

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3914

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1144, which relates to payment procedures for motor vehicle fees and taxes; authorizing use of payment programs; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1144, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1144. A. Payments for any required registration fees, license plates or decals or excise taxes except as otherwise provided by law, may be made as follows:

1. By the applicant's personal or company check if presented within the period of time required for purchase or renewal of the registration and license plates or decals. At the time of presentment, the motor license agent may utilize a check verification system provided by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to confirm that there are sufficient funds to pay the check. Upon notification that there are insufficient funds, the agent shall

1 refuse to accept the check or deliver the license plate or decal.  
2 If an agent fails to utilize the check verification system and the  
3 check is returned for nonpayment, the agent shall not receive any  
4 fees for the transaction. No motor license agent shall be required  
5 to accept any check from any person during any penalty period  
6 relating to that person's registration; ~~or~~

7 2. By a nationally recognized credit or debit card issued to  
8 the applicant. The Tax Commission may add an amount equal to the  
9 amount of the service charge incurred as a service charge for the  
10 acceptance of such credit card. For purposes of this paragraph,  
11 "nationally recognized credit or debit card" means any instrument or  
12 device, whether known as a credit card, credit plate, charge plate,  
13 debit card or by any other name, issued with or without fee by an  
14 issuer for the use of the cardholder in obtaining goods, services or  
15 anything else of value on credit which is accepted by over one  
16 thousand merchants in this state. The Tax Commission shall  
17 determine which nationally recognized credit or debit cards will be  
18 accepted by a motor license agent as payment for any required motor  
19 vehicle registration fees, license plates or decals or excise taxes.  
20 Provided however the Tax Commission must ensure that no loss of  
21 state revenue will occur by the use of such card; or

22 3. By entering into a written payment program between the motor  
23 license agent and the applicant if entered into within the period of  
24 time required for purchase or renewal of the registration and

1 license plates or decals. The written payment program shall set  
2 forth all terms of the payment program and shall be signed by both  
3 the motor license agent and the applicant. No motor license agent  
4 shall be required to enter into a payment program.

5 B. Each motor license agent's office shall be open a minimum of  
6 forty (40) hours per week, of which four (4) such hours per week  
7 shall be in the evening hours or on Saturday, subject to the  
8 approval of the Tax Commission, except during such weeks that  
9 contain a legal holiday prescribed by the statutes of this state.  
10 Provided that the Tax Commission may authorize a motor license agent  
11 to stay open a lesser period of time if the Tax Commission is  
12 satisfied that the public is being properly served. Provided  
13 further, that there shall be at least one motor license agent in  
14 each county open the hours designated in this section. All motor  
15 license agents shall post their hours in a conspicuous place for the  
16 public's information.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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