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1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024) 3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE 4 FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 3898 By: Davis 5 6 7 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 8 2021, Section 1115, as last amended by Section 1, 9 Chapter 246, O.S.L. 2023 (47 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 1115), which relates to vehicles required to be 10 registered; providing for biennial and triennial registration of certain vehicles; authorizing Service Oklahoma to promulgate certain rules; setting fees; 11 authorizing licensed operators to retain certain fees; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1133, which 12 relates to the registration of commercial vehicles; 1.3 providing for biennial and triennial registration of commercial vehicles and trailers; modifying name of 14 responsible agency; setting fees; authorizing licensed operators to retain certain fees; 15 authorizing Service Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Corporation Commission to promulgate certain rules; 16 and providing an effective date. 17 18 19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1115, as 21 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 246, O.S.L. 2023 (47 O.S. Supp. 22 2023, Section 1115), is amended to read as follows: 23 Section 1115. A. Unless provided otherwise by statute, the 24 following vehicles shall be registered annually: manufactured

- homes, vehicles registered with a permanent nonexpiring license
 plate pursuant to Section 1113 of this title, and commercial
 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. Between January 1 and March 31, the payment of the full annual fee shall be required;

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- 2. Between April 1 and June 30, the payment of three-fourths (3/4) the annual fee shall be required;
- 3. Between July 1 and September 30, the payment of one-half (1/2) the annual fee shall be required; and
- 4. Between October 1 and November 30, the payment of one-fourth (1/4) the annual fee shall be required.

License plates or decals for each year shall be made available on December 1 of each preceding year for such vehicles. Any person who purchases such vehicle or manufactured home between December 1 and December 31 of any year shall register it within thirty (30) days from date of purchase and obtain a license plate or

Manufactured Home License Registration Decal, as appropriate, for the following calendar year upon payment of the full annual fee.

Unless provided otherwise by statute, all annual license, registration and other fees for such vehicles shall be due and

payable on January 1 of each year and if not paid by February 1 shall be deemed delinquent.

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- B. 1. All vehicles, other than those required to be registered pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section, shall be registered on a staggered system of registration and licensing on a monthly series basis to distribute the work of registering such vehicles as uniformly and expeditiously as practicable throughout the calendar year unless otherwise provided in this section. After the end of the month following the expiration date, the license and registration fees for the new registration period shall become delinquent. At the time of registration or renewal, the owner of the vehicle may choose either an annual or a biennial registration of the vehicle.
- 2. All fleet vehicles registered pursuant to new applications approved pursuant to the provisions of Section 1120 of this title shall be registered on a staggered system monthly basis.
- 3. Applicants seeking to establish Oklahoma as the base jurisdiction for registering apportioned fleet vehicles shall have a one-time option of registering for a period of not less than six (6) months nor greater than eighteen (18) months. Subsequent renewals for these registrants will be for twelve (12) months, expiring on the last day of the month chosen by the registrant under the one-time option as provided herein. In addition, registrants with

multiple fleets may designate a different registration month of expiration for each fleet.

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

- 4. Effective January 1, 2004, all motorcycles and mopeds shall be registered on a staggered system of registration. Service Oklahoma shall notify in writing, prior to December 1, 2003, all owners of motorcycles or mopeds registered as of such date, who shall have a one-time option of registering for a period of not less than three (3) months nor greater than fifteen (15) months.

 Subsequent renewals for these registrants will be for twelve (12) months, expiring on the last day of the month chosen by the registrant under the one-time option as provided herein. All motorcycles and mopeds registered pursuant to new applications received on or after December 1, 2003, shall also be registered pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph.
- 5. Any three or more commercial vehicles owned by the same person and previously registered in this state may be registered at the same time regardless of the month or months in which they were previously registered. The month in which the commercial vehicles are newly registered shall be the month in which their registration is renewed annually. If a commercial vehicle is registered pursuant to this paragraph in the same calendar year in which it was previously registered, license and registration fees shall be

prorated to account for the difference between the previous renewal
month and the new renewal month and those fees shall be due at the
time of registration pursuant to this paragraph. At the time of
registration or renewal of a commercial vehicle, except fleet
vehicles registered under the provisions of Section 1120 of this
title, the owner of the vehicle may choose either an annual,
biennial, or triennial registration of the vehicle.

