## 1 SENATE FLOOR VERSION March 31, 2021 2 ENGROSSED HOUSE 3 BILL NO. 2382 By: Sterling, Boles, Fetgatter, Davis and West (Josh) of 4 the House 5 and 6 Weaver of the Senate 7 8 9 An Act relating to motor vehicles; defining term; requiring certain registration; stating certain license requirements; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 10 11-1116, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 315, O.S.L. 2019 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 11-1116), 11 which relates to self-propelled or motor-driven 12 vehicles; making certain exception for street-legal utility vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1102, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 57, 13 O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1102), which relates to definitions; defining term; amending 47 14 O.S. 2011, Section 1113, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020, 15 Section 1113), which relates to issuance of certificate of registration, license plates and 16 decals; providing for the issuance of license plates, decals and registration for certain vehicles; 17 requiring the design and issuance of certain temporary tag; specifying certain tag details and 18 requirements; requiring proof of insurance; authorizing promulgation of certain rules and 19 procedures; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1115.3, which relates to registration of all-terrain and 20 utility vehicles; requiring certain vehicles receive certificate of registration, license plate and yearly 21 issued decal before certain operation; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency. 22 23

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
- 2 | SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
- 3 | in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-171.1 of Title 47, unless
- 4 | there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- A. A "street-legal utility vehicle" is any motor vehicle
- 6 having:

- 1. A bench seat or side-by-side seat for the use of each rider;
- 8 2. Four wheels in contact with the ground, but excluding a
- 9 tractor;
- 10 3. A combustion engine with a piston or rotor displacement of
- 11 | four hundred cubic centimeters (400 cc) or greater and capable of
- 12 maintaining speeds of forty-five (45) miles per hour or greater;
- 13 4. For each occupant, safety belts or safety shoulder harnesses
- 14 which shall be of a type and shall be installed pursuant to 49
- 15 | C.F.R., Section 571.208 et seq.; and
- 5. All equipment required by the provisions of Sections 12-201
- 17 | through 12-232 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, with respect to
- 18 | equipment on vehicles.
- B. A street-legal utility vehicle operated on the streets and
- 20 highways of this state shall be registered as a motor vehicle.
- 21 C. The operator of a street-legal utility vehicle shall not be
- 22 | required to have an "M" endorsement on the Class D license pursuant
- 23 to Section 6-110.1 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The

- operator shall be at least sixteen (16) years of age and hold a valid Oklahoma driver license.
- 3 | SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-1116, as
- 4 | last amended by Section 2, Chapter 315, O.S.L. 2019 (47 O.S. Supp.
- 5 | 2020, Section 11-1116), is amended to read as follows:
- 6 Section 11-1116. A. The self-propelled or motor-driven and
- 7 operated vehicles described in this section shall be prohibited from
- 8 operating or shall be limited in operation on the streets and
- 9 highways of this state.
- B. Self-propelled or motor-driven cycles, known and commonly
- 11 | referred to as "minibikes" and other similar trade names, shall be
- 12 prohibited from operating on the streets and highways of this state,
- 13 except:
- 14 1. When used in a parade; or
- 2. When registered, as required by subsection E of Section 1151
- 16 of this title, and operated in this state by food vendor services
- 17 upon streets having a speed limit of thirty (30) miles per hour or
- 18 less.
- All minibikes offered for sale in this state shall bear the
- 20 | following notice to the customer: "This machine is not manufactured
- 21 or sold for operation on the public streets or highways. Since it
- 22 | is not provided with equipment required by law for street or highway
- 23 use, all persons are cautioned that any operation of this vehicle

- upon a public street or highway will be in violation of the motor vehicle laws of this state and will subject the violator to arrest."
- C. Golf carts and utility vehicles, as defined by Section 1102 of this title, shall not be operated on the streets and highways of this state except:
- 1. Golf carts or utility vehicles owned by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, and operated by employees or agents of the Department or employees of independent management companies working on behalf of the Department, may be operated on the streets and highways of this state during daylight hours or under rules developed by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission, when the streets and highways are located within the boundaries of a state park. The Department shall have warning signs placed at the entrance and other locations at those state parks allowing golf carts or utility vehicles to be operated on the streets and highways of this state located within the boundaries of those state parks. The warning signs shall state that golf carts and utility vehicles may be operating on streets and highways and that motor vehicle operators shall take special precautions to be alert for the presence of golf carts or utility vehicles on the streets and highways;
- 2. The municipal governing body has adopted an ordinance governing the operation of golf carts and/or utility vehicles on

