1	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
2	2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)
3	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED
4	SENATE BILL 1318By: Jech of the Senate
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9	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
10	An Act relating to vehicle registration; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Sections 1112.2, 1137.1, as amended by
11	Section 22 of Enrolled House Bill No. 3271 of the 2nd Session of the 58th Oklahoma Legislature, and 1137.3,
12	which relate to transferability of license plates, used dealer license and registration, and
13	registration or licensing after purchase; modifying deadline for registration and removal of temporary
14	license plate for certain purchases; updating statutory language; amending 68 O.S. 2021, Section
15	2103, which relates to tax on transfer of vehicle ownership; modifying period before levy of certain
16	tax is delinquent; updating statutory language; and declaring an emergency.
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19	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
20	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1112.2, is
21	amended to read as follows:
22	Section 1112.2. A. Effective July 1, 2019, the license plate
23	and certificate of registration shall be issued to, and remain in
24	the name of, the owner of the vehicle registered and the license

1 plates shall not be transferable between motor vehicle owners. When 2 a vehicle is sold or transferred in the state, the following 3 registration procedures shall apply:

When a current and valid Oklahoma motor vehicle license
 plate has been obtained for use on a motor vehicle and the vehicle
 has been sold or otherwise transferred to a new owner, the license
 plate shall be removed from the vehicle and retained by the original
 plate owner;

9 2. In the event an owner purchases, trades, exchanges, or otherwise acquires another vehicle of the same license registration 10 classification, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall authorize the 11 12 transfer of the current and valid license plate previously obtained by the owner to the replacement vehicle for the remainder of the 13 current registration period. In the event the owner acquires a 14 vehicle requiring payment of additional registration fees, the owner 15 shall request a transfer of the license plate to the newly acquired 16 vehicle and pay the difference in registration fees. The fee shall 17 be calculated on a monthly prorated basis. The owner shall not be 18 entitled to a refund: 19

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

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1 b. if the owner does not have or does not acquire another 2 vehicle to which the license plate may be transferred; 3. Except as provided in paragraph 4 of this subsection, in the 3 event the owner of a license plate purchases, trades, exchanges, or 4 5 otherwise acquires a vehicle for which a license plate has been issued during the current registration period, and the license plate 6 has not been removed by the previous owner in accordance with this 7 section, the new owner of the vehicle shall remove and return the 8 9 license plate to the Tax Commission or a motor license agent. 10 However, if the license plate has expired, the new owner shall not be required to surrender the license plate; 11

4. When a lender or lender's agent repossesses a vehicle and the license plate has not been removed in accordance with this section, the lender or lender's agent shall not be subject to the provisions of this section and the license plate shall be considered removable personal property and may be reclaimed from the repossessed vehicle; and

18 5. If a person purchases a motor vehicle from which the number 19 plates have been removed pursuant to this section, the person may 20 operate the motor vehicle for fifteen (15) calendar days from the 21 date of purchase without number plates if a dated, notarized bill of 22 sale is carried in the motor vehicle. If the vehicle is subject to 23 a lien, the person may obtain a thirty-day sixty-day temporary plate 24 issued by a motor license agent pursuant to the promulgation of

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rules by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to implement a motor license
 agent-issued temporary plate pursuant to this paragraph.

B. 1. The new owner of a motor vehicle shall, within thirty
(30) sixty (60) calendar days from the date of vehicle purchase or
acquisition, make application to record the registration of the
vehicle by the transfer to, or purchase of, a license plate for the
newly acquired vehicle with the Tax Commission or motor license
agent and shall pay all taxes and fees provided by law.

9 2. Any person failing to register a motor vehicle by timely
10 transferring the license plate as provided by this section shall pay
11 the penalty levied in Section 1132 of this title.

C. A surviving spouse, desiring to operate a vehicle devolving from a deceased spouse, shall present an application for certificate of title to the Tax Commission or motor license agent in his or her name within thirty (30) sixty (60) days of obtaining ownership. The Tax Commission or motor license agent shall then transfer the license plate to the surviving spouse.

