

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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POLICY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION

FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2713

By: Ford

POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1115.1, which relates to seizure of vehicles not bearing or displaying proper license plate; modifying certain time frame; providing for mandatory seizure of certain vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1132, as last amended by Section 10, Chapter 236, O.S.L. 2024 (47 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 1132), which relates to vehicle registration fees; modifying penalty for certain late payment; modifying distribution of collected penalties; authorizing use of certain collected penalties; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1115.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1115.1. In addition to the penalties provided in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, after ~~ninety (90)~~ sixty (60) days from the expiration date for annual registration of a vehicle or the transfer or change of ownership of a vehicle, the Corporation Commission, Department of Public Safety, county

1 sheriffs, and all other duly authorized peace officers of this state  
2 may seize and take into custody every vehicle owned within this  
3 state not bearing or displaying a proper license plate required by  
4 the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. The vehicle  
5 shall not be released to the owner until it is duly registered and  
6 the license, registration, or title fee and penalties due are paid  
7 in full, proof of security or an affidavit that the vehicle will not  
8 be used on public highways or public streets, as required pursuant  
9 to Section 7-600 et seq. of this title, is furnished, and the cost  
10 of seizure, including the reasonable cost of taking the vehicle into  
11 custody and storing the vehicle, have been paid. In the event the  
12 owner of any vehicle seized fails to pay such fees and penalties  
13 due, together with cost of seizure and storage, and fails to provide  
14 proof of security or an affidavit that the vehicle will not be used  
15 on public highways or public streets, the Office of Management and  
16 Enterprise Services shall proceed to sell the vehicle by posting not  
17 fewer than five notices of sale in five different public places in  
18 the county where the vehicle is located, one of such notices to be  
19 posted at the place where the vehicle is stored. A copy of the  
20 notice shall also be sent by certified mail, restricted delivery,  
21 with return receipt requested, to the last-known address of the  
22 registered owner of the vehicle. The vehicle shall be sold at such  
23 sale subject to the following terms and conditions:

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1        1. In the event the sale price is equal to, or greater than,  
2 the total costs of sale, seizure and the fee and penalty, the  
3 purchaser shall be issued a certificate of purchase, license plate,  
4 manufactured home registration receipt and decal and registration  
5 certificate;

6        2. In the event the sale price is less than the total costs of  
7 sale, seizure, and the fee and penalty, the vehicle shall be sold as  
8 junk to the highest bidder, whereupon the bidder shall receive a  
9 certificate of purchase; and if the vehicle be dismantled, the  
10 record to the junked vehicle shall be canceled. If not dismantled,  
11 the vehicle shall be immediately registered; and

12        3. Any residual amount remaining unclaimed by the delinquent  
13 owner shall be administered in accordance with the Uniform Unclaimed  
14 Property Act.

15        SECTION 2.        AMENDATORY        47 O.S. 2021, Section 1132, as  
16 last amended by Section 10, Chapter 236, O.S.L. 2024 (47 O.S. Supp.  
17 2024, Section 1132), is amended to read as follows:

18        Section 1132. A. For all vehicles, unless otherwise  
19 specifically provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and  
20 Registration Act, a registration fee shall be assessed at the time  
21 of initial registration by the owner and annually thereafter, for  
22 the use of the avenues of public access within this state in the  
23 following amounts:

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1        1. For the first through the fourth year of registration in  
2 this state or any other state, Eighty-five Dollars (\$85.00);

3        2. For the fifth through the eighth year of registration in  
4 this state or any other state, Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00);

5        3. For the ninth through the twelfth year of registration in  
6 this state or any other state, Fifty-five Dollars (\$55.00);

7        4. For the thirteenth through the sixteenth year of  
8 registration in this state or any other state, Thirty-five Dollars  
9 (\$35.00); and

10       5. For the seventeenth and any following year of registration  
11 in this state or any other state, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00).

12       The registration fee provided for in this subsection shall be in  
13 lieu of all other taxes, general or local, unless otherwise  
14 specifically provided.

15       On and after January 1, 2022, if a physically disabled license  
16 plate is issued pursuant to paragraph 3 of subsection B of Section  
17 1135.1 of this title, any registration fee required for such license  
18 plate and the fee required pursuant to this subsection shall be  
19 remitted at the same time and subject to a single registration  
20 period. Upon receipt of a physically disabled license plate, the  
21 standard-issue license plate must be surrendered to Service Oklahoma  
22 or the licensed operator. The physically disabled license plate  
23 must be properly displayed as required for a standard-issue license  
24 plate and will be the sole license plate issued and assigned to the

1 vehicle. Service Oklahoma shall determine, by rule, a method for  
2 making required fee adjustments when a physically disabled license  
3 plate is obtained during a twelve-month period for which a  
4 registration fee has already been remitted pursuant to this  
5 subsection. The combination of fees in a single remittance shall  
6 not alter the apportionment otherwise provided for by law.

