

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2202

By: Wolfley of the House

and

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An Act relating to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1151, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 2012 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1151), which relates to unlawful acts; prohibiting the issuance of a citation for delinquent registration during certain period; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1151, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 2012 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1151), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1151. A. It shall be unlawful for any person to commit any of the following acts:

1. To lend or to sell to, or knowingly permit the use of by, one not entitled thereto any certificate of title, license plate or decal issued to or in the custody of the person so lending or permitting the use thereof;

2. To alter or in any manner change a certificate of title, registration certificate, license plate or decal issued under the laws of this or any other state;

3. To procure from another state or country, or display upon any vehicle owned by such person within this state, except as

otherwise provided in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, any license plate issued by any state or country other than this state, unless there shall be displayed upon such vehicle at all times the current license plate and decal assigned to it by the Oklahoma Tax Commission or the Corporation Commission or the vehicle shall display evidence that the vehicle is registered as a nonresident vehicle pursuant to rules promulgated by the Tax Commission, with the concurrence of the Department of Public Safety. A violation of the provisions of this paragraph shall be presumed to have occurred if a person who is the holder of an Oklahoma driver license operates a vehicle owned by such person on the public roads or highways of this state and there is not displayed on the vehicle a current Oklahoma license plate and decal, unless the vehicle is owned by a member of the Armed Forces of the United States assigned to duty in this state in compliance with official military or naval orders or the spouse of such a member of the Armed Forces;

4. To drive, operate or move, or for the owner to cause or permit to be driven or moved, upon the roads, streets or highways of this state, any vehicle loaded in excess of its registered laden weight, or which is licensed for a capacity less than the manufacturer's rated capacity as provided for in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act;

5. To operate a vehicle without proper license plate or decal or on which all taxes due the state have not been paid. No citation may be issued by any state, county or municipal law enforcement officer during the thirty-day period immediately succeeding the last day of the month during which a vehicle registration should have been renewed and a current license plate decal obtained and displayed on the license plate of the vehicle;

6. To buy, sell or dispose of, or possess for sale, use or storage, any secondhand or used vehicle on which the registration or license fee has not been paid, as required by law, and on which vehicle the person neglects, fails or refuses to display at all times the license plate or decal assigned to it;

7. To give a fictitious name or fictitious address or make any misstatement of facts in application for certificate of title and registration of a vehicle;

8. To purchase a license plate on an assigned certificate of title. This particular paragraph shall be applicable to all persons

except a bona fide registered dealer in used cars who are holders of a current and valid used car dealer license;

9. To operate a vehicle upon the highways of this state after the registration deadline for that vehicle without a proper license plate, as prescribed by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, for the current year;

10. For any owner of a vehicle registered on the basis of laden weight to fail or refuse to weigh or reweigh it when requested to do so by any enforcement officer charged with the duty of enforcing this law;

11. To operate or possess any vehicle which bears a motor number or serial number other than the original number placed thereon by the factory except a number duly assigned and authorized by the state;

12. For any motor license agent to release a license plate, a manufactured home registration receipt, decal or excise tax receipt to any unauthorized person or source, including any dealer in new or used motor vehicles. Violation of this paragraph shall constitute sufficient grounds for discharge of a motor license agent by the Tax Commission;

13. To operate any vehicle registered as a commercial vehicle without the lettering requirements of Section 1102 of this title; or

14. To operate any vehicle in violation of the provisions of Sections 7-600 through 7-606 of this title while displaying a yearly decal issued to the owner who has filed an affidavit with the appropriate motor license agent in accordance with Section 7-607 of this title.

Any person convicted of violating any provision of this subsection, other than paragraph 3 of this subsection, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Any person convicted of violating the provisions of paragraph 3 of this subsection shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and shall be required to obtain an Oklahoma license plate. Employees of the Corporation Commission may be authorized by the Corporation Commission to issue citations to motor carriers or

operators of commercial motor vehicles, pursuant to the jurisdiction of the Corporation Commission, for a violation of this subsection. If a person convicted of violating the provisions of this subsection was issued a citation by a duly authorized employee of the Corporation Commission, the fine herein levied shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1167 of this title.