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- city streets; provided, such ordinances shall include necessary vehicle lighting and safety requirements;
- 3. Golf carts or utility vehicles may operate on state highways only if making a perpendicular crossing of a state highway located within the boundaries of a municipality which has adopted an ordinance governing the operation of golf carts and/or utility vehicles; or
- 4. The board of county commissioners of a county has approved the operation of golf cart and/or utility vehicle traffic on roadways within the county, and:
  - a. the roadway has a posted speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour or less,
  - b. the roadway is located in an unincorporated area, and
  - c. appropriate signage, cautioning motorists of the possibility of golf cart or utility vehicle traffic, is erected by the board of county commissioners; or
- 5. Street-legal utility vehicles that are registered as a motor vehicle pursuant to subsection B of Section 1 of this act may be operated on the streets and highways of this state. Provided, however, street-legal utility vehicles shall not be operated on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways or U.S. highways.
- D. All-terrain vehicles shall not be operated on the streets and highways of this state, except:

1 1. On unpaved roads which are located within the boundaries of any property of the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture; 2. On highways if: the vehicle needs to make a direct crossing of the

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- highway while the vehicle is traveling upon a regularly traveled trail and needs to continue travel from one area of the trail to another and, if the vehicle comes to a complete stop, yields the right-ofway to all oncoming traffic that constitutes an immediate hazard, and crosses the highway at an angle of approximately ninety (90) degrees to the direction of the street or highway. This exception shall not apply to divided highways or highways with a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five (35) miles per hour in the area of the crossing,
- the vehicle needs to travel on a highway in order to b. cross a railroad track. In that event, the allterrain vehicle may travel for not more than three hundred (300) feet on a highway to cross a railroad track,
- the operator of the all-terrain vehicle making the C. crossing at a highway has a valid driver license, and

d. the operator of the vehicle makes a crossing on a highway during daylight hours only;

- 3. On streets and highways within a municipality if the municipal governing body has adopted an ordinance governing the operation of golf carts, utility vehicles or all-terrain vehicles on streets and highways within the municipality; or
- 4. On roadways within unincorporated areas of a county if those roadways are not part of the state highway system or the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways; provided, however, that the driver is a licensed driver.
- E. Mopeds, as defined by Section 1-133.2 of this title, may be operated on the streets and highways of this state if:
- 1. The municipal governing body has adopted an ordinance governing the operation of mopeds on city streets; provided, such ordinances shall include necessary vehicle lighting and safety requirements; or
- 2. The board of county commissioners of a county has approved the operation of mopeds on roadways within the county, not including roadways within a municipality.
- 20 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1102, as
  21 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 57, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp.
  22 2020, Section 1102), is amended to read as follows:
- Section 1102. As used in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act:

1. "All-terrain vehicle" means a vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway use traveling on four or more non-highway tires, and being fifty (50) inches or less in width;

- 2. "Carrying capacity" means the carrying capacity of a vehicle as determined or declared in tons of cargo or payload by the owner; provided, that such declared capacity shall not be less than the minimum tonnage capacity fixed, listed or advertised by the manufacturer of any vehicle;
- 3. "Certificate of title" means a document which is proof of legal ownership of a motor vehicle as described and provided for in Section 1105 of this title;
- 4. "Chips and oil" or the term "road oil and crushed rock"
  means, with respect to materials authorized for use in the surfacing
  of roads or highways in this title or in any equivalent statute
  pertaining to road or highway surfacing in the State of Oklahoma,
  any asphaltic materials. Wherever chips and oil or road oil and
  crushed rock are authorized for use in the surfacing of roads or
  highways in this state, whether by the Department of Transportation,
  or by the county commissioners, or other road building authority
  subject to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act,
  asphaltic materials are also authorized for use in such surfacing
  and construction;
- 5. "Combined laden weight" means the weight of a truck or station wagon and its cargo or payload transported thereon, or the

