

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2598

By: Echols of the House

and

Paxton of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; allowing licensed
8 wrecker operators to take possession of impounded
9 vehicle tags; requiring issuance of statement of
10 charges owed; requiring wrecker operators notify the
11 Oklahoma Tax Commission of plate possession; allowing
12 owner to take possession after payment; requiring
13 wrecker operator to notify Tax Commission regarding
14 received payments; directing the Tax Commission to
15 promulgate rules creating certain database; requiring
16 tag agents to not issue tags to certain individuals;
17 providing for codification; and providing an
18 effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 964.1 of Title 47, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. When a licensed wrecker operator has lawfully towed and
24 stored a vehicle with a license plate, the wrecker operator may take
possession of the license plate of the vehicle. If the wrecker
operator takes possession of the license plate, the wrecker operator
shall issue a statement of the amount owed by the vehicle owner.

1 1. After the issuance of the statement of the amount owed, the
2 wrecker operator issuing the statement shall, within three (3)
3 business days, notify the Oklahoma Tax Commission that the wrecker
4 operator has taken possession of the license plate.

5 2. The vehicle owner may retrieve the license plate from the
6 wrecker operator upon payment in full of any charges contained on
7 the statement of amount owed, in addition to any storage charges
8 which may have accrued.

9 3. The wrecker operator shall promptly notify the Tax
10 Commission that the vehicle owner is in compliance and the license
11 plate has been returned to the owner of the vehicle.

12 B. The Tax Commission shall promulgate rules and procedures to
13 create a database that includes a listing of all license plates
14 taken into possession by wrecker operators for nonpayment of service
15 charges.

16 C. Tag agents shall review the database and shall not issue a
17 new or renewed tag for this or any other vehicle owned by a person
18 listed in the database until all service charges have been paid and
19 the license plate has been released by the wrecker operator.

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

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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of March, 2019.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
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5 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2019.

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