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4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR ENGROSSED
6 SENATE BILL NO. 1300

By: Rader of the Senate

and

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 An Act relating to license plates; amending 47 O.S.
12 2021, Section 1135.1, as last amended by Section 3,
13 Chapter 276, O.S.L. 2021, which relates to special
14 license plates; providing exception to combined
15 registration period for certain special license
16 plate; requiring combination of registration period
17 and fee remittance with physically disabled license
18 plate; requiring the Oklahoma Tax Commission to
19 promulgate rules; prohibiting alteration of certain
20 apportionment; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Sections 1135.2
21 and 1135.4, as last amended by Sections 4 and 6,
22 Chapter 276, O.S.L. 2021, which relate to official
23 special license plates and personalized license
24 plates; requiring the Oklahoma Tax Commission to send
renewal notification by electronic mail; providing
exception if no electronic mail address is provided;
and providing an effective date.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1135.1, as
2 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 276, O.S.L. 2021, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 Section 1135.1 A. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby
5 authorized to design and issue appropriate official special license
6 plates to persons as provided by this section.

7 Special license plates shall not be transferred to any other
8 person but shall be removed from the vehicle upon transfer of
9 ownership and retained. The special license plate may then be used
10 on another vehicle but only after such other vehicle has been
11 registered for the current year.

12 Except as provided in subsection B of this section, special
13 license plates shall be renewed each year by the Tax Commission or a
14 motor license agent. The Tax Commission shall annually notify by
15 mail all persons issued special license plates. The notice shall
16 contain all necessary information and shall contain instructions for
17 the renewal procedure upon presentation to a motor license agent or
18 the Tax Commission. The license plates shall be issued on a
19 staggered system. The motor license agent fees shall be paid out of
20 the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.

21 On and after January 1, 2022, if a special license plate is
22 issued pursuant to this section, except for Legislative License
23 Plates issued pursuant to paragraph 30 of subsection B of Section
24 1135.2 of this title, any registration fee required for such plate

1 pursuant to this section and the fee required pursuant to Section
2 1132 of this title shall be remitted at the same time and subject to
3 a single registration period. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall
4 determine, by rule, a method for making required fee and
5 registration period adjustments if a special license plate is
6 obtained during a twelve-month period for which a registration fee
7 has already been remitted pursuant to Section 1132 of this title.
8 The combination of fees in a single remittance shall not alter the
9 apportionment otherwise provided for in this section.

10 On and after January 1, 2022, if a physically disabled license
11 plate is issued pursuant to paragraph 3 of subsection B of this
12 section, any registration fee required for such plate pursuant to
13 this section and the fee required pursuant to Section 1132 of this
14 title shall be remitted at the same time and subject to a single
15 registration period. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall determine,
16 by rule, a method for making required fee and registration period
17 adjustments when a physically disabled license plate is obtained
18 during a twelve-month period for which a registration fee has
19 already been remitted pursuant to Section 1132 of this title. The
20 combination of fees in a single remittance shall not alter the
21 apportionment otherwise provided for in this section.

22 B. The special license plates provided by this section are as
23 follows:
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1 1. Political Subdivision Plates - such plates shall be designed
2 for any vehicle owned by any political subdivision of this state
3 having obtained a proper Oklahoma certificate of title. Such
4 political subdivisions shall file an annual report with the Tax
5 Commission stating the agency where such vehicle is located. Such
6 license plates shall be permanent in nature and designed in such a
7 manner as to remain with the vehicle for the duration of the life
8 span of the vehicle or until the title is transferred to an owner
9 who is not a political subdivision.

10 The registration fee shall be Eight Dollars (\$8.00) and shall be
11 in addition to all other registration fees provided by law, except
12 the registration fees levied by Section 1132 of this title;

13 2. Tax-Exempt or Nonprofit License Plates - such plates shall
14 be designed for:

15 a. any motor bus, manufactured home, or mobile chapel and
16 power unit owned and operated by a religious
17 corporation or society of this state holding a valid
18 exemption from taxation issued pursuant to Section
19 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C.,
20 Section 501(a), and listed as an exempt organization
21 in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as
22 amended, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and that is
23 used by the corporation or society solely for the
24 furtherance of its religious functions,

- 1 b. any vehicle owned and operated only by nonprofit
2 organizations devoted exclusively to youth programs
3 including, but not limited to, the Girl Scouts and Boy
4 Scouts of America,
- 5 c. any vehicle, except passenger automobiles, owned or
6 operated by nonprofit organizations actually involved
7 in programs for the employment of the handicapped and
8 used exclusively in the transportation of goods or
9 materials for such organization,
- 10 d. any vehicle owned and operated by a nonprofit
11 organization that provides older persons
12 transportation to and from medical, dental and
13 religious services and relief from business and social
14 isolation,
- 15 e. any vehicle owned and operated by a private nonprofit
16 organization that:
- 17 (1) warehouses and distributes surplus foods to other
18 nonprofit agencies and organizations, and
- 19 (2) holds a valid exemption from taxation issued
20 pursuant to Section 501(c) of the Internal
21 Revenue Code, as amended, 26 U.S.C., Section
22 501(c), and listed as an exempt organization in
23 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code,
24 as amended, and

1 (3) uses such vehicle exclusively for the
2 transportation of such surplus foods,

3 f. any vehicle which:

4 (1) is owned and operated by a private, nonprofit
5 organization which is exempt from taxation
6 pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3)
7 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section
8 501(c)(3), and which is primarily funded by a
9 fraternal or civic service organization with at
10 least one hundred local chapters or clubs, and