- weight of a truck or truck-tractor plus the weight of any trailers or semitrailers together with the cargo or payload transported thereon;
  - 6. "Commercial trailer" means any trailer, as defined in Section 1-180 of this title, or semitrailer, as defined in Section 1-162 of this title, when such trailer or semitrailer is used primarily for business or commercial purposes;
  - 7. "Commercial trailer dealer" means any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of selling any new and unused, or used, or both new and used commercial trailers;
  - 8. "Commercial vehicle" means any vehicle over eight thousand (8,000) pounds combined laden weight used primarily for business or commercial purposes. Each motor vehicle being registered pursuant to the provisions of this section shall have the name of the commercial establishment or the words "Commercial Vehicle" permanently and prominently displayed upon the outside of the vehicle in letters not less than two (2) inches high. Such letters shall be in sharp contrast to the background and shall be of sufficient shape and color as to be readily legible during daylight hours, from a distance of fifty (50) feet while the vehicle is not in motion;
  - 9. "Commission" or "Tax Commission" means the Oklahoma Tax Commission;

- 10. "Construction machinery" means machines or devices drawn as trailers which are designed and used for construction, tree trimming and waste maintenance projects, which derive no revenue from the transportation of persons or property, whose use of the highway is only incidental and which are not mounted or affixed to another vehicle; provided, construction machinery shall not include implements of husbandry as defined in Section 1-125 of this title;
- 11. "Dealer" means any person, firm, association, corporation or trust who sells, solicits or advertises the sale of new and unused motor vehicles and holds a bona fide contract or franchise in effect with a manufacturer or distributor of a particular make of new or unused motor vehicle or vehicles for the sale of same;
- 12. "Mini-truck" means a foreign-manufactured import or domestic-manufactured vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine with a piston or rotor displacement of one thousand cubic centimeters (1,000 cu cm) (1,000 cc) or less, which is sixty-seven (67) inches or less in width, with an unladen dry weight of three thousand four hundred (3,400) pounds or less, traveling on four or more tires, having a top speed of approximately fifty-five (55) miles per hour, equipped with a bed or compartment for hauling, and having an enclosed passenger cab;
- 13. "Interstate commerce" means any commerce moving between any place in a state and any place in another state or between places in the same state through another state;

- 14. "Laden weight" means the combined weight of a vehicle when fully equipped for use and the cargo or payload transported thereon; provided, that in no event shall the laden weight be less than the unladen weight of the vehicle fully equipped for use, plus the manufacturer's rated carrying capacity;
- 15. "Local authorities" means every county, municipality or local board or body having authority to adopt police regulations under the Constitution and laws of this state;
- 16. "Low-speed electrical vehicle" means any four-wheeled electrical vehicle that is powered by an electric motor that draws current from rechargeable storage batteries or other sources of electrical current and whose top speed is greater than twenty (20) miles per hour but not greater than twenty-five (25) miles per hour and is manufactured in compliance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration standards for low-speed vehicles in 49 C.F.R. 571.500;
- 17. "Manufactured home" means a residential dwelling built in accordance with the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C., Section 5401 et seq., and rules promulgated pursuant thereto and the rules promulgated by the Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission pursuant to Section 582 of this title. Manufactured home shall not mean a park model recreational vehicle as defined in this section;

18. "Manufactured home dealer" means any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of selling any new and unused, or used, or both new and used manufactured homes. Such information and a valid franchise letter as proof of authorization to sell any such new manufactured home product line or lines shall be attached to the application for a dealer license to sell manufactured homes. "Manufactured home dealer" shall not include any person, firm or corporation who sells or contracts for the sale of the dealer's own personally titled manufactured home or homes. No person, firm or corporation shall be considered a manufactured home dealer as to any manufactured home purchased or acquired by such person, firm or corporation for purposes other than resale; provided, that the restriction set forth in this sentence shall not prevent an otherwise qualified person, firm or corporation from utilizing a single manufactured home as a sales office;

- 19. "Medium-speed electrical vehicle" means any self-propelled, electrically powered four-wheeled motor vehicle, equipped with a roll cage or crush-proof body design, whose speed attainable in one (1) mile is more than thirty (30) miles per hour but not greater than thirty-five (35) miles per hour;
- 20. "Motor license agent" means any person appointed, designated or authorized by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to collect the fees and to enforce the provisions provided for in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act;

