

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 1044
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Impact:	Tax Commission:

Minimal Administrative Requirements

Minimal Motor Vehicle Revenue Increase

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 1044 is the omnibus license plate measure. The bill modifies the name of the Gold Star Parents license plate to the Gold Star Families license plate and allows siblings, half-siblings or grandparents to obtain the plate. The measure creates or reauthorizes the following license plates:

- Oklahoma Aquarium License Plate;
- Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy License Plate;
- Oklahoma Renewable Energy License Plate;
- Scottish Rite Masons License Plate;
- New State Brand License Plate;
- Tulsa Flag License Plate;
- Modifies the name of Veterans of Foreign Wars License Plate;
- Oklahoma Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary License Plate;
- Transportation to Transportation License Plate;
- Blue Star Mothers License Plate;
- Stillwater Public Schools License Plate;
- Oklahoma Golf License Plate;
- Historic Greenwood District Juneteenth Festival;
- Paramedic License Plate;
- National Defense Service Medal License Plate;
- Oklahoma Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary License Plate;
- University of Oklahoma RUF/NEKS License Plate;
- Tulsa Community College License Plate;

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Fiscal Analysis

Analysis provided by the Tax Commission:

REVENUE IMPACT

Section 1- There is no estimated revenue impact associated with the proposal in 47 O.S. § 1135.2.

Sections 2 and 3- A minimal increase in motor vehicle collections for FY 22 and FY 23 should the 100 prepaid application requirement be met to initiate the creation and issuance of the above-mentioned organizations' special license plates.

Sections 4 and 5- There is no estimated revenue impact associated with the proposal in 68 O.S. § 2368.32.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT

Minimal administrative costs would be incurred as a result of this measure.

Section 1 of the measure proposes to 47 O. S. § 1135.2 to modify the authorization language creating the Gold Star Parents special license plate. The plate is renamed the Gold Star Families special license plate. Instead of being designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who were killed during a war, the plate is to be designed to honor members who were killed while on active duty. It also expands the family members who may apply for the special plate to include siblings, half-siblings or grandparents upon presenting proper certification that the deceased person was killed while on active duty.

Section 2 of the measure proposes to amend 47 O. S. § 1135.3 by reauthorizing the creation of the Oklahoma Aquarium special license plate⁴ and Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy special license plate⁵ and designed in consultation with the referenced organizations for any person wishing to provide support for their respective groups, effective November 1, 2021.

Section 2 further proposes to amend 47 O.S. § 1135.3 by creating the following special license plates:

- Oklahoma Renewable Energy special license plate to be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for renewable energy. The plate shall be designed in consultation with the Advance Power Alliance.
- Scottish Rite Mason special license plate to be designed and issued to any Oklahoma resident who is a member of the Scottish Rite Masons. Persons may apply for this special license plate for vehicles having a rated carrying capacity of one ton or less upon proof of a Scottish Rite membership. The special plate shall be designed in consultation with the Scottish Rite Masons in Oklahoma and shall contain the Scottish Rite emblem.
- New State Brand special license plate to be designed, subject to criteria presented to OTC by the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation. The plate shall contain the new state brand. The plate shall be issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the new Oklahoma Brand.
- Tulsa Flag special license plate to be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the City of Tulsa. The plate shall be designed in consultation with the Tulsa Community Foundation.

The annual fee for special license plates authorized by this section is \$15 and shall be in addition to all other annual vehicle registration fees. Of the \$15 fee, \$8 shall be deposited into the OTC

Reimbursement Fund with the remaining \$7 apportioned as motor vehicle collections pursuant to the provisions of 47 O.S. § 1104.