11 (2) is designed and used to provide mobile health
12 screening services to the general public at no
13 cost to the recipient, and for which no
14 reimbursement of any kind is received from any
15 health insurance provider, health maintenance
16 organization or governmental program, or

17 g. any vehicle owned and operated by the Civil Air
18 Patrol, a congressionally chartered corporation that
19 also serves an auxiliary of the United States Air
20 Force and which is exempt from taxation pursuant to
21 the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
22 Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and is
23 used exclusively for its corporate missions of
24 aerospace education, cadet programs and emergency

1 services. Such license plates shall be permanent in
2 nature and designed in such a manner as to remain with
3 the vehicle for the duration of the life span of the
4 vehicle or until the title to such vehicle is
5 transferred to an owner who is not subject to this
6 exemption. Such vehicles shall be exempt from the
7 registration fees levied under Section 1132 of this
8 title, except that an initial registration fee of
9 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) shall apply to each
10 vehicle.

11 Any person claiming to be eligible for a tax-exempt or nonprofit
12 license plate under the provisions of this paragraph must have the
13 name of the tax-exempt or nonprofit organization prominently
14 displayed upon the outside of the vehicle, except those vehicles
15 registered pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph b of this
16 paragraph, unless such display is prohibited by federal or state law
17 or by state agency rules. No vehicle shall be licensed as a tax-
18 exempt or nonprofit vehicle unless the vehicle has affixed on each
19 side thereof, in letters not less than two (2) inches high and two
20 (2) inches wide, the name of the tax-exempt or nonprofit
21 organization or the insignia or other symbol of such organization
22 which shall be of sufficient size, shape and color as to be readily
23 legible during daylight hours from a distance of fifty (50) feet
24 while the vehicle is not in motion.

1 Except as provided in subparagraph g of this paragraph, the
2 registration fee shall be Eight Dollars (\$8.00) and shall be in
3 addition to all other registration fees provided by law, except the
4 registration fees levied by Section 1132 of this title;

5 3. Physically Disabled License Plates - such plates shall be
6 designed for persons who are eligible for a physically disabled
7 placard under the provisions of Section 15-112 of this title. It
8 shall prominently display the international accessibility symbol,
9 which is a stylized human figure in a wheelchair. The Tax
10 Commission shall also design physically disabled license plates for
11 motorcycles owned by persons who are eligible for a physically
12 disabled placard pursuant to the provisions of Section 15-112 of
13 this title. Upon the death of the physically disabled person, the
14 disabled license plate shall be returned to the Tax Commission.
15 There shall be no fee for such plate in addition to the rate
16 provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act for
17 the registration of the vehicle. For an additional fee of Ten
18 Dollars (\$10.00), a person eligible for a physically disabled
19 license plate shall have the option of purchasing a duplicate
20 physically disabled special license plate which shall be securely
21 attached to the front of the vehicle. The original physically
22 disabled special license plate shall be securely attached to the
23 rear of the vehicle at all times.

1 Any person who is eligible for a physically disabled license
2 plate and whose vehicle has had modifications because of the
3 physical disability of the owner or of a family member within the
4 second degree of consanguinity of the owner, may register the
5 vehicle for a flat fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). This fee
6 shall be in lieu of all other registration fees provided by the
7 Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act;

8 4. Indian Tribal License Plates - such plates shall be designed
9 for any vehicle of a native American Indian Tribal Association
10 exempted in Sections 201 through 204 of Public Law 97-473 and used
11 by the tribal association exclusively for the furtherance of its
12 tribal functions.

13 The registration fee shall be Eight Dollars (\$8.00) and shall be
14 in addition to all other registration fees provided by law, except
15 the registration fees levied by Section 1132 of this title;

16 5. Hearing Impaired License Plates - such plates shall be
17 designed for persons who are hearing impaired. Such persons may
18 apply for a hearing-impaired license plate for each vehicle with a
19 rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less upon the presentment
20 of an application on a form furnished by the Tax Commission and
21 certified by a physician holding a valid license to practice
22 pursuant to the licensing provisions of Title 59 of the Oklahoma
23 Statutes, attesting that the person is hearing impaired. The
24 license plate shall be designed so that such persons may be readily

1 identified as being hearing impaired. There shall be no additional
2 fee for the plate, but all other registration fees provided by the
3 Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act shall apply;

4 6. Antique or Classic Vehicles License Plates - such plates
5 shall be designed and issued for any vehicle twenty-five (25) years
6 of age or older, based upon the date of manufacture thereof and
7 which travels on the highways of this state primarily incidental to
8 historical or exhibition purposes only.

9 The registration fee shall be Eight Dollars (\$8.00) and shall be
10 in addition to all other registration fees provided by law, except
11 the registration fees levied by Section 1132 of this title. Any
12 person registering an antique or classic vehicle may elect to have
13 the vehicle registered for a ten-year period. The registration fee
14 for the elected ten-year registration shall be Seventy-five Dollars
15 (\$75.00). The motor license agent registering the antique or
16 classic vehicle for a ten-year period shall receive one hundred
17 percent (100%) of the fees the motor license agent would have
18 otherwise received pursuant to subsection A of Section 1141.1 of
19 this title if the antique or classic vehicle had been registered on
20 an annual basis; and

21 7. Honorary Consul License Plates - such plates shall be
22 designed to include the words "Honorary Consul" and issued to
23 persons who are honorary consuls authorized by the United States to
24 perform consular duties. Persons applying for such license plates

1 must show proof of standing as an honorary consul. The fee for such
2 plate shall be Eight Dollars (\$8.00) and shall be in addition to all
3 other registration fees required by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and
4 Registration Act. The owner of the vehicle that possesses such
5 license plates shall return the special license plates to the
6 Oklahoma Tax Commission if the owner disposes of the vehicle during
7 the registration year or ceases to be authorized to perform consular
8 duties.