7 B. For all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles used exclusively  
8 for use off roads or highways purchased on or after July 1, 2005,  
9 and for all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles used exclusively for  
10 use off roads or highways purchased prior to July 1, 2005, which the  
11 owner chooses to register pursuant to the provisions of Section  
12 1115.3 of this title, an initial and nonrecurring registration fee  
13 of Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) shall be assessed at the time of initial  
14 registration by the owner. Nine Dollars (\$9.00) of the registration  
15 fee shall be deposited in the Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund  
16 through December 31, 2022, and beginning January 1, 2023, this fee  
17 shall be deposited in the Service Oklahoma Reimbursement Fund. Two  
18 Dollars (\$2.00) of the registration fee shall be retained by the  
19 licensed operator. The fees required by subsection A of this  
20 section shall not be required for all-terrain vehicles or  
21 motorcycles used exclusively off roads and highways.

22 C. For utility vehicles used exclusively for use off roads or  
23 highways purchased on or after July 1, 2008, and for utility  
24 vehicles used exclusively for use off roads or highways purchased

1 prior to July 1, 2008, which the owner chooses to register pursuant  
2 to the provisions of Section 1115.3 of this title, an initial and  
3 nonrecurring registration fee of Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) shall be  
4 assessed at the time of initial registration by the owner. Nine  
5 Dollars (\$9.00) of the registration fee shall be deposited in the  
6 Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund through December 31, 2022, and  
7 beginning January 1, 2023, this fee shall be deposited in the  
8 Service Oklahoma Reimbursement Fund. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of the  
9 registration fee shall be retained by the licensed operator. The  
10 fees required by subsection A of this section shall not be required  
11 for utility vehicles used exclusively off roads and highways.

12 D. There shall be a credit allowed with respect to the fee for  
13 registration of a new vehicle which is a replacement for:

14 1. A new original vehicle which is stolen from the  
15 purchaser/registrant within ninety (90) days of the date of purchase  
16 of the original vehicle as certified by a police report or other  
17 documentation as required by Service Oklahoma; or

18 2. A defective new original vehicle returned by the  
19 purchaser/registrant to the seller within six (6) months of the date  
20 of purchase of the defective new original vehicle as certified by  
21 the manufacturer.

22 The credit shall be in the amount of the fee for registration  
23 which was paid for the new original vehicle and shall be applied to  
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1 the registration fee for the replacement vehicle. In no event will  
2 the credit be refunded.

3 E. Upon every transfer or change of ownership of a vehicle, the  
4 new owner shall obtain title for and, except in the case of salvage  
5 vehicles and manufactured homes, register the vehicle within two (2)  
6 months of change of ownership and pay a transfer fee of Fifteen  
7 Dollars (\$15.00) in addition to any other fees provided for in the  
8 Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. Additionally, within  
9 two (2) business days of the date of the sale or transfer of the  
10 motor vehicle, the parties must submit the requisite documentation  
11 to Service Oklahoma or a licensed operator identifying the motor  
12 vehicle subject to the sale or transfer, purchaser information, and  
13 any associated license plate on the vehicle, pursuant to the  
14 requirements of Section 1112.2 of this title. No new decal shall be  
15 issued to the registrant for an existing license plate. Thereafter,  
16 the owner shall register the vehicle annually on the anniversary  
17 date of its initial registration in this state and shall pay the  
18 fees provided in subsection A of this section and receive a decal  
19 evidencing such payment. Provided, used motor vehicle dealers shall  
20 be exempt from the provisions of this section.

21 F. In the event a new or used vehicle is not registered,  
22 titled, and tagged within two (2) months from the date of transfer  
23 of ownership, the penalty for the failure of the owner of the  
24 vehicle to register the vehicle within two (2) months shall be ~~One~~

1 ~~Dollar (\$1.00) per day, provided that in no event shall the penalty~~  
2 ~~exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)~~ One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).  
3 An additional penalty of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall be  
4 assessed for each period of thirty (30) days following the first  
5 assessed penalty until the vehicle is registered, provided that in  
6 no event shall the penalty exceed One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars  
7 (\$1,200.00). No penalty shall be waived by Service Oklahoma or any  
8 licensed operator except as provided in subsection C of Section 1127  
9 of this title. ~~Of each one-dollar penalty~~ the first one-hundred-  
10 dollar penalty collected pursuant to this subsection:

11 1. ~~Twenty-one cents (\$0.21)~~ Twenty-One Dollars (\$21.00) shall  
12 be apportioned as provided in Section 1104 of this title;

13 2. ~~Twenty-one cents (\$0.21)~~ Twenty-One Dollars (\$21.00) shall  
14 be retained by the licensed operator; and

15 3. ~~Fifty-eight cents (\$0.58)~~ Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$58.00) shall  
16 be deposited in the General Revenue Fund.

17 Any penalty amount collected pursuant to this subsection that  
18 exceeds One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall be deposited in the  
19 Department of Public Safety Patrol Vehicle Revolving Fund created in  
20 Section 2-143 of this title to be used by the Department for  
21 expenditures allowed by the fund including, but not limited to, the  
22 purchase of patrol vehicles, hiring employees, employee training,  
23 and training academies.

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SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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