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

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1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1137.1, as 2 amended by Section 22 of Enrolled House Bill No. 3271 of the 2nd 3 Session of the 58th Oklahoma Legislature, is amended to read as 4 follows:

5 Section 1137.1. A. Except for vehicles, travel trailers or commercial trailers which display a current Oklahoma license tag, 6 upon the purchase or transfer of ownership of a used motor vehicle, 7 travel trailer or commercial trailer, including an out-of-state 8 9 purchase or transfer of the same, to a licensed used motor vehicle dealer, wholesale used motor vehicle dealer, used travel trailer 10 dealer or used commercial trailer dealer, subsequently referred to 11 in this section as "dealer", the dealer shall affix a used dealer's 12 plate visible from the rear of the vehicle, travel trailer or 13 commercial trailer. Such license plate shall expire on December 31 14 of each year. When the vehicle, travel trailer or commercial 15 trailer is parked on the dealer's licensed place of business, it 16 shall not be required to have a license plate of any kind affixed. 17 A dealer shall obtain from the Oklahoma Tax Commission at a cost of 18 Ten Dollars (\$10.00) a dealer license plate for demonstrating, 19 transporting or any other normal business of a dealer including use 20 by an individual holding a valid salesperson's license issued by the 21 Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle, Dismantler, and Manufactured Housing 22 Commission. Any dealer who operates a wrecker or towing service 23 licensed pursuant to Sections 951 through 957 of this title shall 24

1 register each wrecker vehicle and display a wrecker license plate on each vehicle as required by Section 1134.3 of this title. A dealer 2 may obtain as many additional license plates as may be desired upon 3 the payment of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each additional license 4 5 plate. Use of the used dealer license plate by a licensed dealer for other than the purposes as set forth herein shall constitute 6 grounds for revocation of the dealer's license. The Oklahoma Tax 7 Commission shall design the official used dealer license plate to 8 9 include the used dealer's license number issued to him or her each year by the Commission or the Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle, 10 Dismantler, and Manufactured Housing Commission. 11

12 в. Upon the purchase or transfer of ownership of an out-ofstate used motor vehicle, travel trailer or commercial trailer to a 13 licensed dealer, the dealer shall make application for an Oklahoma 14 certificate of title pursuant to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and 15 Registration Act, Section 1101 et seq. of this title. Upon receipt 16 17 of the Oklahoma certificate of title, the dealer shall follow the procedure as set forth in subsection A of this section. Provided, 18 nothing in this title shall be construed as requiring a dealer to 19 register a used motor vehicle, travel trailer or commercial trailer 20 purchased in another state which will not be operated or sold in 21 this state. 22

C. Upon sale or transfer of ownership of the used motor vehicleor travel trailer, the dealer shall place upon the reassignment

portion of the certificate of title a tax stamp issued by the county treasurer of the county in which the dealer has his or her primary place of business. The tax stamp shall be issued upon payment of a fee of Three Dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) and shall be in lieu of the dealer's ad valorem tax on the inventories of used motor vehicles or travel trailers but shall not relieve any other property of the dealer from ad valorem taxation.

D. Upon sale of a used motor vehicle or travel trailer to 8 9 another licensed dealer, the selling dealer shall place the tax stamp required in subsection C of this section upon the certificate 10 The used dealer license plate or wholesale dealer license 11 of title. 12 plate shall be removed by the selling dealer. The purchasing dealer shall, at time of purchase, place his or her dealer license plate on 13 the used motor vehicle, travel trailer or commercial trailer as 14 provided in subsection A of this section; provided, for vehicles, 15 travel trailers or commercial trailers purchased by a licensed used 16 dealer at an auction, in lieu of such placement of the dealer 17 license plate, the auction may provide temporary documentation as 18 approved by the Director of the Motor Vehicle Division of the 19 Oklahoma Tax Commission for the purpose of transporting such vehicle 20 to the purchaser's point of destination. Such temporary 21 documentation shall be valid for two (2) days following the date of 22 sale. 23

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1 Ε. The purchaser of every used motor vehicle, travel trailer or commercial trailer, except as otherwise provided by law, shall 2 obtain registration and title for the vehicle or trailer within 3 thirty (30) sixty (60) days from the date of purchase of same. 4 Ιt 5 shall be the responsibility of the selling dealer to place a temporary license plate, in size similar to the permanent Oklahoma 6 license plate but of a weatherproof plastic-impregnated substance 7 approved by the Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle, Dismantler, and 8 9 Manufactured Housing Commission, upon a used motor vehicle, travel trailer or commercial trailer when a transaction is completed for 10 the sale of said the vehicle. The temporary license plate under 11 this subsection shall be placed at the location provided for the 12 permanent motor vehicle license plate. The temporary license plate 13 shall show the license number which is issued to the dealer each 14 year by the Oklahoma Tax Commission or the Oklahoma Used Motor 15 Vehicle, Dismantler, and Manufactured Housing Commission, the date 16 the used motor vehicle, travel trailer or commercial trailer was 17 purchased and the company name of the selling dealer. The Oklahoma 18 Used Motor Vehicle, Dismantler, and Manufactured Housing Commission 19 is hereby directed to develop the temporary license plate design to 20 incorporate these requirements in a manner that will permit law 21 enforcement personnel to readily identify the dealer license number 22 and date of the vehicle purchase. The Oklahoma Used Motor Vehicle, 23 Dismantler, and Manufactured Housing Commission is hereby authorized 24