9 C. Special license plates provided by this section shall be
10 designed in such a manner as to identify the use or ownership of the
11 vehicle. Use of any vehicle possessing a special license plate
12 provided by this section for any purpose not specified herein shall
13 be grounds for revocation of the special license plate and
14 registration certificate.

15 D. The fees provided by this section shall be deposited in the
16 Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.

17 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1135.2, as
18 last amended by Section 4, Chapter 276, O.S.L. 2021, is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 Section 1135.2 A. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby
21 authorized to design and issue appropriate official special license
22 plates to persons in recognition of their service or awards as
23 provided by this section.

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1 Special license plates shall not be transferred to any other
2 person but shall be removed from the vehicle upon transfer of
3 ownership and retained. The special license plate may then be used
4 on another vehicle but only after such other vehicle has been
5 registered for the current year.

6 Special license plates shall be renewed each year by the Tax
7 Commission or a motor license agent. The Tax Commission shall
8 annually notify ~~by mail~~ all persons issued special license plates.
9 The Tax Commission shall send the notifications to the electronic
10 mail address provided by the person. If a person does not provide
11 an electronic mail address, the Tax Commission shall notify the
12 person by mail. The notice shall contain all necessary information
13 and shall contain instructions for the renewal procedure upon
14 presentation to a motor license agent or the Tax Commission. The
15 license plates shall be issued on a staggered system except for
16 legislative plates and amateur radio operator license plates.

17 On and after January 1, 2022, if a special license plate is
18 issued pursuant to this section, any registration fee required for
19 such plate pursuant to this section and the fee required pursuant to
20 Section 1132 of this title shall be remitted at the same time and
21 subject to a single registration period. The Oklahoma Tax
22 Commission shall determine, by rule, a method for making required
23 fee and registration period adjustments if a special license plate
24 is obtained during a twelve-month period for which a registration

1 fee has already been remitted pursuant to Section 1132 of this
2 title. The combination of fees in a single remittance shall not
3 alter the apportionment otherwise provided for in this section.

4 The Tax Commission is hereby directed to develop and implement a
5 system whereby motor license agents are permitted to accept
6 applications for special license plates authorized under this
7 section. The motor license agent shall confirm the applicant's
8 eligibility, if applicable, collect and deposit any amount
9 specifically authorized by law, accept and process the necessary
10 information directly into such system and generate a receipt
11 accordingly. For performance of these duties, motor license agents
12 shall retain the fee provided in Section 1141.1 of this title for
13 registration of a motor vehicle. The motor license agent fees for
14 acceptance of applications and renewals shall be paid out of the
15 Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.

16 B. The special license plates provided by this section are as
17 follows:

18 1. Prisoner of War License Plates - such plates shall be
19 designed for honorably discharged or present members of the United
20 States Armed Forces and civilians who were former prisoners of war
21 held by a foreign country and who can provide proper certification
22 of that status. Such persons may apply for a prisoner of war
23 license plate for no more than two vehicles with each vehicle having
24 a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The surviving

1 spouse of any deceased former prisoner of war, if the spouse has not
2 since remarried, or if remarried, the remarriage is terminated by
3 death, divorce or annulment, may apply for a prisoner of war license
4 plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton
5 or less. The fee provided by this section for the special license
6 plate authorized by this paragraph shall be in addition to all other
7 registration fees provided by law, except the registration fees
8 levied by Section 1132 of this title;

9 2. National Guard License Plates - such plates shall be
10 designed for active or retired members of the Oklahoma National
11 Guard. Retirees who are eligible for such plates shall provide
12 proof of eligibility upon initial application, but shall not be
13 required to provide proof of eligibility annually;

14 3. Air National Guard License Plates - such plates shall be
15 designed for active or retired members of the Oklahoma Air National
16 Guard. Retirees who are eligible for such plates shall provide
17 proof of eligibility upon initial application, but shall not be
18 required to provide proof of eligibility annually;

19 4. United States Armed Forces - such plates shall be designed
20 for active, retired, former or reserve members of the United States
21 Armed Forces, and shall identify which branch of service, and carry
22 the emblem and name of either the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or
23 Coast Guard, according to the branch of service to which the member
24 belongs or did belong. Former members who have been dishonorably

1 discharged shall not be eligible for such plates. Persons applying
2 for such license plate must show proof of present or past military
3 service by presenting a valid Uniformed Services Identity Card or
4 the United States Department of Defense ~~Form (DD) 214~~ form DD 214.
5 Retired or former members who are eligible for such plates shall
6 provide proof of eligibility upon initial application, but shall not
7 be required to provide proof of eligibility annually;

8 5. Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient License Plates - such
9 plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who has been
10 awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Such persons may apply
11 for a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient license plate for each
12 vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.
13 There shall be no registration fee for the issuance of this plate;

14 6. Missing In Action License Plates - such plates shall be
15 designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who are
16 missing in action. The spouse of such missing person, if the spouse
17 has not since remarried, or if remarried, the remarriage is
18 terminated by death, divorce or annulment, and each parent of the
19 missing person may apply for a missing in action license plate upon
20 presenting proper certification that the person is missing in action
21 and that the person making the application is the qualifying spouse
22 or the parent of the missing person. The qualifying spouse and each
23 parent of the missing person may each apply for the missing in
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1 action license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity
2 of one (1) ton or less;