Section 3 also proposes to amend 47 O.S. § 1135.5 by creating the following special license plates:

- Oklahoma Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary ("VFW Auxiliary") special license plate to honor the Oklahoma VFW Auxiliary. The plate shall be issued to any Oklahoma resident providing proof of membership in the Oklahoma Veteran of Foreign Wars Auxiliary organization and designed in consultation with the above-referenced organization. It authorizes the Tax Commission to enter into a licensing agreement with the organization for the use of its logo or design. The licensing agreement shall provide for a payment to the organization of not more than \$20 for each license plate issued.
- Transportation to Transportation special license plate to be issued to persons wishing to support county roads and bridges. The special plate shall be designed in consultation with the Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma. A payment of \$20 of the fee collected shall be paid to the county treasurer for the county in which the license plate was purchased to be credited to the county highway fund created pursuant to Section 1503 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- Blue Star Mothers special license plate to be issued to any person showing proof of membership in an Oklahoma Chapter of Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. The plate shall be designed in consultation with Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. Oklahoma Chapter One. It authorizes the Tax Commission to enter into a licensing agreement with the Oklahoma Chapter One of the referenced organization to use its logo or design. The licensing agreement shall provide for a payment to the referenced organization Oklahoma Chapter One of not more than \$20 for each plate issued.
- Stillwater Public Schools special license plate to be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the Stillwater School District. The plate shall be designed in consultation with the administration of the Stillwater School District. It authorizes the Tax Commission to enter into a licensing agreement with the Stillwater School District to use its logo or design. The licensing agreement shall provide for a payment to the Stillwater School District of not more than \$20 for each plate issued.
- Oklahoma Golf special license plate to be designed and issued to any person wishing to demonstrate support for the sport of golf in Oklahoma. The plate shall be designed in consultation with the South Central Section of the Professional Golfers' Association of America. It authorizes the Tax Commission to enter into a licensing agreement with the South Central Section of the Professional Golfers' Association of America to use its logo or design. The licensing agreement shall provide for a payment to the referenced association of not more than \$20 for each plate issued.
- Paramedic special license plate to be designed and issued to any person who is a paramedic. Persons may apply for an emergency medical technician⁷ license plate for vehicles having a rated carrying capacity of one ton or less upon proof of a paramedic license. The plate shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City Paramedicine Program and the state association of emergency medical technicians. As provided in this section, an amount of the fee collected shall be apportioned to the Emergency Medical Personnel Death Benefit Revolving Fund created in Section 1-2505.2 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

- National Defense Service Medal special license plate to be designed and issued to those persons who have received the National Defense Service Medal and wish to demonstrate support for the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. The plate shall be designed in consultation with the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. It authorizes the Tax Commission to enter into a licensing agreement with the referenced organization to use its logo or design. The licensing agreement shall provide for a payment to the referenced organization of not more than \$20 for each plate issued.
- University of Oklahoma RUF/NEKS special license plate shall be issued to any past or present member of the University of Oklahoma RUF/NEKS providing any such membership information as may be required by the OTC. The plate shall be designed in consultation with the University of Oklahoma RUF/NEKS. It authorizes the Tax Commission to enter into a licensing agreement with the referenced organization to use its logo or design. The licensing agreement shall provide for a payment to the referenced organization of not more than \$20 for each plate issued.
- Tulsa Community College special license plate to be issued to persons wishing to support Tulsa Community College. The plate shall be designed in consultation with the Tulsa Community College. It authorizes the Tax Commission to enter into a licensing agreement with the referenced organization to use its logo or design. The licensing agreement shall provide for a payment to the referenced organization of not more than \$20 for each plate issued.

The annual fee for special license plates issued pursuant to the amended section is \$35 and is in addition to all other annual vehicle registration fees. Of the \$35 fee, a specified amount shall be paid to the referenced organization pursuant to a licensing agreement or deposited in a designated fund with \$8 deposited in the OTC Reimbursement Fund to be used for administrative purposes associated with issuance of the special license plate and any remaining amounts of the \$35 fee apportioned as motor vehicle collections pursuant to 47 O.S. § 1104.

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Other Considerations

None.