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Bill Analysis

SB 995 authorizes vehicles assigned to the vehicle enforcement division of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission to be unmarked at the discretion of the Commission's Transportation Division. Additionally, the measure removes the criminal penalty for failing to comply with a Commission order as it relates to vehicles and provides for the Commission to levy a civil fine of \$1,000.00 per day per violation. The measure directs the Commission to deposit revenue derived from these fines into the Trucking One-Stop Shop Fund.

The measure requires motor carrier enforcement officers and enforcement managers to be certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET). Motor carrier enforcement officers and enforcement managers shall be authorized to enforce criminal laws of this state throughout the state if unlawful activity is committed in their presence. Motor vehicle enforcement operators shall not be required to be CLEET certified and shall not be armed. Additionally, enforcement officers are authorized to impound any vehicle that may pose an inherent risk to public health and safety. Both enforcement operators shall be required to wear a Commission-provided distinctive uniform and display a badge of office. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall design the plates used by such operators.

The measure also authorizes using automated license plate readers for electronic screening of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles.

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