3 7. Purple Heart Recipient License Plates - such plates shall be
4 designed for any resident of this state presenting proper
5 certification from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
6 or the Armed Forces of the United States certifying that such
7 resident has been awarded the Purple Heart military decoration.
8 Such persons may apply for a Purple Heart recipient license plate
9 for vehicles having a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or
10 less. The surviving spouse of any deceased veteran who has been
11 awarded the Purple Heart military decoration, if such spouse has not
12 since remarried, or if remarried, the remarriage has been terminated
13 by death, divorce or annulment, may apply for such plate for one
14 vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The
15 license plate created by this paragraph shall be exempt from the fee
16 provided by this section for special license plates;

17 8. Pearl Harbor Survivor License Plates - such plates shall be
18 designed for any resident of this state who can be verified by the
19 United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of
20 the United States as being:

- 21 a. a member of the United States Armed Forces on December
22 7, 1941,
23 b. stationed on December 7, 1941, during the hours of
24 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Hawaii time at Pearl Harbor,

1 the island of Oahu, or offshore at a distance not to
2 exceed three (3) miles, and

3 c. a recipient of an honorable discharge from the United
4 States Armed Forces.

5 Such person may apply for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate
6 for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or
7 less;

8 9. Iwo Jima License Plates - such plates shall be designed for
9 any resident of this state who can be verified by the United States
10 Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of the United
11 States as being:

12 a. a member of the United States Armed Forces in February
13 of 1945,

14 b. stationed in February of 1945 on or in the immediate
15 vicinity of the island of Iwo Jima, and

16 c. a recipient of an honorable discharge from the United
17 States Armed Forces.

18 Such person may apply for an Iwo Jima license plate for each
19 vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

20 Such license plate shall have the legend "Oklahoma OK" and shall
21 contain three letters and three numbers. Between the letters and
22 numbers shall be a logo of the flag-raising at Iwo Jima. Below the
23 letters, logo and numbers, the plate shall contain the words "FEB."
24 at the left, "Iwo Jima" in the center and "1945" at the right. Such

1 plates shall not be subject to the design requirements of any other
2 license plates prescribed by law other than the space for the
3 placement of the yearly decals for each succeeding year of
4 registration after the initial issue;

5 10. D-Day Survivor License Plates - such plates shall be
6 designed for any resident of this state who can be verified by the
7 United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of
8 the United States as being:

9 a. a member of the United States Armed Forces on June 6,
10 1944,

11 b. a participant in the Allied invasion of the coast of
12 Normandy on June 6, 1944; provided, if such
13 participation cannot be verified by the United States
14 Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of
15 the United States, the Tax Commission may, in its
16 discretion, accept evidence of such participation from
17 the person applying for the license plate, and

18 c. a recipient of an honorable discharge from the United
19 States Armed Forces.

20 Such person may apply for a D-Day Survivor license plate for
21 each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

22 11. Killed in Action License Plates - such plates shall be
23 designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who were
24 killed in action. The spouse of the deceased person, if the spouse

1 has not remarried, or if remarried, the remarriage is terminated by
2 death, divorce or annulment, may apply for a killed in action
3 license plate upon presenting proper certification that the person
4 was killed in action and that the person making the application is
5 the qualifying spouse of the deceased person. The qualifying spouse
6 may apply for a killed in action license plate for no more than two
7 vehicles with each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1)
8 ton or less. The fee provided by this section for the special
9 license plate authorized by this paragraph shall be in addition to
10 all other registration fees provided by law, except the registration
11 fees levied by Section 1132 of this title;

12 12. Gold Star Parents License Plates - such plates shall be
13 designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who were
14 killed during a war. The parents of the deceased person may apply
15 for a gold star license plate upon presenting proper certification
16 that the person was killed during a war and that the person making
17 the application is the parent of the deceased person. The parent
18 may apply for a gold star parent license plate for no more than two
19 vehicles with each vehicle having a rated carrying capacity of one
20 (1) ton or less. The fee provided by this section for the special
21 license plate authorized by this paragraph shall be in addition to
22 all other registration fees provided by law, except the registration
23 fees levied by Section 1132 of this title;

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1 13. Military Decoration License Plates - such plates shall be
2 designed for any resident of this state who has been awarded the
3 Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Cross, the
4 Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star military decoration or
5 the Silver Star military decoration. Such persons may apply for a
6 military decoration license plate for each vehicle with a rated
7 carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

8 14. Vietnam Veteran License Plates - such plates shall be
9 designed for honorably discharged or present members of the United
10 States Armed Forces who served in the Vietnam Conflict. Such
11 persons may apply for a Vietnam veteran license plate for each
12 vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

13 15. Police Officer License Plates - such plates shall be
14 designed for any currently employed, reserve or retired municipal
15 police officer or full-time, reserve or retired university police
16 officer certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and
17 Training or common education police officer certified by the Council
18 on Law Enforcement Education and Training. Police officers may
19 apply for police officer license plates for vehicles with a rated
20 capacity of one (1) ton or less or for a motorcycle upon proof of
21 employment by or retirement from a municipal, university or common
22 education police department by either an identification card or
23 letter from the chief of the police department or the Oklahoma
24 Police Pension and Retirement Board. Retirees who are eligible for

1 such plates shall provide proof of eligibility upon initial
2 application, but shall not be required to provide proof of
3 eligibility annually. The license plates shall be designed in
4 consultation with municipal police departments of this state;
5 provided, the license plate for motorcycles may be of similar design
6 to the license plate for motor vehicles or may be a new design in
7 order to meet space requirements for a motorcycle license plate;