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

- 1. For fleet vehicles required to be registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 1120 of this title for which a properly completed application for registration has not been received by the Corporation Commission by the last day of the month following the registration expiration date, a penalty of thirty percent (30%) of the Oklahoma portion of the annual registration fee, or Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), whichever is greater, shall be assessed. The license and registration cards issued by the Corporation Commission for each fleet vehicle shall be valid until two (2) months after the registration expiration date;
- 2. For commercial vehicles registered under the provisions of subsection B of this section, except those vehicles registered pursuant to Section 1133.1 of this title, a penalty shall be assessed after the last day of the month following the registration expiration date. A penalty of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per day

shall be added to the license fee of such vehicle and shall accrue
for one (1) month. Thereafter, the penalty shall be thirty percent
(30%) of the annual registration fee, or Two Hundred Dollars
(\$200.00), whichever is greater;

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

- 4. For all vehicles, a penalty shall be assessed after the last day of the month following the expiration date, and no penalty shall be waived by Service Oklahoma or any licensed operator except as provided for in subsection H of Section 1133, subsection C of Section 1127 of this title, or when the vehicle was stolen as certified by a police report or other documentation as required by Service Oklahoma. A penalty of One Dollar (\$1.00) per day shall be added to the license fee of such vehicle, provided that the penalty shall not exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Of each dollar penalty collected pursuant to this subsection:
 - a. twenty-one cents (\$0.21) shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1104 of this title,
 - b. twenty-one cents (\$0.21) shall be retained by the licensed operator, and
 - c. fifty-eight cents (\$0.58) shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund.

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

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

- 1. A penalty of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be imposed upon any person found to be operating a commercial vehicle sixty (60) days after the end of the month in which the license plate or registration credentials expire without the current year license plate or registration credential displayed. Such penalty shall not exceed the amount established by the Corporation Commission pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of Section 1167 of this title. Revenue from such penalties shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1167 of this title;
- 2. A penalty of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be imposed for any person operating a commercial vehicle subject to the provisions of Section 1120 or Section 1133 of this title without the proper display of, or, carrying in such commercial vehicle, the identification credentials issued by the Corporation Commission as evidence of payment of the fee or tax as provided in Section 1120 or Section 1133 of this title. Such penalty shall not exceed the

amount established by the Corporation Commission pursuant to the
provisions of subsection A of Section 1167 of this title. Revenue
from such penalties shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1167
of this title; and

- 3. A penalty of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall be imposed for any person that fails to register any commercial vehicle subject to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. Such penalty shall not exceed the amount established by the Corporation Commission pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of Section 1167 of this title. Revenue from such penalties shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1167 of this title.
- E. Service Oklahoma, or the Corporation Commission with respect to vehicles registered under Section 1120 or Section 1133 of this title, shall assess the registration fees and penalties for the year or years a vehicle was not registered. For vehicles not registered for two (2) or more years, the registration fees and penalties shall be due only for the current year and one (1) previous year.
- F. In addition to any other penalty prescribed by law, there shall be a penalty of not less than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) upon a finding by an enforcement officer that:
- 1. The registration of a vehicle registered pursuant to Section 1132 of this title is expired and it is sixty (60) or more days after the end of the month of expiration; or

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

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

- G. If a vehicle is donated to a nonprofit charitable organization, the nonprofit charitable organization shall be exempt from paying any current or past due registration fees, excise tax, transfer fees, and penalties and interest. However, after the donation, if the person donating the vehicle, or someone on behalf of such person, purchases the same vehicle back from the nonprofit charitable organization to which the vehicle was donated, such person shall be liable for all current and past-due registration fees, excise tax, title or transfer fees, and penalties and interest on such vehicle.
- H. Service Oklahoma shall promulgate rules and any necessary procedures to establish an option for a biennial registration for vehicles registered pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection B of this section and a biennial or triennial registration for commercial intrastate vehicles.
- 1. Regardless of whether the vehicle owner elects annual $\frac{\partial r_{,}}{\partial r_{,}}$ biennial, or triennial registration, the vehicle is still subject to

all fees, fines, and penalties provided in the Oklahoma Vehicle
License and Registration Act.

- 2. For vehicle owners who elect biennial registration, the annual registration fee shall be twice the annual registration fee provided in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. For vehicle owners who elect triennial registration, the annual registration fee shall be three times the annual registration fee provided in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.
- 3. When processing biennial or triennial registrations, licensed operators shall be entitled to retain twice or three times, as the case may be, the amounts provided in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection A of Section 1141.1 of this title and twice the amount provided in paragraph 14 of subsection A of Section 1141.1 of this title for processing insurance verification information. Licensed operators shall retain fees collected for issuing registrations pursuant to this subsection as required by subsection E of Section 1141.1 of this title.
- SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1133, is amended to read as follows:
- Section 1133. A. The following license fees shall be paid annually, biennially, or triennially to the Service Oklahoma Tax Commission or Corporation Commission, as applicable, upon the registration of the following vehicles:

Except as provided in this subsection, for each commercial									
vehicle over eight thousand (8,000) pounds as defined in Section									
1102 of this title, the license fee shall be based on the combine	ed								
laden weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles. The lice	ense								
fees shall be computed and assessed at the following rates:									
1. From 8,001 pounds to 15,000 pounds \$ 95.00									
2. From 15,001 pounds to 18,000 pounds 120.00									
3. From 18,001 pounds to 21,000 pounds 155.00									
4. From 21,001 pounds to 24,000 pounds 190.00									
5. From 24,001 pounds to 27,000 pounds 225.00									
6. From 27,001 pounds to 30,000 pounds 260.00									
7. From 30,001 pounds to 33,000 pounds 295.00									
8. From 33,001 pounds to 36,000 pounds 325.00									
9. From 36,001 pounds to 39,000 pounds 350.00									
10. From 39,001 pounds to 42,000 pounds 375.00									
11. From 42,001 pounds to 45,000 pounds 400.00									
12. From 45,001 pounds to 48,000 pounds 425.00									
13. From 48,001 pounds to 51,000 pounds 450.00									
14. From 51,001 pounds to 54,000 pounds 475.00									
15. From 54,001 pounds to 57,000 pounds 648.00									
16. From 57,001 pounds to 60,000 pounds 681.00									
17. From 60,001 pounds to 63,000 pounds 713.00									
18. From 63,001 pounds to 66,000 pounds 746.00									
19. From 66,001 pounds to 69,000 pounds 778.00									

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2	21.	From	72,001	pounds	to	73 , 280	pounds	857.00
3	22.	From	73 , 281	pounds	to	74,000	pounds	870.00
4	23.	From	74,001	pounds	to	75 , 000	pounds	883.00
5	24.	From	75 , 001	pounds	to	76 , 000	pounds	896.00
6	25.	From	76,001	pounds	to	77,000	pounds	909.00
7	26.	From	77,001	pounds	to	78 , 000	pounds	922.00
8	27.	From	78 , 001	pounds	to	79,000	pounds	935.00
9	28.	From	79,001	pounds	to	80,000	pounds	948.00
10	29.	From	80,001	pounds	to	81,000	pounds	961.00
11	30.	From	81,001	pounds	to	82,000	pounds	974.00
12	31.	From	82,001	pounds	to	83,000	pounds	987.00
13	32.	From	83,001	pounds	to	84,000	pounds	1000.00
14	33.	From	84,001	pounds	to	85,000	pounds	1013.00
15	34.	From	85,001	pounds	to	86,000	pounds	1026.00
16	35.	From	86,001	pounds	to	87 , 000	pounds	1039.00
17	36.	From	87,001	pounds	to	88,000	pounds	1052.00
18	37.	From	88,001	pounds	to	89,000	pounds	1065.00
19	38.	From	89,001	pounds	to	90,000	pounds	1078.00
20	For t	the pu	ırposes	of this	s se	ection,	the license	fee of a wrecker
21	or tow vehicle shall be based on the gross weight of the wrecker or							
22	tow vehicle alone without any inclusion of weight for a vehicle							
23	towed by the wrecker or tow vehicle.							

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For biennial registration, the registration fee shall be twice the annual registration fee provided in this section. For triennial registration, the registration fee shall be three times the annual registration fee provided in this section. Service Oklahoma or the Corporation Commission, as applicable, shall promulgate rules for the registration of commercial vehicles biennially and triennially.

- B. After the fifth year's registration in this or any other state, the license fee upon any truck registered on a basis of the combined laden weight not in excess of fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds shall be assessed at fifty percent (50%) of the fee computed and assessed for each of the first five (5) years. On the seventh and all subsequent years of registration in this or any other state, on such truck, such license fees shall be assessed and computed at fifty percent (50%) of the amount due on the sixth year's registration. In no event shall such annual license fee on any truck be less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor shall the annual license fee of any truck-tractor be less than Ninety-five Dollars (\$95.00).
- C. In addition to the fees required by subsection A of this section, there shall be paid a registration fee of Forty Dollars (\$40.00) upon the first registration in this state after July 1, 1985, and upon the transfer of ownership of any frac tank, as defined by Section 54 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes, construction machinery, as defined by Section 1102 of this title,

rental trailer, commercial trailer or semitrailer designed to be pulled and usually pulled by a truck or truck-tractor.

