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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor license agents; amending 47
8 O.S. 2011, Section 1144, which relates to motor
9 license agents' office hours; modifying office hours;
10 eliminating Oklahoma Tax Commission authorization
11 requirement; eliminating coordination of motor
12 license agent office hours; and providing an
13 effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1144, is
16 amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

23 B. Each motor license agent's office shall be open a minimum of
24 forty (40) hours per week, ~~of which four (4) such hours per week~~

1 ~~shall be in the evening hours or on Saturday, subject to the~~
2 ~~approval of the Tax Commission,~~ except during such weeks that
3 contain a legal holiday prescribed by the statutes of this state.
4 ~~Provided that the Tax Commission may authorize a motor license agent~~
5 ~~to stay open a lesser period of time if the Tax Commission is~~
6 ~~satisfied that the public is being properly served. Provided~~
7 ~~further, that there shall be at least one motor license agent in~~
8 ~~each county open the hours designated in this section.~~ All motor
9 license agents shall post their hours in a conspicuous place for the
10 public's information.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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