8 16. World War II Veteran License Plates - such plates shall be
9 designed to honor honorably discharged former members of the United
10 States Armed Forces who are residents of this state and who can be
11 verified by the Oklahoma Military Department, the Department of
12 Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of the United States as having
13 served on federal active duty anytime during the period from
14 September 16, 1940, to December 7, 1945. The former members may
15 apply for a World War II Veteran license plate for vehicles with a
16 rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

17 The license plate shall have the legend "Oklahoma" and shall
18 contain, in the center of the plate, either the Thunderbird Insignia
19 of the 45th Infantry Division in the prescribed red and gold
20 coloring or the emblem of the Army, Navy, U.S. Army Air Corps,
21 Marines or Coast Guard according to the branch of service to which
22 the member belonged. For the purpose of license plate
23 identification, the plate shall contain four digits, two digits at
24 the left and two digits at the right of the insignia or emblem.

1 Centered on the bottom of the license plate shall be the words
2 "WORLD WAR II";

3 17. Korean War Veteran License Plates - such plates shall be
4 designed to honor honorably discharged former members of the United
5 States Armed Forces who are residents of this state and who can be
6 verified by the Oklahoma Military Department, the Department of
7 Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of the United States as having
8 served on federal active duty anytime during the period from June
9 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955, both dates inclusive. The former
10 members may apply for a Korean War Veteran license plate for
11 vehicles with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

12 The license plate shall have the legend "OKLAHOMA" and shall
13 contain, in the center of the plate, either the Thunderbird Insignia
14 of the 45th Infantry Division in the prescribed red and gold
15 coloring or the emblem of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or
16 Coast Guard according to the branch of service to which the member
17 belonged. For the purpose of license plate identification, the
18 plate shall contain four digits, two digits at the left and two
19 digits at the right of the insignia or emblem. Centered on the
20 bottom of the license plate shall be the word "KOREA";

21 18. Municipal Official License Plates - such plates shall be
22 designed for persons elected to a municipal office in this state and
23 shall designate the name of the municipality and the district or
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1 ward in which the municipal official serves. The plates shall only
2 be produced upon application;

3 19. Red Cross Volunteer License Plates - such plates shall be
4 designed to honor American Red Cross volunteers and staff who are
5 residents of this state. Such persons must present an
6 identification card issued by the American Red Cross and bearing a
7 photograph of the person. The license plate shall be designed with
8 the assistance of the American Red Cross and shall have the legend
9 "Oklahoma OK!" in the color Pantone 186C Red. Below the legend the
10 symbol of the American Red Cross and no more than three letters and
11 three numbers shall be in the color Pantone 186C Red. Below the
12 symbol and letters and numbers shall be the words "American Red
13 Cross" in black. The plates shall not be subject to the design
14 requirements of any other license plates prescribed by law other
15 than the space for the placement of the yearly decals for each
16 succeeding year of registration after the initial issue;

17 20. Desert Storm License Plates - such plates shall be designed
18 and issued to any honorably discharged or present member of the
19 United States Armed Forces who served in the Persian Gulf Crisis and
20 the Desert Storm operation. Such persons may apply for a Desert
21 Storm license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity
22 of one (1) ton or less;

23 21. Military Reserve Unit License Plates - such plates shall be
24 designed and issued to any honorably discharged or present member of

1 a reserve unit of the United States Armed Forces. Such persons may
2 apply for a Military Reserve Unit license plate for each vehicle
3 with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

4 22. Oklahoma City Bombing Victims and Survivors License Plates
5 - such plates shall be designed and issued to any victim or survivor
6 of the bombing attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in
7 downtown Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995;

8 23. Civil Air Patrol License Plates - such plates shall be
9 designed and issued to any person who is a member of the Civil Air
10 Patrol. Such persons may apply for a Civil Air Patrol license plate
11 for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or
12 less upon proof of membership in the Civil Air Patrol. The license
13 plate shall be designed in consultation with the Civil Air Patrol;

14 24. Ninety-Nines License Plates - such plates shall be designed
15 and issued to members of the Ninety-Nines. Persons applying for
16 such license plate must show proof of membership in the Ninety-
17 Nines. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with
18 the Ninety-Nines;

19 25. Combat Infantryman Badge License Plates - such plates shall
20 be designed to honor recipients of the Combat Infantryman Badge.
21 The plate shall have the legend "Oklahoma OK". Below the legend
22 shall be the Combat Infantryman Badge and three numbers. Below the
23 badge and the numbers shall be the words "Combat Infantryman Badge".
24 Such persons may apply for a Combat Infantryman Badge license plate

1 for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or
2 less;

3 26. Somalia Combat Veterans License Plates - such plates shall
4 be designed and issued to any honorably discharged or present member
5 of the United States Armed Forces who saw combat in the United
6 Nations relief effort. Such persons may apply for a Somalia Combat
7 Veteran license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying
8 capacity of one (1) ton or less;

9 27. Police Chaplain License Plates - such plates shall be
10 designed and issued to members of the International Conference of
11 Police Chaplains (ICPC) who have completed the ICPC requirements for
12 basic certification as a police chaplain. The license plates shall
13 be designed in consultation with the ICPC;

14 28. Joint Service Commendation Medal License Plates - such
15 plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state
16 who has been awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal by the
17 United States Secretary of Defense;

18 29. Merchant Marine License Plates - such plates shall be
19 designed, subject to criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission
20 by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, and issued to any
21 person who during combat was a member of the Merchant Marines as
22 certified by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. Such
23 license plate may be issued for each vehicle with a rated carrying
24 capacity of one (1) ton or less;