1 to develop additional requirements and parameters as deemed appropriate to discourage or prevent illegal duplication and use of 2 the temporary license plate. Such temporary license plate shall be 3 valid for a period of $\frac{1}{1}$ sixty (60) days from the date of 4 5 purchase. Use of the temporary license by a dealer for other than the purposes set forth herein shall constitute grounds for 6 revocation of the dealer's license to conduct business. Purchasers 7 of a commercial trailer shall affix the temporary license plate to 8 9 the rear of the commercial trailer. The purchaser shall display the temporary license plate for a period not to exceed thirty (30) sixty 10 (60) days or until registration and title are obtained as provided 11 12 in this section.

The provisions of this subsection on temporary licenses shall 13 apply to nonresidents who purchase a used motor vehicle, travel 14 trailer or commercial trailer within this state that is to be 15 licensed in another state. The nonresident purchaser shall be 16 allowed to operate the vehicle or trailer within the state with a 17 temporary license plate for a period not to exceed thirty (30) sixty 18 (60) days from date of purchase. Any nonresident purchaser found to 19 be operating a used motor vehicle, travel trailer or commercial 20 trailer within this state after thirty (30) sixty (60) days shall be 21 subject to the registration fees of this state upon the same terms 22 and conditions applying to residents of this state. 23

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F. It shall be unlawful for any dealer to procure the registration and licensing of any used motor vehicle, travel trailer or commercial trailer sold by the dealer or to act as the agent for the purchaser in the procurement of the registration and licensing of the purchaser's used vehicle, travel trailer or commercial trailer. A license of any dealer violating the provision of this section may be revoked.

G. Dealers following the procedure set forth herein shall not 8 9 be required to register vehicles, travel trailers or commercial trailers to which this section applies, nor will the registration 10 fee otherwise required be assessed. Provided, dealers shall not 11 purchase or trade for a used motor vehicle, travel trailer or 12 commercial trailer on which the registration therefor has been 13 expired for a period exceeding thirty (30) sixty (60) days without 14 obtaining current registration therefor. 15

A nonprofit charitable organization which is exempt from 16 н. taxation pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 17 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and which accepts donations of used motor 18 vehicles previously titled in Oklahoma to be subsequently 19 transferred to another owner, upon the qualifying organization 20 providing sufficient documentation of its tax-exempt status, may 21 obtain from the Oklahoma Tax Commission charitable nonprofit 22 organization license plates for demonstrating, transporting or test-23 driving donated vehicles, provided that no organization shall 24

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possess or use at any one time more than eight such plates. The Tax
 Commission shall design distinctive license plates for that purpose.
 The cost for said plates shall be the same as provided in subsection
 A of this section for dealer plates.

5 I. The transfer of ownership from the vehicle donor to the 6 qualifying nonprofit organization described in subsection H of this 7 section shall be made without the payment of motor vehicle excise 8 tax levied pursuant to Section 2103 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma 9 Statutes.

10SECTION 3.AMENDATORY47 O.S. 2021, Section 1137.3, is11amended to read as follows:

12 Section 1137.3. The purchaser of every new motor vehicle, travel trailer or commercial trailer shall register or license the 13 same within thirty (30) sixty (60) days from the date of purchase 14 for purchases made on or after the effective date of this act. 15 Ιt shall be the responsibility of the selling dealer to place a 16 temporary license plate, in size similar to the permanent Oklahoma 17 license plate but of a weatherproof plastic-impregnated substance 18 approved by the Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission, upon a new motor 19 vehicle, travel trailer or commercial trailer when a transaction is 20 completed for the sale of said the vehicle or trailer. Except for 21 cab and chassis trucks, the temporary license plate under this 22 section shall be placed at the location provided for the permanent 23 motor vehicle license plate. The purchaser of a new cab and chassis 24

