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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending Section
8 2, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2019,
9 Section 1112.2), which relates to transferability of
license plates; allowing for the creation of a
10 temporary license plate; setting fee; 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,
15 O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 1112.2), is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 Section 1112.2 A. Effective July 1, 2019, the
18 registration license plate and certificate of registration
19 shall be issued to, and remain in the name of, the owner of
20 the vehicle registered and the license plates shall not be
21 transferable between motor vehicle owners. When a vehicle is
22 sold or transferred in the state, the following registration
23 procedures shall apply:
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1 1. When a current and valid Oklahoma motor vehicle license
2 plate has been obtained for use on a motor vehicle and the vehicle
3 has been sold or otherwise transferred to a new owner, the license
4 plate shall be removed from the vehicle and retained by the original
5 plate owner.

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

17 a. when the registration fee for the vehicle to which the
18 plate(s) is to be assigned is less than the
19 registration fee for that vehicle to which the license
20 plate(s) was last assigned, or

21 b. if the owner does not have or does not acquire another
22 vehicle to which the license plate may be transferred.

23 3. In the event the owner of a license plate purchases, trades,
24 exchanges or otherwise acquires a vehicle for which a license plate

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

7 4. If a person purchases a motor vehicle from which the number
8 plates have been removed pursuant to this section, the person may
9 operate the motor vehicle for five (5) days from the date of
10 purchase without number plates if a dated notarized bill of sale is
11 carried in the motor vehicle.

12 5. If a person purchases a motor vehicle from which the number
13 plates have been removed pursuant to this section, the purchaser
14 may, within five (5) days of the date of the sale and upon showing
15 proof of insurance, obtain a temporary license plate from a motor
16 license agent, which shall bear an expiration date of thirty (30)
17 days from the date of issuance. The fee for the temporary license
18 plate shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00), Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) of
19 which shall be applied towards the final cost of registration of the
20 vehicle.

21 B. 1. The new owner of a motor vehicle shall, within thirty
22 (30) calendar days from the date of vehicle purchase or acquisition,
23 make application to record the registration of the vehicle by the
24 transfer to, or purchase of, a license plate for the newly acquired

1 vehicle with the Tax Commission or motor license agent and shall pay
2 all taxes and fees provided by law.

3 2. Any person failing to register a motor vehicle by timely
4 transferring the license plate as provided by this section shall pay
5 the penalty levied in Section 1132 of ~~Title 47 of the Oklahoma~~
6 ~~Statutes~~ this title.

7 C. A surviving spouse, desiring to operate a vehicle devolving
8 from a deceased spouse, shall present an application for certificate
9 of title to the Tax Commission or motor license agent in his or her
10 name within thirty (30) days of obtaining ownership. The Tax
11 Commission or motor license agent shall then transfer the license
12 plate to the surviving spouse.

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

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

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