1	SENATE FLOOR VERSION March 1, 2022
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3	SENATE BILL NO. 1485 By: Paxton of the Senate
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8	An Act relating to certificates of title; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1105, which relates to
9	definitions, application, and evidence of ownership; exempting certain industry from inspection
10	requirement for issuance of title for out-of-state vehicle; requiring exempt industry to submit certain
11	fee; and providing an effective date.
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14	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
15	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1105, is
16	amended to read as follows:
17	Section 1105. A. As used in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and
18	Registration Act:
19	1. "Salvage vehicle" means any vehicle which is within the last
20	ten (10) model years and which has been damaged by collision or
21	other occurrence to the extent that the cost of repairing the
22	vehicle for safe operation on the highway exceeds sixty percent
23	(60%) of its fair market value, as defined by Section 1111 of this
24	title, immediately prior to the damage. For purposes of this

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

4 2. "Rebuilt vehicle" means any salvage vehicle which has been5 rebuilt and inspected for the purpose of registration and title;

3. "Flood-damaged vehicle" means a salvage or rebuilt vehicle
which was damaged by flooding or a vehicle which was submerged at a
level to or above the dashboard of the vehicle and on which an
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.

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

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

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Original title for any motor vehicle which is not a
 remanufactured, salvage, unrecovered-theft, rebuilt, rebodied, or
 junked vehicle;

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

7 3. Rebuilt title for any motor vehicle which is a rebuilt8 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 junked13 vehicle, which is twenty-five (25) model years or older;

14 6. Remanufactured title for any vehicle which is a15 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.

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

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1 by the motor license agent. If the application information is 2 transmitted electronically, the motor license agent shall forward the required application along with evidence of ownership, where 3 required, by mail. Where the transmission of application 4 5 information cannot be performed electronically, the Tax Commission is authorized to provide postage paid envelopes to motor license 6 agents for the purpose of mailing the application along with 7 evidence of ownership, where required. The Tax Commission shall 8 9 upon receipt of proper application information issue an Oklahoma 10 certificate of title. The certificates may be mailed to the applicant. Upon issuance of a certificate of title, the Tax 11 12 Commission shall provide the appropriate motor license agent with 13 confirmation of such issuance. The application for certificate of title shall be upon a C. 1. 14

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

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

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

9 a. the vehicle has been damaged or stolen,

- b. the owner did or did not receive any payment for theloss 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

the classifications or brands utilized by this state.

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

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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 security7 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.

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

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

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

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

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 a. the manufacturer's serial or other identification number,

b. date on which first sold by the manufacturer to thedealer,

1	c. any distinguishing marks including model and the year
2	same was made,
3	d. a statement of any security interests upon the
4	vehicle, and
5	e. such other information as the Tax Commission may
6	require.
7	2. The manufacturer's certificate of origin shall have the
8	following security features:
9	a. intaglio printing or security thread, with or without
10	watermark,
11	b. latent images,
12	c. fluorescent inks,
13	d. micro print, and
14	e. void background.
15	E. In the absence of a dealer's or manufacturer's number, the
16	Tax Commission may assign such identifying number to the vehicle,
17	which shall be permanently stamped, burned, or pressed or attached
18	into the vehicle, and a certificate of title shall be delivered to
19	the applicant upon payment of all fees and taxes, and the remaining
20	copies shall be permanently filed and indexed by the Tax Commission.
21	The Tax Commission shall assign an identifying number to any rebuilt
22	vehicle if the vehicle identification number displayed on the
23	rebuilt vehicle does not accurately describe the vehicle as rebuilt.
24	The motor license agent, at the time of inspection of the rebuilt

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

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

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

As evidence of compliance with federal law, copies of the
 bond release letters for the vehicle issued by the United States
 Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of
 Transportation, together with a receipt issued by the Internal
 Revenue Service indicating that the applicable federal gas guzzler
 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 the required documentation from agencies of the United States and 3 evidence of ownership. Upon receipt of an application without the 4 5 required documentation, the Tax Commission shall return the application to the applicant with notice that the certificate of 6 title may not be issued without the required documentation. Nothing 7 in this paragraph shall prohibit the Tax Commission from issuing 8 9 certificates of title for antique or classic vehicles not driven 10 upon the public streets, roads, or highways, for mini-trucks registered pursuant to Section 1151.3 of this title, or for medium-11 12 speed electric vehicles.

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

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1 the affidavit. The form of the affidavit shall be prescribed by the 2 Tax Commission and contain any other information deemed necessary by the Tax Commission. A statement of the lien or encumbrance shall be 3 included on the Oklahoma certificate of title and the lien or 4 5 encumbrance shall be deemed continuously perfected as though it had been perfected pursuant to Section 1110 of this title. For 6 completing the lien entry form and recording the security interest 7 on the certificate of title, the Tax Commission or the motor license 8 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 Registration Act. The fee, if collected by the motor license agent 11 12 pursuant to this subsection, shall be retained by the motor license agent. 13

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

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

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.