Thereafter, a fee of Four Dollars (\$4.00) shall be paid annually, biennially, or triennially for each frac tank, construction machinery, rental trailer, commercial trailer or semitrailer. The fee of Four Dollars (\$4.00) shall be due and payable on January 1 of each the year following expiration of registration on any frac tank, construction machinery, rental trailer, commercial trailer or semitrailer registered under this section.

Upon the payment of the registration fee of Forty Dollars (\$40.00), a nonexpiring registration certificate and identification plate shall be issued for each frac tank, construction machinery, rental trailer, commercial trailer or semitrailer. The nonexpiring identification plate shall remain displayed on the frac tank, construction machinery, rental trailer, commercial trailer or semitrailer for which the identification plate is issued until such frac tank, construction machinery, trailer or semitrailer is sold or removed from service.

A receipt shall be issued upon the payment of the annual registration fee. The receipt shall show the total fee paid for one or more frac tanks, construction machinery units, rental trailers, commercial trailers or semitrailers. The receipt shall be retained by the owner of any frac tank, construction machinery, rental

trailer, commercial trailer or semitrailer for a period of three (3) years and shall be subject to audit by the Tax Commission Service

Oklahoma or the Corporation Commission.

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Any frac tank, construction machinery, commercial trailer or semitrailer licensed pursuant to this section shall not be permitted to be operated on the highways of this state when such frac tank, construction machinery, commercial trailer or semitrailer is being operated by a resident of this state, or is being operated by a person operating a vehicle or vehicles domiciled in this state and required by law to be licensed in Oklahoma, unless the pulling truck or truck-tractor has been licensed pursuant to this section or is twenty-four thousand (24,000) pounds or less and operating under a valid temporary license plate provided by Section 1137.1 or 1137.3 of this title. In no event shall any truck, truck-tractor, frac tank, construction machinery, trailer, or semitrailer used in the furtherance of any commercial enterprise be permitted to operate on the highways of this state or register at a smaller license fee than that prescribed in this section except as provided in this section. When processing biennial or triennial registrations, licensed operators shall be entitled to retain twice or three times, as the case may be, the amounts provided in paragraph 14 of subsection A of Section 1141.1 of this title for processing insurance verification information. Licensed operators shall retain fees collected for issuing registrations pursuant to this subsection as required by

subsection E of Section 1141.1 of this title. Service Oklahoma or the Corporation Commission, as applicable, shall promulgate rules for the biennial and triennial registration of vehicles subject to this subsection.

- D. For each fiscal year, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1104 of this title, the first Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) of all monies collected pursuant to subsections A, B and C of this section shall be paid by the Tax Commission to the State Treasurer of the State of Oklahoma who shall deposit same each fiscal year, or such lesser amount as may accrue each fiscal year, under the provisions of this section to the credit of the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury. All monies collected in excess of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) each fiscal year shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1104 of this title.
- E. If any vehicle is used for a purpose other than that for which it has been registered, the owner of the vehicle shall be required to immediately reregister the vehicle at the appropriate rate. If any vehicle is placed or operated upon any street, road or highway of this state with a laden weight in excess of that for which it is licensed, the license fee for such increased laden weight shall become due, and the owner of the vehicle shall be required to immediately reregister the vehicle at the increased rate. Provided that, in either event there shall be credited upon the increased license fee for such reregistration for any portion of

the year or period remaining after the change in use or increase in laden weight shall have occurred a proportionate part of the license fees previously paid. If this reregistration is made voluntarily by the owner, the ratable proportion of the credit allowed shall be determined as of the date the reregistration is voluntarily made. If the reregistration is not voluntarily made but occurs as a result of the discovery by any enforcement officer of an improper operation of the vehicle, that shall be considered prima facie evidence that it has been improperly registered for the entire portion of the year covered by the improper registration. Provided further that the ratable credit shall be allowed only on the first reregistration of any vehicle during any calendar year. If, during the calendar year, subsequent changes of license plate are desired, the ratable credit shall not be allowed but the owner of the vehicle shall be required to pay the license fee due for that portion of the calendar year remaining without benefit of any additional credits. No owner of a motor vehicle shall possess at any time more than one license plate for any vehicle owned by such person. No reregistration shall be made until the current license plate previously issued has been surrendered.

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Any person who has paid a fee under the terms and provisions of this subsection may at any time within one (1) year after the payment of such fee file with the Tax Commission or Corporation

Commission a claim under oath for refund stating the grounds

therefor. However, the Tax Commission or Corporation Commission shall allow refunds only where the amount of tax paid has been erroneously computed or determined through clerical errors or miscalculations. No refund shall be allowed by the Tax Commission or Corporation Commission of a tax paid by the person where such payment is made through a mistake as to the legal misinterpretation or construction of the provisions of this section. Any refunds made by the Tax Commission or Corporation Commission pursuant to this subsection shall be made out of any monies collected pursuant to this subsection and which have not been apportioned.

