

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1623

By: Daniels of the Senate

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5 An Act relating to motor vehicle registration;
6 amending Section 2, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S.
7 Supp. 2019, Section 1112.2), which relates to
8 transferability of license plates; providing
9 exception to certain requirement to return license
10 plate; establishing status of certain license plate
under specified circumstances; authorizing issuance
of certain temporary license plate under specified
circumstances and subject to the promulgation of
rules by the Oklahoma Tax Commission; and providing
an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 208, O.S.L.
15 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 1112.2), is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 Section 1112.2. A. Effective July 1, 2019, the registration
18 license plate and certificate of registration shall be issued to,
19 and remain in the name of, the owner of the vehicle registered and
20 the license plates shall not be transferable between motor vehicle
21 owners. When a vehicle is sold or transferred in the state, the
22 following registration procedures shall apply:

23 1. When a current and valid Oklahoma motor vehicle license
24 plate has been obtained for use on a motor vehicle and the vehicle

1 has been sold or otherwise transferred to a new owner, the license
2 plate shall be removed from the vehicle and retained by the original
3 plate owner.

4 2. In the event an owner purchases, trades, exchanges, or
5 otherwise acquires another vehicle of the same license registration
6 classification, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall authorize the
7 transfer of the current and valid license plate previously obtained
8 by the owner to the replacement vehicle for the remainder of the
9 current registration period. In the event the owner acquires a
10 vehicle requiring payment of additional registration fees, the owner
11 shall request a transfer of the license plate to the newly acquired
12 vehicle and pay the difference in registration fees. The fee shall
13 be calculated on a monthly prorated basis. The owner shall not be
14 entitled to a refund:

- 15 a. when the registration fee for the vehicle to which the
16 plate(s) is to be assigned is less than the
17 registration fee for that vehicle to which the license
18 plate(s) was last assigned, or
19 b. if the owner does not have or does not acquire another
20 vehicle to which the license plate may be transferred.

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- 22 a. Except as provided in subparagraph b of this
23 paragraph, in the event the owner of a license plate
24 purchases, trades, exchanges or otherwise acquires a

1 vehicle for which a license plate has been issued
2 during the current registration period, and the
3 license plate has not been removed by the previous
4 owner in accordance with this section, the new owner
5 of the vehicle shall remove and return the license
6 plate to the Tax Commission or a motor license agent.
7 However, if the license plate has expired, the new
8 owner shall not be required to surrender the license
9 plate.

10 b. When a lender or lender's agent repossesses a vehicle
11 for which a license plate has not been removed in
12 accordance with this section, the lender or lender's
13 agent shall not be subject to the provisions of this
14 paragraph and the tag shall be considered personal
15 property subject to statutory provisions for
16 reclaiming personal property which has been
17 repossessed.

18 4. If a person purchases a motor vehicle from which the number
19 plates have been removed pursuant to this section, the person may
20 operate the motor vehicle for five (5) days from the date of
21 purchase without number plates if a dated notarized bill of sale is
22 carried in the motor vehicle. If the vehicle is subject to a lien,
23 the person may obtain a thirty-day temporary plate issued by a motor
24 license agent pursuant to the promulgation of rules by the Oklahoma

1 Tax Commission to implement a motor license agent-issued temporary
2 plate pursuant to this paragraph.

3 B. 1. The new owner of a motor vehicle shall, within thirty
4 (30) calendar days from the date of vehicle purchase or acquisition,
5 make application to record the registration of the vehicle by the
6 transfer to, or purchase of, a license plate for the newly acquired
7 vehicle with the Tax Commission or motor license agent and shall pay
8 all taxes and fees provided by law.

9 2. Any person failing to register a motor vehicle by timely
10 transferring the license plate as provided by this section shall pay
11 the penalty levied in Section 1132 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma
12 Statutes.

13 C. A surviving spouse, desiring to operate a vehicle devolving
14 from a deceased spouse, shall present an application for certificate
15 of title to the Tax Commission or motor license agent in his or her
16 name within thirty (30) days of obtaining ownership. The Tax
17 Commission or motor license agent shall then transfer the license
18 plate to the surviving spouse.

19 D. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall be authorized to
20 promulgate such rules as may be required to implement the license
21 plate transfers authorized by this section; including, but not
22 limited to, such rules as may be required for a system under which
23 the license plate is registered to an individual and not a vehicle
24 for all license plates issued on or after July 1, 2019.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

2 Passed the Senate the 10th day of March, 2020.

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6 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,

7 2020.

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