

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2307

By: Frix, Patzkowsky and Kerbs
of the House

and

Standridge and Bergstrom of
the Senate

An Act relating to driver licenses; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1144, as last amended by Section 6 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2098 of the 1st Session of the 57th Oklahoma Legislature, which relates to motor license agent's office hours; modifying hours of operation; allowing certain authorization; requiring at least one agent office be open per county; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Driver licenses

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1144, as last amended by Section 6 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2098 of the 1st Session of the 57th Oklahoma Legislature, is amended to read as follows:

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

1. By the applicant's personal or company check if presented within the period of time required for purchase or renewal of the registration and license plates or decals. At the time of presentment, the motor license agent may utilize a check verification system provided by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to

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

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

B. Each motor license agent's office shall be open a minimum of forty (40) hours per week, of which four (4) such hours per week shall be in the evening hours or on Saturday, subject to the approval of the Tax Commission, except during such weeks that contain a legal holiday prescribed by the statutes of this state. Provided that the Tax Commission may authorize a motor license agent to stay open a lesser period of time if the Tax Commission is satisfied that the public is being properly served. Provided further, that there shall be at least one motor license agent in each county open the hours designated in this section. All motor license agents shall post their hours in a conspicuous place for the public's information.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of May, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 22nd day of May, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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