F. The annual license fee required by this section is intended to cover only the motor vehicle for which it is issued. The Tax Commission or Corporation Commission upon application, when a licensed truck-tractor has been destroyed by fire or accident, shall credit the unused portion of the annual license fee of the vehicle toward the license fee of a replacement vehicle of equal registered weight. The amount of credit shall not exceed the license fee due on the replacement vehicle. The Tax Commission or Corporation Commission shall not be required to make a refund. If the replacement vehicle is to be registered at a greater weight, the applicant shall pay an additional sum equivalent to the difference between the unused portion of the annual license fee for the original motor vehicle and the license fee due for the replacement motor vehicle.

G. The license fees provided for in this section shall be paid each year whether or not the vehicle is operated on the public highway.

H. Notwithstanding the provision of any other statute in respect to the time for payment of license fees on motor vehicles, if the total amount of the annual license fees due from any resident owner, either individual, partnership, or Oklahoma corporation, upon the registration, on or before January 15 of any year, of commercial trucks, truck-tractors, frac tanks, construction machinery, trailers or semitrailers exceeds the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), the license fees may be paid in equal semiannual installments. The first installment shall be paid at the time of the application for registration of the vehicles and not later than January 15 of each year, and the second installment shall be paid on or before the first day of July of such year.

This subsection shall not operate to reduce the amount of the license fees due. If any installment is not paid on or before the date due, all unpaid installments of license fees for such year on each vehicle shall be deemed delinquent and immediately due and payable, and there shall be added a penalty of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per day to the balance of the license fee due on each vehicle for each day the balance remains unpaid up to thirty (30) days, after which the penalty due on each vehicle shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). The penalty for vehicles registered by

weight in excess of eight thousand (8,000) pounds shall be an amount equal to the license fee. On and after the thirtieth day each such vehicle involved shall be considered as improperly licensed and as not currently registered, and all of the provisions of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act relating to enforcement, including the provisions for the seizure and sale of vehicles not registered and not displaying current license plates, shall apply to the vehicles.

All fees and taxes levied by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act shall become and remain a first lien upon the vehicle upon which the fees or taxes are due until paid. The lien shall have priority to all other liens. No title to any vehicle may be transferred until the unpaid balance on the vehicle has been paid in full. Provided that any unpaid balance of the license fees shall remain and become a lien against any and all property of the owner, both real and personal, for so long as any license tag fee balance shall remain unpaid. Any unpaid balance under these provisions shall be immediately due and payable by the owner if any vehicle is sold, wrecked, or otherwise retired from service.

Any person electing to pay license fees on a semiannual installment basis, as herein authorized, shall be required to purchase a new license tag for the last half and shall pay the sum of Four Dollars (\$4.00) for each tag to cover the costs of the license tags. The license tags for each half shall be plainly

marked in designating the half for which they were issued. A validation sticker may be used in lieu of a metal tag where appropriate. Such license tag fee shall be, in addition to the license fees or any other fees, collected on each application as provided by statute and shall be apportioned according to the provisions of Section 1104 of this title.

- I. Any person pulling or towing any vehicle intended to be resold, into or through this state, shall pay a fee of Three Dollars (\$3.00) for the vehicle towing and Three Dollars (\$3.00) for the one being towed. It shall be unlawful to operate any series of such units on the public highways of this state at a distance closer than five hundred (500) feet from each other. All fees and taxes levied by the terms and provisions of this section shall become and remain a first lien upon the vehicle upon which the fees or taxes are due until paid. The lien shall be prior, superior, and paramount to all other liens of whatsoever kind or character.
- J. In addition to any other penalties prescribed by law, the following penalty shall be imposed by enforcement officers upon any owner or operator of a commercial vehicle registered under the provisions of this section when the laden weight or combined laden weight of such vehicle is found to be in excess of that for which registered. The penalty shall be imposed each and every time a vehicle is found to be in violation of the registered laden weight or combined laden weight.

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    such vehicle exceeds the laden weight or combined laden weight by
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    two thousand one (2,001) pounds; thereafter, an additional penalty
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    of not less than Twenty Dollars ($20.00) shall be imposed for each
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    additional one thousand (1,000) pounds or fraction thereof of weight
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    in excess of the registered laden weight or combined laden weight.
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    Such penalty shall not exceed the amount established by the
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    Corporation Commission pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of
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    apportioned as provided in Section 1167 of this title.
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        SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.
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