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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.
8 2021, Section 1115, which relates to vehicles
9 required to be registered; providing for biennial
10 registration for certain vehicles; requiring the Tax
11 Commission promulgate certain rules and necessary
12 procedures; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1116,
13 which relates to registration periods; allowing farm
14 vehicle owners to make certain adjustments to
15 registration periods; and providing an effective
16 date.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1115, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 1115. A. Unless provided otherwise by statute, the
21 following vehicles shall be registered annually: manufactured
22 homes, vehicles registered with a permanent nonexpiring license
23 plate pursuant to Section 1113 of this title, and commercial
24 vehicles registered pursuant to the installment plan provided in
subsection H of Section 1133 of this title. The following schedule
shall apply for such vehicle purchased in this state or brought into
this state by residents of this state:

1 1. Between January 1 and March 31, the payment of the full
2 annual fee shall be required;

3 2. Between April 1 and June 30, the payment of three-fourths
4 (3/4) the annual fee shall be required;

5 3. Between July 1 and September 30, the payment of one-half
6 (1/2) the annual fee shall be required; and

7 4. Between October 1 and November 30, one-fourth (1/4) the
8 annual fee shall be required.

9 License plates or decals for each year shall be made available
10 on December 1 of each preceding year for such vehicles. Any person
11 who purchases such vehicle or manufactured home between December 1
12 and December 31 of any year shall register it within thirty (30)
13 days from date of purchase and obtain a license plate or
14 Manufactured Home License Registration Decal, as appropriate, for
15 the following calendar year upon payment of the full annual fee.
16 Unless provided otherwise by statute, all annual license,
17 registration and other fees for such vehicles shall be due and
18 payable on January 1 of each year and if not paid by February 1
19 shall be deemed delinquent.

20 B. 1. All vehicles, other than those required to be registered
21 pursuant to the provisions of subsection A or vehicles whose owners
22 choose the option of a biennial registration pursuant to subsection
23 H of this section, shall be registered on a staggered system of
24 registration and licensing on a monthly series basis to distribute

1 the work of registering such vehicles as uniformly and expeditiously
2 as practicable throughout the calendar year unless otherwise
3 provided in this section. After the end of the month following the
4 expiration date, the license and registration fees for the new
5 registration period shall become delinquent.

6 2. All fleet vehicles registered pursuant to new applications
7 approved pursuant to the provisions of Section 1120 of this title
8 shall be registered on a staggered system monthly basis.

9 3. Applicants seeking to establish Oklahoma as the base
10 jurisdiction for registering apportioned fleet vehicles shall have a
11 one-time option of registering for a period of not less than six (6)
12 months nor greater than eighteen (18) months. Subsequent renewals
13 for these registrants will be for twelve (12) months, expiring on
14 the last day of the month chosen by the registrant under the one-
15 time option as provided herein. In addition, registrants with
16 multiple fleets may designate a different registration month of
17 expiration for each fleet.

18 As used in this section, "fleet" shall have the same meaning as
19 set forth in the International Registration Plan.

20 4. Effective January 1, 2004, all motorcycles and mopeds shall
21 be registered on a staggered system of registration. The Oklahoma
22 Tax Commission shall notify in writing, prior to December 1, 2003,
23 all owners of motorcycles or mopeds registered as of such date, who
24 shall have a one-time option of registering for a period of not less

1 than three (3) months nor greater than fifteen (15) months.
2 Subsequent renewals for these registrants will be for twelve (12)
3 months, expiring on the last day of the month chosen by the
4 registrant under the one-time option as provided herein. All
5 motorcycles and mopeds registered pursuant to new applications
6 received on or after December 1, 2003, shall also be registered
7 pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph.

8 5. Any three or more commercial vehicles owned by the same
9 person and previously registered in this state may be registered at
10 the same time regardless of the month or months in which they were
11 previously registered. The month in which the commercial vehicles
12 are newly registered shall be the month in which their registration
13 is renewed annually. If a commercial vehicle is registered pursuant
14 to this paragraph in the same calendar year in which it was
15 previously registered, license and registration fees shall be
16 prorated to account for the difference between the previous renewal
17 month and the new renewal month and those fees shall be due at the
18 time of registration pursuant to this paragraph.

19 C. The following penalties shall apply for delinquent
20 registration fees:

21 1. For fleet vehicles required to be registered pursuant to the
22 provisions of Section 1120 of this title for which a properly
23 completed application for registration has not been received by the
24 Corporation Commission by the last day of the month following the

1 registration expiration date, a penalty of thirty percent (30%) of
2 the Oklahoma portion of the annual registration fee, or Two Hundred
3 Dollars (\$200.00), whichever is greater, shall be assessed. The
4 license and registration cards issued by the Corporation Commission
5 for each fleet vehicle shall be valid until two (2) months after the
6 registration expiration date;

7 2. For commercial vehicles registered under the provisions of
8 subsection B of this section, except those vehicles registered
9 pursuant to Section 1133.1 of this title, a penalty shall be
10 assessed after the last day of the month following the registration
11 expiration date. A penalty of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per day
12 shall be added to the license fee of such vehicle and shall accrue
13 for one (1) month. Thereafter, the penalty shall be thirty percent
14 (30%) of the annual registration fee, or Two Hundred Dollars
15 (\$200.00), whichever is greater;

16 3. For new or used manufactured homes, not registered within
17 thirty (30) days from date of purchase or date such manufactured
18 home was brought into this state, a penalty equal to the
19 registration fee shall be assessed; or