1 30. Legislative License Plates - such plates shall be designed
2 for persons elected to the Oklahoma Legislature and shall designate
3 the house of the Legislature in which the legislator serves and the
4 district number;

5 31. Disabled Veterans License Plates - such plates shall be
6 designed for persons presenting proper certification from the United
7 States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of the
8 United States certifying such veteran has a service-connected
9 disability rating of fifty percent (50%) or more, regardless which
10 agency pays the disability benefits, or that such veteran has been
11 awarded a vehicle by the United States government or receives a
12 grant from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for the
13 purchase of an automobile due to a service-connected disability
14 rating or due to the loss of use of a limb or an eye. Such persons
15 may apply to the Tax Commission for a disabled veterans license
16 plate or to a motor license agent for a regular license plate for no
17 more than two vehicles with each vehicle having a rated carrying
18 capacity of one (1) ton or less. The surviving spouse of any
19 deceased disabled veteran, if the spouse has not since remarried, or
20 if remarried, the remarriage is terminated by death, divorce or
21 annulment, or a surviving spouse in receipt of Dependency and
22 Indemnity Compensation from the United States Department of Veterans
23 Affairs, may apply for a disabled veterans license plate for one
24 vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The

1 fee provided by this section for the special license plate
2 authorized by this paragraph shall be in addition to all other
3 registration fees provided by law, except the registration fees
4 levied by Section 1132 of this title. The total expense of this
5 license plate shall not exceed Five Dollars (\$5.00).

6 If the person qualifies for a disabled veterans license plate
7 and is also eligible for a physically disabled placard under the
8 provisions of Section 15-112 of this title, the person shall be
9 eligible to receive a disabled veterans license plate that also
10 displays the international accessibility symbol, which is a stylized
11 human figure in a wheelchair. Upon the death of the disabled
12 veteran with a disabled veterans license plate with the
13 international accessibility symbol, the plate shall be returned to
14 the Tax Commission;

15 32. United States Air Force Association License Plates - such
16 plates shall be designed for members of the United States Air Force
17 Association. Persons applying for such license plate must show
18 proof of membership in the Association. The license plates shall be
19 designed in consultation with the Association;

20 33. Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni License Plates - such
21 plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state
22 who is an alumnus of the Oklahoma Military Academy. Such persons
23 may apply for an Oklahoma Military Academy Alumnus license plate for
24 each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

1 The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the
2 Oklahoma Military Academy and shall contain the shield of the
3 Academy;

4 34. Amateur Radio Operator License Plates - such plates shall
5 be designed and issued to any person, holding a valid operator's
6 license, technician class or better, issued by the Federal
7 Communications Commission, and who is also the owner of a motor
8 vehicle currently registered in Oklahoma, in which has been
9 installed amateur mobile transmitting and receiving equipment.
10 Eligible persons shall be entitled to two special vehicle
11 identification plates as herein provided. Application for such
12 identification plates shall be on a form prescribed by the Tax
13 Commission and the plates issued to such applicant shall have
14 stamped thereon the word "Oklahoma" and bear the official call
15 letters of the radio station assigned by the Federal Communications
16 Commission to the individual amateur operator thereof. All
17 applications for such plates must be made to the Tax Commission on
18 or before the first day of October of any year for such plates for
19 the following calendar year and must be accompanied by the fee
20 required in this section together with a certificate, or such other
21 evidence as the Tax Commission may require, of proof that applicant
22 has a valid technician class or better amateur operator's license
23 and proof of applicant's ownership of a vehicle in which radio
24 receiving and transmitting equipment is installed. Applicants shall

1 only be entitled to one set of special identification plates in any
2 one (1) year, and such calendar year shall be stamped thereon. The
3 right to such special identification plates herein provided for
4 shall continue until the amateur radio operator's license of the
5 person to whom such plates are issued expires or is revoked;

6 35. American Legion License Plates - such plates shall be
7 designed for members of the American Legion. Persons applying for
8 such license plate must show proof of membership. The license
9 plates shall be designed in consultation with the American Legion of
10 Oklahoma;

11 36. Deputy Sheriff License Plates - such plates shall be
12 designed for any currently employed or retired county sheriff or
13 deputy sheriff. County sheriffs or deputy sheriffs may apply for
14 such plates for vehicles with a rated capacity of one (1) ton or
15 less upon proof of employment by or retirement from a county
16 sheriff's office by either an identification card or letter from the
17 county sheriff or a government-sponsored retirement board from which
18 the county sheriff or deputy sheriff may be receiving a pension.
19 Retirees who are eligible for such plates shall provide proof of
20 eligibility upon initial application, but shall not be required to
21 provide proof of eligibility annually. The license plates shall be
22 designed in consultation with the county sheriff offices of this
23 state;

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1 37. Gold Star Surviving Spouse License Plates - such plates
2 shall be designed to honor the surviving spouses and children of
3 qualified veterans. As used in this paragraph, "qualified veteran"
4 shall mean:

5 a. any person honorably discharged from any branch of the
6 United States Armed Forces or as a member of the
7 Oklahoma National Guard, who died as a direct result
8 of the performance of duties for any branch of the
9 United States Armed Forces or Oklahoma National Guard
10 while on active military duty, or

11 b. any person honorably discharged from any branch of the
12 United States Armed Forces or as a member of the
13 Oklahoma National Guard, who died as a result of
14 injury, illness or disease caused by the performance
15 of such duties while on active duty, whether the death
16 occurred while on active duty or after the honorable
17 discharge of such person.