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1 truck may place the temporary license plate under this section in the rear window. Said The temporary license plate shall show the 2 dealer's license number which is issued to him or her each year by 3 the Oklahoma Tax Commission, the date the new motor vehicle, travel 4 5 trailer or commercial trailer was purchased and the company name of the selling dealer. The Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Commission is hereby 6 directed to develop a temporary license plate design to incorporate 7 these requirements in a manner that will permit law enforcement 8 9 personnel to readily identify the dealer license number and date of the vehicle purchase. The Motor Vehicle Commission is further 10 authorized to develop additional requirements and parameters 11 designed to discourage or prevent illegal duplication and use of the 12 temporary license plate. On or before thirty (30) sixty (60) days 13 from the date of purchase of a new motor vehicle, travel trailer or 14 commercial trailer $_{\mathcal{T}}$ for purchases made on or after the effective 15 date of this act, said the temporary license plate shall be removed 16 and replaced with a permanent, current Oklahoma license plate. Use 17 of said the temporary license plate by a licensed dealer for other 18 than the purpose of normally doing business shall constitute grounds 19 for revocation of the dealer's license. 20

It shall be unlawful for any licensed dealer of new motor vehicles, travel trailers or commercial trailers to procure the registration and licensing of any new motor vehicle, travel trailer or commercial trailer sold by such licensed dealer or to act as the

agent for such purchaser in the procurement of said the registration
 and licensing. The license of any licensed dealer of new motor
 vehicles, travel trailers or commercial trailers violating the
 provisions of this section shall be revoked.

5 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2021, Section 2103, is 6 amended to read as follows:

Section 2103. A. 1. Except as otherwise provided in Sections 7 2101 through 2108 of this title, there shall be levied an excise tax 8 9 upon the transfer of legal ownership of any vehicle registered in this state and upon the use of any vehicle registered in this state 10 and upon the use of any vehicle registered for the first time in 11 12 this state. Except for persons that possess an agricultural exemption pursuant to Section 1358.1 of this title, the excise tax 13 shall be levied upon transfers of legal ownership of all-terrain 14 vehicles and motorcycles used exclusively off roads and highways 15 which occur on or after July 1, 2005, and upon transfers of legal 16 ownership of utility vehicles used exclusively off roads and 17 highways which occur on or after July 1, 2008. The excise tax for 18 new and used all-terrain vehicles, utility vehicles and motorcycles 19 used exclusively off roads and highways shall be levied at four and 20 one-half percent (4 1/2%) of the actual sales price of each new and 21 used all-terrain vehicle and motorcycle used exclusively off roads 22 and highways before any discounts or credits are given for a trade-23 Provided, the minimum excise tax assessment for such all-24 in.

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terrain vehicles, utility vehicles and motorcycles used exclusively off roads and highways shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00). The excise tax for new vehicles shall be levied at three and one-fourth percent (3 1/4%) of the value of each new vehicle. The excise tax for used vehicles shall be as follows:

- a. from October 1, 2000, until June 30, 2001, Twenty
 Dollars (\$20.00) on the first One Thousand Dollars
 (\$1,000.00) or less of value of such vehicle, and
 three and one-fourth percent (3 1/4%) of the remaining
 value of such vehicle,
- b. for the year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June
 30, 2002, Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) on the first One
 Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) or less
 of value of such vehicle, and three and one-fourth
 percent (3 1/4%) of the remaining value of such
 vehicle, and
- c. for the year beginning July 1, 2002, and all
 subsequent years, Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) on the first
 One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or less
 of value of such vehicle, and three and one-fourth
 percent (3 1/4%) of the remaining value of such
 vehicle.
- 23 2. There shall be levied an excise tax of Ten Dollars (\$10.00)24 for any:

- a. truck or truck-tractor registered under the provisions
 of subsection A of Section 1133 of Title 47 of the
 Oklahoma Statutes, for a laden weight or combined
 laden weight of fifty-five thousand (55,000) pounds or
 more,
- b. trailer or semitrailer registered under subsection C
 of Section 1133 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
 which is primarily designed to transport cargo over
 the highways of this state and generally recognized as
 such, and
- 11c.frac tank, as defined by Section 54 of Title 17 of the12Oklahoma Statutes, and registered under subsection C

of Section 1133 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes. 13 Except for frac tanks, the excise tax levied pursuant to this 14 paragraph shall not apply to special mobilized machinery, trailers, 15 or semitrailers manufactured, modified or remanufactured for the 16 purpose of providing services other than transporting cargo over the 17 highways of this state. The excise tax levied pursuant to this 18 paragraph shall also not apply to pickup trucks, vans, or sport 19 utility vehicles. 20