- 21. "New vehicle" or "unused vehicle" means a vehicle which has
  been in the possession of the manufacturer, distributor or
  wholesaler or has been sold only by the manufacturer, distributor or
  wholesaler to a dealer;
  - 22. "Nonresident" means any person who is not a resident of this state;
    - 23. "Off-road motorcycle" means any motorcycle, as defined in Section 1-135 of this title, when such motorcycle has been manufactured for and used exclusively off roads, highways and any other paved surfaces;
    - 24. "Owner" means any person owning, operating or possessing any vehicle herein defined;
      - 25. "Park model recreational vehicle" means a vehicle that is:
        - a. designed and marketed as temporary living quarters for camping, recreational, seasonal or travel use,
        - b. not permanently affixed to real property for use as a permanent dwelling,
        - c. built on a single chassis mounted on wheels with a gross trailer area not exceeding four hundred (400) square feet in the setup mode, and
        - d. certified by the manufacturer as complying with standard Al19.5 of the American National Standards Institute, Inc.;

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- 26. "Person" means any individual, copartner, joint venture, association, corporation, limited liability company, estate, trust, business trust, syndicate, the State of Oklahoma, or any county, city, municipality, school district or other political subdivision thereof, or any group or combination acting as a unit, or any receiver appointed by the state or federal court;
  - 27. "Rebodied vehicle" means a vehicle:
    - a. which has been assembled using a new body or new major component which is of the identical type as the original vehicle and is licensed by the manufacturer of the original vehicle and other original, new or reconditioned parts. For purposes of this paragraph, "new body or new major component" means a new body, cab, frame, front end clip or rear end clip,
    - b. which is not a salvage, rebuilt, or junked vehicle as defined by paragraph 1, 2, or 6 of subsection A of Section 1105 of this title, and
    - c. for which the Tax Commission has assigned or will assign a new identifying number;
  - 28. "Recreational off-highway vehicle" means a vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway use, traveling on four or more non-highway tires, and being sixty-five (65) inches or less in width;

- 29. "Recreational vehicle" means every vehicle which is built on or permanently attached to a self-propelled motor chassis or chassis cab which becomes an integral part of the completed vehicle and is capable of being operated on the highways. In order to qualify as a recreational vehicle pursuant to this paragraph such vehicle shall be permanently constructed and equipped for human habitation, having its own sleeping and kitchen facilities, including permanently affixed cooking facilities, water tanks and holding tank with permanent toilet facilities. Recreational vehicle shall not include manufactured homes or any vehicle with portable sleeping, toilet and kitchen facilities which are designed to be removed from such vehicle. Recreational vehicle shall include park model recreational vehicles as defined in this section;
  - 30. "Remanufactured vehicle" means a vehicle which has been assembled by a vehicle remanufacturer using a new body and which may include original, reconditioned, or remanufactured parts, and which is not a salvage, rebuilt, or junked vehicle as defined by paragraphs 1, 2, and 6, respectively, of subsection A of Section 1105 of this title;
  - 31. "Rental trailer" means all small or utility trailers or semitrailers constructed and suitable for towing by a passenger automobile and designed only for carrying property, when the trailers or semitrailers are owned by, or are in the possession of, any person engaged in renting or leasing such trailers or

- semitrailers for intrastate or interstate use or combined intrastate and interstate use;
  - 32. "Special mobilized machinery" means special purpose machines or devices, either self-propelled or drawn as trailers or semitrailers, which derive no revenue from the transportation of persons or property, whose use of the highway is only incidental, and whose useful revenue producing service is performed at destinations in an area away from the traveled surface of an established open highway;
  - 33. "State" means the State of Oklahoma;

- 34. "Station wagon" means any passenger vehicle which does not have a separate luggage compartment or trunk and which does not have open beds, and has one or more rear seats readily lifted out or folded, whether same is called a station wagon or ranch wagon;
  - 35. "Street-legal utility vehicle" means a vehicle meeting the description and specifications of Section 1 of this act;
  - 36. "Travel trailer" means any vehicular portable structure built on a chassis, used as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational or vacational use, and, when factory-equipped for the road, it shall have a body width not exceeding eight (8) feet and an overall length not exceeding forty (40) feet, including the hitch or coupling;
- 36. 37. "Travel trailer dealer" means any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of selling any new and unused,