B. Except as otherwise authorized by law, it shall be unlawful to:

1. Lend or sell to, or knowingly permit the use of by, one not entitled thereto any certificate of title issued for a manufactured home, manufactured home registration receipt, manufactured home registration decal or excise tax receipt;

2. Alter or in any manner change a certificate of title issued for a manufactured home under the laws of this state or any other state;

3. Remove or alter a manufactured home registration receipt, manufactured home registration decal or excise tax receipt attached to a certificate of title or attach such receipts to a certificate of title with the intent to misrepresent the payment of the required excise tax and registration fees;

4. Buy, sell, or dispose of, or possess for sale, use or storage any used manufactured home on which the registration fees or excise taxes have not been paid as required by law; or

5. Purchase identification, manufactured home registration receipt, manufactured home registration decal or excise tax receipt on an assigned certificate of title.

Anyone violating the provisions of this subsection, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a felony.

C. In the event a new vehicle is not registered within thirty (30) days from date of purchase, the penalty for the failure of the owner of the vehicle to register the vehicle within thirty (30) days shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) per day; provided, that in no event shall the penalty exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). No penalty shall be waived by the Oklahoma Tax Commission or any motor license agent except as provided in subsection C of Section 1127 of this title. Of each dollar penalty collected pursuant to this subsection:

1. Twenty-one cents (\$0.21) shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1104 of this title;

2. Twenty-one cents (\$0.21) shall be retained by the motor license agent; and

3. Fifty-eight cents (\$0.58) shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund. The penalty for new commercial vehicles shall be equal to the license fee for such vehicles.

If a used vehicle is brought into Oklahoma by a resident of this state and is not registered within thirty (30) days, a penalty of One Dollar (\$1.00) per day shall be charged from the date of entry to the date of registration; provided, that in no event shall the penalty exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). No penalty shall be waived by the Oklahoma Tax Commission or any motor license agent except as provided in subsection C of Section 1127 of this title. Of each dollar penalty collected pursuant to this subsection:

1. Twenty-one cents (\$0.21) shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1104 of this title;

2. Twenty-one cents (\$0.21) shall be retained by the motor license agent; and

3. Fifty-eight cents (\$0.58) shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund. The penalty for used commercial vehicles shall be equal to the license fee for such vehicles.

D. Any owner who knowingly makes or causes to be made any false statement of a fact required in this section to be shown in an application for the registration of one or more vehicles shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or shall be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

E. The following self-propelled or motor-driven and operated vehicles shall not be registered under the provisions of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act or, except as provided for in Section 11-1116 of this title, be permitted to be operated on the streets or highways of this state:

1. Vehicles known and commonly referred to as "minibikes" and other similar trade names; provided, minibikes may be registered and operated in this state by food vendor services upon streets having a speed limit of thirty (30) miles per hour or less;

2. Golf carts;

3. Go-carts; and

4. Other motor vehicles, except motorcycles, which are manufactured principally for use off the streets and highways.

Transfers and sales of such vehicles shall be subject to sales tax and not motor vehicle excise taxes.

F. Any person violating paragraph 3 or 6 of subsection A of this section, in addition to the penal provisions provided in this section, shall pay as additional penalty a sum equal to the amount of license fees due on such vehicle or registration fees due on a manufactured home known to be in violation and such amount is hereby declared to be a lien upon the vehicle as provided in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. In addition to the penalty provisions provided in this section, any person violating paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

G. Each violation of any provision of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act for each and every day such violation has occurred shall constitute a separate offense.

H. Anyone violating any of the provisions heretofore enumerated in this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).

I. Any violation of any portion of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act where a specific penalty has not been imposed shall constitute a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof the person having violated it shall be fined not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).

J. Any provision of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act providing for proportional registration under reciprocal agreements and the International Registration Plan that

relates to the promulgation of rules and regulations shall not be subject to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

Passed the House of Representatives the 4th day of May, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 15th day of April, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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