3. The tax levied pursuant to this section shall be due at the time of the transfer of legal ownership or first registration in this state of such vehicle; provided, the tax shall not be due at the time of the issuance of a certificate of title for an all-

1 terrain vehicle, utility vehicle or motorcycle used exclusively off roads and highways which is not required to be registered but which 2 the owner chooses to register pursuant to the provisions of 3 subsection B of Section 1115.3 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, 4 5 and shall be collected by the Oklahoma Tax Commission or Corporation Commission, as applicable, or an appointed motor license agent, at 6 the time of the issuance of a certificate of title for any such 7 In the event an excise tax is collected on the transfer of 8 vehicle. 9 legal ownership or use of the vehicle during any calendar year, then an additional excise tax must be collected upon all subsequent 10 transfers of legal ownership. In computing the motor vehicle excise 11 tax, the amount collected shall be rounded to the nearest dollar. 12 13 The excise tax levied by this section shall be delinquent from and after the thirtieth sixtieth day after the legal ownership or 14 possession of any vehicle is obtained. Any person failing or 15 refusing to pay the tax as herein provided on or before date of 16 17 delinquency shall pay in addition to the tax a penalty of One Dollar (\$1.00) per day for each day of delinquency, but such penalty shall 18 in no event exceed the amount of the tax. Of each dollar penalty 19 collected pursuant to this subsection: 20

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a. twenty-five cents (\$0.25) shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1104 of this title,
b. twenty-five cents (\$0.25) shall be retained by the

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c. fifty cents (\$0.50) shall be deposited in the General
 Revenue Fund for the fiscal year beginning on July 1,
 2011, and for all subsequent fiscal years, shall be
 deposited in the State Highway Construction and
 Maintenance Fund.

The excise tax levied in subsection A of this section and 6 в. assessed on all commercial vehicles registered pursuant to Section 7 1120 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes and trailers and 8 9 semitrailers registered under subsection C of Section 1133 of Title 10 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes to transport cargo over the highways of this state shall be in lieu of all sales and use taxes levied 11 12 pursuant to the Oklahoma Sales Tax Code or the Use Tax Code. The 13 transfer of legal ownership of any motor vehicle as used in this section and the Sales Tax Code and the Use Tax Code shall include 14 the lease, lease purchase or lease finance agreement involving any 15 truck in excess of eight thousand (8,000) pounds combined laden 16 17 weight or any truck-tractor provided the vehicle is registered in Oklahoma pursuant to Section 1120 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma 18 Statutes or any frac tank, trailer, semitrailer or open commercial 19 vehicle registered pursuant to Section 1133 of Title 47 of the 20 Oklahoma Statutes. The excise tax levied pursuant to this section 21 shall not be subsequently collected at the end of the lease period 22 if the lessee acquires complete legal title of the vehicle. 23

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1 С. The provisions of this section shall not apply to transfers made without consideration between: 2 1. Husband and wife; 3 Parent and child; or 2. 4 5 3. An individual and an express trust which that individual or the spouse, child or parent of that individual has a right to 6 revoke. 7 1. There shall be a credit allowed with respect to the 8 D. 9 excise tax paid for a new vehicle which is a replacement for: a new original vehicle which is stolen from the 10 a. purchaser/registrant within ninety (90) days of the 11 date of purchase of the original vehicle as certified 12 by a police report or other documentation as required 13 by the Tax Commission, or 14 b. a defective new original vehicle returned by the 15 purchaser/registrant to the seller within six (6) 16 months of the date of purchase of the defective new 17 original vehicle as certified by the manufacturer. 18 2. The credit allowed pursuant to paragraph 1 of this 19 subsection shall be in the amount of the excise tax which was paid 20 for the new original vehicle and shall be applied to the excise tax 21 due on the replacement vehicle. In no event shall the credit be 22 refunded. 23 24

1 E. Despite any other definitions of the terms "new vehicle" and "used vehicle", to the contrary, contained in any other law, the 2 term "new vehicle" as used in this section shall also include any 3 vehicle of the latest manufactured model which is owned or acquired 4 5 by a licensed used motor vehicle dealer which has not previously been registered in this state and upon which the motor vehicle 6 excise tax as set forth in this section has not been paid. However, 7 upon the sale or transfer by a licensed used motor vehicle dealer 8 9 located in this state of any such vehicle which is the latest manufactured model, the vehicle shall be considered a used vehicle 10 for purposes of determining excise tax. 11

F. The provisions of this section shall not apply to stategovernment entities.

14 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation 15 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby 16 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and 17 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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