1 or used, or both new and used travel trailers. Such information and

2 | a valid franchise letter as proof of authorization to sell any such

3 | new travel trailer product line or lines shall be attached to the

 $4\mid$  application for a dealer license to sell travel trailers. "Travel

5 | trailer dealer" shall not include any person, firm or corporation

6 | who sells or contracts for the sale of his or her own personally

7 | titled travel trailer or trailers. No person, firm or corporation

shall be considered as a travel trailer dealer as to any travel

9 | trailer purchased or acquired by such person, firm or corporation

10 for purposes other than resale;

11 37. 38. "Used motor vehicle dealer" means "used motor vehicle

12 dealer" as defined in Section 581 of this title;

13 38. 39. "Used vehicle" means any vehicle which has been sold,

bargained, exchanged or given away, or used to the extent that it

has become what is commonly known, and generally recognized, as a

"secondhand" vehicle. This shall also include any vehicle other

than a remanufactured vehicle, regardless of age, owned by any

person who is not a dealer;

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19 39. 40. "Utility vehicle" means a vehicle powered by an

20 internal combustion engine, manufactured and used exclusively for

off-highway use, equipped with seating for two or more people and a

22 | steering wheel, traveling on four or more wheels;

23 40. 41. "Vehicle" means any type of conveyance or device in,

24 upon or by which a person or property is or may be transported from

1 one location to another upon the avenues of public access within the 2 "Vehicle" does not include bicycles, trailers except travel 3 trailers and rental trailers, or implements of husbandry as defined in Section 1-125 of this title. All implements of husbandry used as 5 conveyances shall be required to display the owner's driver license number or license plate number of any vehicle owned by the owner of 6 7 the implement of husbandry on the rear of the implement in numbers not less than two (2) inches in height. The use of the owner's 9 Social Security number on the rear of the implement of husbandry

- 11 41. 42. "Vehicle remanufacturer" means a commercial entity
  12 which assembles remanufactured vehicles.
- SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1113, as
  last amended by Section 4, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp.
  2020, Section 1113), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1113. A. 1. Except for all-terrain vehicles, utility 16 vehicles and motorcycles used exclusively off roads and highways, 17 upon the filing of a registration application and the payment of the 18 fees provided for in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration 19 Act, the Oklahoma Tax Commission or Corporation Commission, as 20 applicable, shall assign to the vehicle described in the application 21 a distinctive number, and issue to the owner of the vehicle a 22 certificate of registration, one license plate and a yearly decal. 23 The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall assign an all-terrain vehicle, 24

shall not be required; and

utility vehicle or motorcycle used exclusively off roads and highways a distinctive number and issue to the owner a certificate of registration and a decal but not a license plate. For each subsequent registration year, the Tax Commission shall issue a yearly decal to be affixed to the license plate, except for an allterrain vehicle, utility vehicle or motorcycle used exclusively off roads and highways. The initial decal for an all-terrain vehicle, utility vehicle or motorcycle shall be attached to the front of the vehicle and shall be in clear view. The decal shall be on the front or on the front fork of the motorcycle used exclusively off roads and highways and the decal shall be in clear view. The yearly decal shall have an identification number and the last two numbers of the registration year for which it shall expire. Except as provided by Section 1113A of this title, the license plate shall be affixed to the exterior of the vehicle until a replacement license plate is applied for. If the owner applies for a replacement license plate, the Tax Commission shall charge the fee provided for in Section 1114 of this title. The yearly decal will validate the license plate for each registration period other than the year the license plate is issued. The license plate and decal shall be of such size, color, design and numbering as the Tax Commission may direct. However, yearly decals issued to the owner of a vehicle who has filed an affidavit with the appropriate motor license agent in accordance with Section 7-607 of this title shall be a separate and distinct

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color from all other decals issued under this section. Before the
effective date of this act, the Tax Commission shall also issue a
monthly decal which shall include a two-letter abbreviation
corresponding to the county in which the vehicle is registered. The
Tax Commission shall issue all decals in the possession of the Tax
Commission on the effective date of this act before issuing any
decals which do not contain the county abbreviation.

