

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3964

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An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1-186, which relates to vehicles; modifying definition; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 4-107, which relates to removed, falsified, or unauthorized identification; penalizing certain removal or falsification of trailer identification numbers; modifying definition; and providing an effective date.

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1-186, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-186. Vehicle.

A. A vehicle is any device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, including trailers, and excepting devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

B. As used in this title, the term "vehicle" shall not include:

1. Implements of husbandry, as defined in Section 1-125 of this title;

2. Electric personal assistive mobility devices, as defined in Section 1-114A of this title; or

1 3. Motorized wheelchairs, as defined in Section 1-136.3 of this
2 title.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 4-107, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 4-107. (a) Any person or persons who shall destroy,
6 remove, cover, alter or deface, or cause to be destroyed, removed,
7 covered, altered or defaced, the engine number or other
8 distinguishing number of any vehicle in this state, without first
9 giving notice of such act to the Oklahoma Tax Commission, upon such
10 form as the Commission may prescribe, or any person who shall give a
11 wrong description in any application for the registration of any
12 vehicle in this state for the purpose of concealing or hiding the
13 identity of such vehicle, shall be deemed guilty of a felony and
14 upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the
15 State Penitentiary for a term of not less than one (1) year nor more
16 than five (5) years.

17 (b) A person who buys, receives, possesses, sells or disposes
18 of a vehicle or an engine for a vehicle, knowing that the
19 identification number of the vehicle or engine has been removed or
20 falsified, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor.

21 (c) A person who buys, receives, possesses, sells or disposes
22 of a trailer, vehicle or an engine for a vehicle, with knowledge
23 that the identification number of the trailer, vehicle or engine has
24 been removed or falsified and with intent to conceal or misrepresent

1 the identity of the trailer, vehicle or engine, shall, upon
2 conviction, be guilty of a felony.

3 (d) A person who removes a license plate from a vehicle or
4 affixes to a vehicle a license plate not authorized by law for use
5 on said vehicle with intent to conceal or misrepresent the identity
6 of the vehicle or its owner shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a
7 misdemeanor.

8 (e) As used in this section:

9 1. "Identification number" includes an identifying number,
10 serial number, engine number or other distinguishing number or mark,
11 placed on a trailer, vehicle or engine by its manufacturer or by
12 authority of the Oklahoma Tax Commission or in accordance with the
13 laws of another state or country;

14 2. "Remove" includes deface, cover and destroy;

15 3. "Falsify" includes alter and forge.

16 (f) An identification number may be placed on a vehicle or
17 engine by its manufacturer in the regular course of business or
18 placed or restored on a vehicle or engine by authority of the
19 Oklahoma Tax Commission without violating this section; an
20 identification number so placed or restored is not falsified.

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

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