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

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

1 L. Except for all-terrain vehicles, utility vehicles and 2 motorcycles used exclusively for off-road use, no title for an outof-state vehicle, except any commercial truck or truck-tractor 3 registered pursuant to Section 1120 of this title which is engaged 4 5 in interstate commerce or any trailer or semitrailer registered pursuant to Section 1133 of this title which is engaged in 6 interstate commerce, shall be issued without an inspection of such 7 vehicle and payment of a fee of Four Dollars (\$4.00) for such 8 9 inspection; provided, the Tax Commission may enter into reciprocal 10 agreements with other states for such inspections to be performed at locations outside the boundaries of this state for vehicles which: 11 1. Are offered for sale at auction; 12 2. Have been solely used as vehicles for rent under the 13 ownership of a licensed motor vehicle dealer or a person engaged in 14 the business of renting motor vehicles; or 15 3. Have not been registered in this or any other state for more 16 than one (1) year. 17 The inspection shall include a comparison of the vehicle 18 identification number on the vehicle with the number recorded on the 19 20 ownership records and the recording of the actual odometer reading on the vehicle. An establishment engaged in vehicle rentals as 21 defined or classified in the NAICS Manual under Industry No. 532111, 22 shall be exempt from the inspection required pursuant to this 23 subsection; provided, the establishment shall be required to submit 24

payment of any fees required pursuant to this subsection when the
title is issued. The four-dollar fee shall be collected by the
motor license agent or Tax Commission when the title is issued. The
motor license agent shall retain Two Dollars (\$2.00). The remaining
Two Dollars (\$2.00) shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax
Commission Reimbursement Fund.

7 The Tax Commission may allow the inspection to be performed at a 8 location out-of-state by another state's department of motor 9 vehicles or state police.

No title for any out-of-state vehicle offered for sale at 10 Μ. salvage pools, salvage disposal sales, or an auction, or by a dealer 11 12 or a licensed automotive dismantler and parts recycler, shall be issued without an inspection to compare the vehicle identification 13 number on the vehicle with the number recorded on the ownership 14 record and to record the actual odometer reading on the vehicle. 15 Upon request of the seller, person or entity conducting an auction, 16 dealer, or licensed dismantler, the inspection shall be conducted at 17 the location or place of business of the sale, auction, dealer, or 18 the dismantler. The inspection shall be conducted by any motor 19 license agent or a duly authorized employee thereof; provided, if 20 the vehicle identification number on the vehicle offered for sale at 21 salvage pools, salvage disposal sales, or a classic or antique 22 auction does not match the number recorded on the ownership record, 23 the inspection may be conducted at the location of or place of 24

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business of such sale or auction by any state, county, or city law enforcement officer. The Tax Commission may enter into reciprocal agreements with other states for such inspections to be performed at locations outside the boundaries of this state for vehicles which:

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1. Are offered for sale at auction;

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

9 3. Have not been registered in this or any other state for more10 than one (1) year.

The inspection shall be certified upon forms prescribed by the Tax 11 Commission. The name and other identification of the authorized 12 person conducting the inspection shall be legibly printed or typed 13 on the form. Prior to any inspection by any employee of a motor 14 license agent, the motor license agent shall notify the Tax 15 Commission of the name and any other identification information 16 requested by the Tax Commission of the authorized person. A 17 signature specimen of the authorized person shall be submitted to 18 the Tax Commission by the employing motor license agent. If the 19 authorization to inspect vehicles is withdrawn or the employer-20 employee relationship is terminated, the motor license agent, 21 immediately, shall notify the Tax Commission and return any 22 remaining inspection forms to the Tax Commission. The fee for the 23 inspection shall be Four Dollars (\$4.00). The motor license agent 24

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

A licensed motor vehicle dealer, upon payment of a fee of 15 Ν. Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00), may reassign an out-of-state certificate 16 of title to a used motor vehicle provided such dealer obtains the 17 appropriate inspection form required by either subsection L or M of 18 this section and attaches the form to the out-of-state certificate 19 of title. Motor license agents shall be allowed to retain Two 20 Dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) of the fee plus an additional 21 Two Dollars (\$2.00) or Three Dollars (\$3.00) as provided in 22 subsections L and M of this section for performance of the 23 inspection. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of the fee shall be deposited in 24

1 the Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund. An out-of-state vehicle 2 which has been rebuilt shall be inspected pursuant to the provisions of Section 1111 of this title. The Tax Commission shall train motor 3 license agents in interpreting vehicle identification numbers to 4 5 assure that it accurately describes the vehicle and to detect rollback or alteration of the odometer. Failure of a motor license 6 agent to inspect the vehicle and make the required notations shall 7 be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand 8 9 Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the first offense and Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the second offense or subsequent offense, or by 10 imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or 11 12 by both such fine and imprisonment.