18 The fee provided by this section for the special license plate
19 authorized by this paragraph shall be in addition to all other
20 registration fees provided by law, except the registration fees
21 levied by Section 1132 of this title;

22 38. Korea Defense Service Medal License Plates - such plates
23 shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state who has
24 been awarded the Korea Defense Service Medal by the United States

1 Secretary of Defense. Such persons may apply for a Korea Defense
2 Service Medal license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying
3 capacity of one (1) ton or less;

4 39. 180th Infantry License Plates - such plates shall be
5 designed for members and prior members of the 180th Infantry.
6 Persons applying for such license plate must obtain and provide
7 proof of their membership from the 180th Infantry Association. The
8 license plates shall be designed in consultation with the 180th
9 Infantry;

10 40. Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran License Plates - such
11 plates shall be designed and issued to any honorably discharged or
12 present member of the United States Armed Forces who served in
13 Operation Iraqi Freedom. Such person may apply for an Operation
14 Iraqi Freedom Veteran license plate for each vehicle with a rated
15 carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less, or for a motorcycle;
16 provided, the license plate for motorcycles may be of similar design
17 to the license plate for motor vehicles or may be a new design in
18 order to meet space requirements for a motorcycle license plate;

19 41. United States Air Force Academy Alumni License Plates -
20 such plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this
21 state who is an alumnus of the United States Air Force Academy.
22 Such persons may apply for a United States Air Force Academy Alumnus
23 license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one
24 (1) ton or less;

1 42. Operation Enduring Freedom Veteran License Plate - such
2 plates shall be designed and issued to any honorably discharged or
3 present member of the United States Armed Forces who served in
4 Operation Enduring Freedom on or after September 11, 2001. The
5 license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Military
6 Department of the State of Oklahoma. Such person may apply for an
7 Operation Enduring Freedom Veteran license plate for each vehicle
8 with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less, or for a
9 motorcycle; provided, the license plate for motorcycles may be of
10 similar design to the license plate for motor vehicles or may be a
11 new design in order to meet space requirements for a motorcycle
12 license plate;

13 43. Military Multi-Decoration License Plate - such plates shall
14 be designed and issued to any honorably discharged or present member
15 of the United States Armed Forces who qualifies for more than one
16 military decoration license plate pursuant to the provisions of this
17 section. The Tax Commission shall develop and implement a system
18 whereby the designs of the eligible license plates can be included
19 together on a single license plate. Such person may apply for a
20 Military Multi-Decoration license plate for each vehicle with a
21 rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

22 44. Global War on Terror Expeditionary License Plate - such
23 plates shall be designed and issued to any honorably discharged or
24 present member of the United States Armed Forces who has earned a

1 Global War on Terror Expeditionary decoration. The license plate
2 shall be designed in consultation with the United States Institute
3 of Heraldry and the Military Department of the State of Oklahoma.
4 Such person may apply for a Global War on Terror Expeditionary
5 license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one
6 (1) ton or less;

7 45. Legion of Merit Medal Recipient License Plates - such
8 plates shall be designed for any resident of this state presenting
9 proper certification from the United States Department of Veterans
10 Affairs or the Armed Forces of the United States certifying that
11 such resident has been awarded the Legion of Merit military
12 decoration. Such persons may apply for a Legion of Merit recipient
13 license plate for vehicles having a rated carrying capacity of one
14 (1) ton or less. The license plate shall be designed in
15 consultation with the Military Department of the State of Oklahoma;

16 46. 1-179th License Plates - such plates shall be designed for
17 members, prior members and members of the household of a member or
18 former member of the 1-179th Infantry. Persons applying for such
19 license plate must obtain and provide proof of their membership
20 association with the 1-179th Infantry Association. The license
21 plate shall be designed in consultation with the 1-179th Infantry;

22 47. 2-179th License Plates - such plates shall be designed for
23 members, prior members and members of the household of a member or
24 former member of the 2-179th Infantry. Persons applying for such

1 license plate must obtain and provide proof of their membership
2 association with the 2-179th Infantry Association. The license
3 plate shall be designed in consultation with the 2-179th Infantry;

4 48. Combat Action Ribbon Recipient License Plates - such plates
5 shall be designed to honor recipients of the Combat Action Ribbon
6 who present proper certification from the United States Department
7 of the Navy. The license plate shall include the Combat Action
8 Ribbon earned by the recipient. Such persons may apply for a Combat
9 Action Ribbon Recipient license plate for vehicles having a rated
10 carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

11 49. Oklahoma Submarine Veterans License Plate - such plates
12 shall be designed for any resident of this state who is a United
13 States submarine veteran and presents either a Department of Defense
14 form DD 214 or other documentation certifying such service. Such
15 persons may apply for an Oklahoma Submarine Veterans license plate
16 for vehicles having a rated capacity of one (1) ton or less. The
17 license plate design shall include both gold and silver dolphins to
18 represent both officer and enlisted service members;

19 50. United States Navy Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps License
20 Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to any honorably
21 discharged or present member of the United States Navy Seabees or
22 Civil Engineer Corps. Such persons may apply for a United States
23 Navy Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps license plate for vehicles
24 having a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The

1 license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Military
2 Department of the State of Oklahoma;

3 51. Combat Action Badge Recipient License Plate - such plates
4 shall be designed to honor recipients of the Combat Action Badge who
5 present proper certification from the United States Army. The
6 license plate shall include the Combat Action Badge earned by the
7 recipient. Such persons may apply for a Combat Action Badge
8 Recipient license plate for vehicles having a rated carrying
9 capacity of one (1) ton or less, or for a motorcycle; provided, the
10 license plate for motorcycles may be of similar design to the
11 license plate for motor vehicles or may be a new design in order to
12 meet space requirements for a motorcycle license plate;