20 4. For all vehicles a penalty shall be assessed after the last
21 day of the month following the expiration date and no penalty shall
22 be waived by the Oklahoma Tax Commission or any motor license agent
23 except as provided for in subsection H of Section 1133, subsection C
24 of Section 1127 of this title, or when the vehicle was stolen as

1 certified by a police report or other documentation as required by
2 the Oklahoma Tax Commission. A penalty of One Dollar (\$1.00) per
3 day shall be added to the license fee of such vehicle, provided that
4 the penalty shall not exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Of each
5 dollar penalty collected pursuant to this subsection:

6 a. twenty-one cents (\$0.21) shall be apportioned as
7 provided in Section 1104 of this title,

8 b. twenty-one cents (\$0.21) shall be retained by the
9 motor license agent, and

10 c. fifty-eight cents (\$0.58) shall be deposited in the
11 General Revenue Fund.

12 D. In addition to all other penalties provided in the Oklahoma
13 Vehicle License and Registration Act, the following penalties shall
14 be imposed and collected by any Enforcement Officer of the
15 Corporation Commission upon finding any commercial vehicle being
16 operated in violation of the provisions of the Oklahoma Vehicle
17 License and Registration Act.

18 The penalties shall apply to any commercial vehicle found to be
19 operating in violation of the following provisions:

20 1. A penalty of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be
21 imposed upon any person found to be operating a commercial vehicle
22 sixty (60) days after the end of the month in which the license
23 plate or registration credentials expire without the current year
24 license plate or registration credential displayed. Such penalty

1 shall not exceed the amount established by the Corporation
2 Commission pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of Section
3 1167 of this title. Revenue from such penalties shall be
4 apportioned as provided in Section 1167 of this title;

5 2. A penalty of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be
6 imposed for any person operating a commercial vehicle subject to the
7 provisions of Section 1120 or Section 1133 of this title without the
8 proper display of, or, carrying in such commercial vehicle, the
9 identification credentials issued by the Corporation Commission as
10 evidence of payment of the fee or tax as provided in Section 1120 or
11 Section 1133 of this title. Such penalty shall not exceed the
12 amount established by the Corporation Commission pursuant to the
13 provisions of subsection A of Section 1167 of this title. Revenue
14 from such penalties shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1167
15 of this title; and

16 3. A penalty of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)
17 shall be imposed for any person that fails to register any
18 commercial vehicle subject to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and
19 Registration Act. Such penalty shall not exceed the amount
20 established by the Corporation Commission pursuant to the provisions
21 of subsection A of Section 1167 of this title. Revenue from such
22 penalties shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1167 of this
23 title.

1 E. The Tax Commission, or Corporation Commission with respect
2 to vehicles registered under Section 1120 or Section 1133 of this
3 title, shall assess the registration fees and penalties for the year
4 or years a vehicle was not registered. For vehicles not registered
5 for two (2) or more years, the registration fees and penalties shall
6 be due only for the current year and one (1) previous year.

7 F. In addition to any other penalty prescribed by law, there
8 shall be a penalty of not less than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) upon a
9 finding by an enforcement officer that:

10 1. The registration of a vehicle registered pursuant to Section
11 1132 of this title is expired and it is sixty (60) or more days
12 after the end of the month of expiration; or

13 2. The registration fees for a vehicle that is subject to the
14 registration fees pursuant to Section 1132 of this title have not
15 been paid.

16 Such penalty shall not exceed the amount established by the
17 Corporation Commission pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of
18 Section 1167 of this title. Revenue from such penalties shall be
19 apportioned as provided in Section 1167 of this title.

20 G. If a vehicle is donated to a nonprofit charitable
21 organization, the nonprofit charitable organization shall be exempt
22 from paying any current or past due registration fees, excise tax,
23 transfer fees, and penalties and interest. However, after the
24 donation, if the person donating the vehicle, or someone on behalf

1 of such person, purchases the same vehicle back from the nonprofit
2 charitable organization to which the vehicle was donated, such
3 person shall be liable for all current and past-due registration
4 fees, excise tax, title or transfer fees, and penalties and interest
5 on such vehicle.

6 H. The Tax Commission shall promulgate rules and any necessary
7 procedures to establish an option for a biennial registration for
8 vehicles registered pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection B of this
9 section.

10 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1116, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 1116. A. Twelve registration periods shall be
13 established for vehicles required to be registered on a staggered
14 basis. The registration periods shall start on the first day of
15 each calendar month and shall end on the last day of that month.
16 Unless otherwise provided, all such vehicles where the date of
17 execution of transfer of ownership occurs in this state at any time
18 during a calendar month shall be subject to registration and payment
19 of the fee for the registration period commencing the first day of
20 the month of such date of execution of transfer.

21 B. A person who registers more than one vehicle may have all of
22 such vehicles initially registered at the same time or at separate
23 times. Any person who obtains a vehicle may, upon registration,
24 have the registration period adjusted to allow future registration

1 of all such vehicles at the same period or at a different period.
2 This subsection shall apply to the registration of farm vehicle
3 license plates issued pursuant to Section 1134 of this title.

4 C. On and after January 1, 2022, if a physically disabled
5 license plate is issued pursuant to paragraph 3 of subsection B of
6 Section 1135.1 of this title for a vehicle which is subject to the
7 requirements of Section 1132 of this title, the registration periods
8 for the vehicle may be combined into a single registration period.
9 The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall determine, by rule, a method for
10 adjusting the twelve-month period.

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

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