2. a. The operation of a street-legal utility vehicle on the streets and highways of this state requires the vehicle be issued a certificate of registration and license plate to be renewed annually. Upon the filing of a registration application and the payment of the fees provided for in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, the Oklahoma Tax Commission or Corporation Commission, as applicable, shall assign to the vehicle described in the application a distinctive number, and issue to the owner of the vehicle a certificate of registration, one license plate and a yearly decal. For each subsequent registration year, the Tax Commission shall issue a yearly decal to be affixed to the license plate. The initial decal for a street-legal utility vehicle shall be attached to the front of the vehicle and shall be in clear view. yearly decal shall have an identification number and

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five (5) days, including the day of issuance. Upon application for a temporary tag, the out-of-state owner shall show proof of insurance coverage that satisfies the requirements of the Compulsory Insurance Law pursuant Section 7-600 et seq. of this title. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is authorized to promulgate rules and procedures to implement the provisions of this paragraph.

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

3. 4. Upon payment of the annual registration fee provided in Section 1133 of this title, the Tax Commission or Corporation Commission, as applicable, or a motor license agent may issue a permanent nonexpiring license plate to an owner of one hundred or

1 | more commercial motor vehicles and for vehicles registered under the

2 provisions of Section 1120 of this title. Upon payment of the

3 | annual registration fee, the Tax Commission or Corporation

4 | Commission shall issue a certificate of registration that shall be

5 | carried at all times in the vehicle for which it is issued.

6 Provided, if the registrant submits its application through

7 | electronic means, such qualified owners of one hundred or more

commercial motor vehicles, properly registered pursuant to the

9 provisions of Section 1133 of this title, may elect to receive a

permanent certificate of registration that shall be carried at all

times in the vehicle for which it is issued.

- 4. 5. Every vehicle owned by an agency of this state shall be exempt from the payment of registration fees required by this title. Provided, such vehicle shall be registered and shall otherwise comply with the provisions of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and
- 16 | Registration Act.
- B. The license plates required under the provisions of this title shall conform to the requirements and specifications listed
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- 20 1. Each license plate shall have a space for the placement of
- 21 the yearly decals for each succeeding year of registration after the
- 22 | initial issue;
- 23 2. The provisions of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and
- 24 Registration Act regarding the issuance of yearly decals shall not

- apply to the issuance of apportioned license plates, including
  license plates for state vehicles, and exempt plates for
  governmental entities and fire departments organized pursuant to
  Section 592 of Title 18 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
  - 3. All license plates and decals shall be made with reflectorized material as a background to the letters, numbers and characters displayed thereon. The reflectorized material shall be of such a nature as to provide effective and dependable brightness during the service period for which the license plate or decal is issued;
  - 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Tax Commission shall design appropriate official license plates for all state vehicles. Such license plates shall be permanent in nature and designed in such manner as to remain with the vehicle for the duration of the vehicle's life span or until the title is transferred to a nongovernmental owner;
  - 5. Within the limits prescribed in this section, the Tax
    Commission shall design appropriate official license plates for
    vehicles of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. The license plates shall
    have the legend "Oklahoma OK" and shall contain the letters "OHP"
    followed by the state seal and the badge number of the Highway
    Patrol officer to whom the vehicle is assigned. The words "Oklahoma
    Highway Patrol" shall also be included on such license plates;

- 6. Within the limits prescribed in this section, the Tax

  Commission shall design appropriate official license plates for

  vehicles of the Oklahoma Military Department. Such license plates

  shall have the legend "Oklahoma OK" and shall contain the letters

  "OMD" followed by the state seal and three numbers or letters as

  designated by the Adjutant General. The words "Oklahoma Military

  Department" shall also be included on such license plates;
- 7. Within the limits prescribed in this section, the Tax

  Commission shall design appropriate official license plates for

  vehicles of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. Such license

  plates shall contain the letters "DOC" followed by the Department of

  Corrections badge and three numbers or letters or combination of

  both as designated by the Director of the agency. The words

  "Department of Corrections" shall also be included on such license

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

- C. Where the applicant has satisfactorily shown that the applicant owns the vehicle sought to be registered but is unable to produce documentary evidence of the ownership, a license plate may be issued upon approval by the Tax Commission or Corporation