13 52. Iraq Combat Veteran License Plate - such plates shall be
14 designed and issued to any honorably discharged or present member of
15 the United States Armed Forces who saw combat in Operation Iraqi
16 Freedom. Such persons may apply for an Iraq Combat Veteran license
17 plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton
18 or less, or for a motorcycle; provided, the license plate for
19 motorcycles may be of similar design to the license plate for motor
20 vehicles or may be a new design in order to meet space requirements
21 for a motorcycle license plate;

22 53. Afghanistan Combat Veteran License Plate - such plates
23 shall be designed and issued to any honorably discharged or present
24 member of the United States Armed Forces who saw combat in Operation

1 Enduring Freedom. Such persons may apply for an Afghanistan Combat
2 Veteran license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying
3 capacity of one (1) ton or less, or for a motorcycle; provided, the
4 license plate for motorcycles may be of similar design to the
5 license plate for motor vehicles or may be a new design in order to
6 meet space requirements for a motorcycle license plate; and

7 54. Special Forces Association - such plates shall be designed
8 and issued to any honorably discharged or present member of the Army
9 Special Forces qualified and authorized to wear upon the person's
10 United States military uniform the Army Special Forces Tab. Persons
11 applying for the Special Forces Association license plate must
12 provide a copy of the orders awarding the Special Forces Tab or
13 authorizing its wear upon a United States military uniform. The
14 license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Special
15 Forces Association, Chapter 32-50. The Tax Commission shall produce
16 up to two distinct designs for the Special Forces Association
17 license plate. Qualified persons may select one design at the time
18 of application. The plates shall be issued to any qualified person
19 in any combination of numbers and letters from one to a maximum of
20 seven, as for personalized license plates.

21 C. Unless otherwise provided by this section, the fee for such
22 plates shall be Eight Dollars (\$8.00) and shall be in addition to
23 all other registration fees provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License
24 and Registration Act. Such fees shall be deposited in the Oklahoma

1 Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund to be used for the administration
2 of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.

3 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1135.4, as
4 last amended by Section 6, Chapter 276, O.S.L. 2021, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Section 1135.4 A. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby
7 authorized to design and issue personalized license plates. The
8 personalized license plates shall be issued on a staggered system
9 except for vintage decals.

10 Personalized special license plates shall not be transferred to
11 any other person but shall be removed from the vehicle upon transfer
12 of ownership and retained. The personalized special license plate
13 may then be used on another vehicle but only after such other
14 vehicle has been registered for the current year.

15 Personalized special license plates shall be renewed each year
16 by the Tax Commission or a motor license agent, unless authorized by
17 the Tax Commission to be renewed for a period greater than one (1)
18 year. The Tax Commission shall notify ~~by mail~~ all persons issued
19 special license plates. The Tax Commission shall send the
20 notifications to the electronic mail address provided by the person.
21 If a person does not provide an electronic mail address, the Tax
22 Commission shall notify the person by mail. The notice shall
23 contain all necessary information and shall contain instructions for
24 the renewal procedure upon presentation to a motor license agent or

1 the Tax Commission. The motor license agent fees for renewals shall
2 be paid out of the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.

3 On and after January 1, 2022, if a personalized license plate is
4 issued pursuant to this section, any registration fee required for
5 such plate pursuant to this section and the fee required pursuant to
6 Section 1132 of this title shall be remitted at the same time and
7 subject to a single registration period. The Oklahoma Tax
8 Commission shall determine, by rule, a method for making required
9 fee and registration period adjustments if a special license plate
10 is obtained during a twelve-month period for which a registration
11 fee has already been remitted pursuant to Section 1132 of this
12 title. The combination of fees in a single remittance shall not
13 alter the apportionment otherwise provided for in this section.

14 B. Such plates shall be designed and issued for the following:

15 1. Any person in any combination of numbers or letters from one
16 to a maximum of seven;

17 2. Persons eligible for two or more of the military decoration
18 special license plates provided for in this title. Such plates may
19 be issued in any combination of emblems. However, such plates shall
20 only display up to three emblems and shall also display any
21 combination of letters or numbers from one to a maximum of three;

22 3. Motorcycles in any combination of numbers or letters from
23 one to a maximum of six;

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1 4. Persons eligible for Korean War Veteran license plates
2 provided for in this title. Such plates may display any combination
3 of letters or numbers up to three on each side of the insignia or
4 emblem;

5 5. Persons eligible for World War II Veteran license plates
6 provided for in this title. Such plates may display any combination
7 of letters or numbers up to three on each side of the insignia or
8 emblem; and

9 6. Persons owning vehicles which are twenty-one (21) years and
10 older are qualified to submit for approval by the Tax Commission or
11 a motor license agent a vintage but expired official Oklahoma
12 license plate which is twenty-one (21) years and older. Upon
13 approval of such personalized plate, the owner shall be issued the
14 annual registration decal which the Tax Commission or agent shall
15 direct to be affixed.

16 C. The fee for such plates shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per
17 year of renewal and shall be in addition to all other registration
18 fees provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.
19 Eight Dollars (\$8.00) per year of renewal of the personalized tag
20 fee shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement
21 Fund to be used for the administration of the Oklahoma Vehicle
22 License and Registration Act. Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) per year of
23 renewal of the personalized tag fee shall be apportioned as provided
24 in Section 1104 of this title.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated
4 04/14/2022 - DO PASS, As Amended.
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