The ownership of any unrecovered vehicle which has been 13 0. declared a total loss by an insurer because of theft shall be 14 transferred to the insurer by an unrecovered-theft vehicle title; 15 provided, the ownership of any such vehicle which has been declared 16 a total loss by an insurer licensed by the Insurance Department of 17 the State of Oklahoma and maintaining a multi-state motor vehicle 18 salvage processing center in this state shall be transferred to the 19 insurer by a salvage or an unrecovered-theft title without the 20 requirement of a visual inspection of the vehicle identification 21 number by the insurer. Upon recovery of the vehicle, the ownership 22 shall be transferred by an original title, salvage title, or junked 23

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1 title, as may be appropriate based upon an estimate of the amount of 2 loss submitted by the insurer.

When an insurance company makes a total loss settlement on a 3 Ρ. total loss vehicle and the insurance company or a salvage pool 4 5 authorized by the insurance company is unable to obtain the properly endorsed certificate of ownership or other evidence of ownership 6 acceptable to the Oklahoma Tax Commission within thirty (30) days 7 following acceptance by the owner of an offer of an amount in 8 9 settlement of a total loss, that insurance company or salvage pool, on a form provided by the Oklahoma Tax Commission and signed under 10 11 penalty of perjury, may request the Oklahoma Tax Commission to issue 12 the applicable salvage title for the vehicle. The request shall include information declaring that the requester has made at least 13 two written attempts to obtain the certificate of ownership or other 14 acceptable evidence of title. 15

The owner of any vehicle which is incapable of operation or 16 Ο. use on the public roads and has no resale value, except as parts, 17 scrap, or junk, may deliver the certificate of title to the vehicle 18 to the Tax Commission for cancellation. Upon verification that any 19 perfected lien against the vehicle has been released, the 20 certificate of title shall be canceled without any fee, charge, or 21 cost required from the owner. The vehicle identification numbers on 22 the certificates of title shall be preserved in the computer files 23 of the Tax Commission for at least five (5) years from the date of 24

1 cancellation of the certificate of title. The Tax Commission shall 2 prescribe and provide an affidavit form to be completed by the owner of any vehicle for which the certificate of title is canceled. No 3 title or registration shall subsequently be issued for a vehicle for 4 5 which the certificate of title has been surrendered pursuant to this subsection. The Tax Commission shall prescribe a form for the 6 transfer of ownership of a vehicle for which the certificate of 7 title has been canceled. 8

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

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

Upon receipt of the certificate, the Tax Commission shall verify 8 9 that any perfected lien upon the vehicle has been released. If the lien is not released, the Tax Commission shall mail notice of the 10 transfer to the lienholder at the lienholder's last-known address. 11 12 If a certificate of title has been issued, it shall be canceled and the vehicle identification number shall be preserved in the computer 13 of the Tax Commission for at least five (5) years. The buyer of the 14 vehicle may not be sued and shall not be liable for monetary damages 15 to the lienholder_{au}; however, the vehicle shall be subject to a valid 16 repossession by a lienholder. 17

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

23 T. When registering for the first time in this state a 24 remanufactured vehicle which has not been registered in any other

state since its remanufacture, before issuing a certificate of
 title, the Tax Commission shall require the applicant to deliver a
 statement of origin from the remanufacturer.

U. If a vehicle is sold to a foreign buyer pursuant to the 4 5 provisions of the Automotive Dismantlers and Parts Recycler Act, the licensed seller shall stamp the title with: "EXPORT ONLY. 6 NONTRANSFERABLE IN THE UNITED STATES." The licensed seller shall 7 supply the Tax Commission the title number, the vehicle 8 9 identification number and the foreign buyer's bid identification 10 number on a form prescribed by the Tax Commission. The Tax Commission shall cancel the title, and the vehicle identification 11 12 number shall be preserved in the computer files of the Tax Commission for a period of not less than five (5) years. 13

The Tax Commission shall not be considered a necessary party V. 14 to any lawsuit which is instigated for the purpose of determining 15 ownership of a vehicle, wherein the Tax Commission's only 16 involvement would be to issue title, and the court shall issue an 17 order dismissing the Tax Commission from the pending action. 18 In the event no other party or lienholder can be identified as to ownership 19 or claim, the Tax Commission shall accept an affidavit of ownership 20 from the party claiming ownership and issue proper title thereon. 21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022. 22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE 23 March 1, 2022 - DO PASS

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