  Commission, as applicable. In such instances the reason for not issuing a certificate of title shall be indicated on the receipt given to the applicant. It shall still be the duty of the applicant to immediately take all necessary steps to obtain the Oklahoma certificate of title and it shall be unlawful for the applicant to sell the vehicle until the certificate has been obtained in the applicant's name.
- D. The certificate of registration provided for in this section shall be in convenient form, and the certificate of registration, or a certified copy or photostatic copy thereof, duly authenticated by the Tax Commission or Corporation Commission, as applicable, shall be carried at all times in or upon all vehicles so registered, in such manner as to permit a ready examination thereof upon demand by any peace officer of the state or duly authorized employee of the Department of Public Safety. Any such officer or agent may seize and hold such vehicle when the operator of the same does not have the registration certificate in the operator's possession or when any such officer or agent determines that the registration certificate has been obtained by misrepresentation of any essential or material fact or when any number or identifying information

- appearing on such certificate has been changed, altered, obliterated or concealed in any way, until the proper registration or identification of such vehicle has been made or produced by the owner thereof.
- 5 The purchaser of a new or used manufactured home shall, within thirty (30) days of the date of purchase, register the home 6 with the Tax Commission or a motor license agent pursuant to the provisions of Section 1117 of this title. For a new manufactured 9 home, it shall be the responsibility of the dealer selling the home 10 to place a temporary license plate on the home in the same manner as 11 provided in Section 1128 of this title for other new motor vehicles. 12 For the first year that any manufactured home is registered in this state, the Tax Commission shall issue a metal license plate which 13 shall be affixed to the manufactured home. The temporary dealer 14 15 license plate or the metal license plate shall be displayed on the 16 manufactured home at all times when upon a public roadway; provided, a repossession affidavit issued pursuant to Sections 1110 and 1126 17 of this title shall be permissible in lieu of a current license 18 plate and decal for the purposes of removing a repossessed 19 manufactured home to a secure location. Manufactured homes 20 previously registered and subject to ad valorem taxation as provided 21 by law shall have a decal affixed at the time ad valorem taxes are 22 paid for such manufactured home; provided, for a manufactured home 23 permanently affixed to real estate, no decal or license plate shall 24

be required to be affixed and the owner thereof shall be given a receipt upon payment of ad valorem taxes due on the home. The Tax Commission shall make sufficient plates and decals available to the various motor license agents of the state in order for an owner of a manufactured home to acquire the plate or decal. A one-dollar fee shall be charged for issuance of any plate or decal. The fee shall be apportioned each month to the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury.

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

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- G. Upon the registration of a manufactured home in this state for the first time or upon discovery of a manufactured home previously registered within this state for which the information required by this subsection is not known, the Tax Commission shall obtain:
  - 1. The name of the owner of the manufactured home;
- 7 2. The serial number or identification number of the 8 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 5. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1115.3, is amended to read as follows:

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- Section 1115.3. A. Except as otherwise provided by this section, all-terrain vehicles, utility vehicles and motorcycles used exclusively off roads or highways shall be registered once with the Oklahoma Tax Commission within thirty (30) days after purchase.
- B. For all-terrain vehicles or motorcycles used exclusively off roads or highways purchased prior to July 1, 2005, registration, as otherwise required by Section 1115 of this title, shall not be required, but shall be allowed at the option of the owner of the all-terrain vehicle or motorcycle used exclusively off roads or highways.
- C. For utility vehicles used exclusively off roads or highways purchased prior to July 1, 2008, registration, as otherwise required by Section 1115 of this title, shall not be required but shall be allowed at the option of the owner of the utility vehicle used exclusively off roads or highways.
- D. All-terrain vehicles, utility vehicles or motorcycles used exclusively off roads or highways owned or purchased by a person that possesses an agricultural exemption pursuant to Section 1358.1 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes may be registered as provided by this section, but shall not require registration.
- E. Vehicles meeting the specifications and description of a street-legal utility vehicle as described in Section 1 of this act shall be required to receive a certificate of registration, license

plate and yearly decal before operation on the streets, county roads and state highways. SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval. COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS March 31, 2021 - DO PASS