appropriate official license plates for  
15 vehicles of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. The license plates shall  
16 have the legend "Oklahoma OK" and shall contain the letters "OHP"  
17 followed by the state seal and the badge number of the Highway  
18 Patrol officer to whom the vehicle is assigned. The words "Oklahoma  
19 Highway Patrol" shall also be included on such license plates;

20        6. Within the limits prescribed in this section, the Tax  
21 Commission shall design appropriate official license plates for  
22 vehicles of the Oklahoma Military Department. Such license plates  
23 shall have the legend "Oklahoma OK" and shall contain the letters  
24 "OMD" followed by the state seal and three numbers or letters as

1 designated by the Adjutant General. The words "Oklahoma Military  
2 Department" shall also be included on such license plates;

3 7. Within the limits prescribed in this section, the Tax  
4 Commission shall design appropriate official license plates for  
5 vehicles of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. Such license  
6 plates shall contain the letters "DOC" followed by the Department of  
7 Corrections badge and three numbers or letters or combination of  
8 both as designated by the Director of the agency. The words  
9 "Department of Corrections" shall also be included on such license  
10 plates; and

11 8. Within the limits prescribed in this section, the Oklahoma  
12 Tourism and Recreation Department shall design any license plates  
13 required by the initiation of a license plate reissuance by the  
14 Oklahoma Tax Commission at the request of the Department of Public  
15 Safety pursuant to the provisions of Section 1113.2 of this title.  
16 Any such new designs shall be submitted by the Oklahoma Tourism and  
17 Recreation Department to the Department of Public Safety for its  
18 approval prior to being issued by the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

19 C. Where the applicant has satisfactorily shown that the  
20 applicant owns the vehicle sought to be registered but is unable to  
21 produce documentary evidence of the ownership, a license plate may  
22 be issued upon approval by the Tax Commission or Corporation  
23 Commission, as applicable. In such instances the reason for not  
24 issuing a certificate of title shall be indicated on the receipt

1 given to the applicant. It shall still be the duty of the applicant  
2 to immediately take all necessary steps to obtain the Oklahoma  
3 certificate of title and it shall be unlawful for the applicant to  
4 sell the vehicle until the certificate has been obtained in the  
5 applicant's name.

6 D. The certificate of registration provided for in this section  
7 shall be in convenient form, and the certificate of registration, or  
8 a certified copy or photostatic copy thereof, duly authenticated by  
9 the Tax Commission or Corporation Commission, as applicable, shall  
10 be carried at all times in or upon all vehicles so registered, in  
11 such manner as to permit a ready examination thereof upon demand by  
12 any peace officer of the state or duly authorized employee of the  
13 Department of Public Safety. Any such officer or agent may seize  
14 and hold such vehicle when the operator of the same does not have  
15 the registration certificate in the operator's possession or when  
16 any such officer or agent determines that the registration  
17 certificate has been obtained by misrepresentation of any essential  
18 or material fact or when any number or identifying information  
19 appearing on such certificate has been changed, altered, obliterated  
20 or concealed in any way, until the proper registration or  
21 identification of such vehicle has been made or produced by the  
22 owner thereof.

23 E. The purchaser of a new or used manufactured home shall,  
24 within thirty (30) days of the date of purchase, register the home

1 with the Tax Commission or a motor license agent pursuant to the  
2 provisions of Section 1117 of this title. For a new manufactured  
3 home, it shall be the responsibility of the dealer selling the home  
4 to place a temporary license plate on the home in the same manner as  
5 provided in Section 1128 of this title for other new motor vehicles.  
6 For the first year that any manufactured home is registered in this  
7 state, the Tax Commission shall issue a metal license plate which  
8 shall be affixed to the manufactured home. The temporary dealer  
9 license plate or the metal license plate shall be displayed on the  
10 manufactured home at all times when upon a public roadway; provided,  
11 a repossession affidavit issued pursuant to Sections 1110 and 1126  
12 of this title shall be permissible in lieu of a current license  
13 plate and decal for the purposes of removing a repossessed  
14 manufactured home to a secure location. Manufactured homes  
15 previously registered and subject to ad valorem taxation as provided  
16 by law shall have a decal affixed at the time ad valorem taxes are  
17 paid for such manufactured home; provided, for a manufactured home  
18 permanently affixed to real estate, no decal or license plate shall  
19 be required to be affixed and the owner thereof shall be given a  
20 receipt upon payment of ad valorem taxes due on the home. The Tax  
21 Commission shall make sufficient plates and decals available to the  
22 various motor license agents of the state in order for an owner of a  
23 manufactured home to acquire the plate or decal. A one-dollar fee  
24 shall be charged for issuance of any plate or decal. The fee shall

1 be apportioned each month to the General Revenue Fund of the State  
2 Treasury.

3 F. The decal shall be easily visible for purposes of  
4 verification by a county assessor that the manufactured home is  
5 properly assessed for ad valorem taxation. In the first year of  
6 registration, a decal shall be issued for placement on the license  
7 plate indicating payment of applicable registration fees and excise  
8 taxes. A duplicate manufactured home registration decal shall be  
9 affixed inside the window nearest the front door of the manufactured  
10 home. In the second and all subsequent years for which the  
11 manufactured home is subject to ad valorem taxation, an annual decal  
12 shall be affixed inside the window nearest the front door as  
13 evidence of payment of ad valorem taxes. The Tax Commission shall  
14 issue decals to the various county treasurers of the state in order  
15 for a manufactured home owner to obtain such decal each year. Upon  
16 presentation of a valid ad valorem tax receipt, the manufactured  
17 home owner shall be issued the annual decal.

18 G. Upon the registration of a manufactured home in this state  
19 for the first time or upon discovery of a manufactured home  
20 previously registered within this state for which the information  
21 required by this subsection is not known, the Tax Commission shall  
22 obtain:

23 1. The name of the owner of the manufactured home;  
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2. The serial number or identification number of the manufactured home;

3. A legal description or address of the location for the home;

4. The actual retail selling price of the manufactured home  
excluding Oklahoma taxes;

5. The certificate of title number for the home; and

6. Any other information which the Tax Commission deems to be necessary.

The application for registration shall also include the school district in which the manufactured home is located or is to be located. The information shall be entered into a computer data system which shall be used by the Tax Commission to provide information to county assessors upon request by the assessor. The assessor may request any information from the system in order to properly assess a manufactured home for ad valorem taxation.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of March, 2022.

Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the            day of            , 2022.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate