1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017) 3 SENATE BILL 299 By: Bice 4 5 6 AS INTRODUCED 7 An Act relating to motor fuel tax; amending 68 O.S. 2011, Sections 500.6, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 375, O.S.L. 2013, 500.7, 704, 707.3 and 723, 8 as amended by Section 8, Chapter 375, O.S.L. 2013 (68 9 O.S. Supp. 2016, Sections 500.6 and 723), which relate to apportionment of tax; redirecting current apportionment of tax revenue from State 10 Transportation Fund to Highway Construction and 11 Maintenance Fund; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency. 12 13 14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 500.6, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 375, O.S.L. 2013 (68 O.S. Supp. 2016, 16 Section 500.6), is amended to read as follows: 17 Section 500.6. A. The tax of sixteen cents (\$0.16) per gallon 18 of gasoline that is levied by paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 19 500.4 of this title, the tax upon compressed natural gas levied by 20 paragraph 3 of subsection A of Section 500.4 of this title, the tax 21 upon liquefied natural gas levied by paragraph 4 of subsection A of 22 Section 500.4 of this title and the tax of two and eight one-23 hundredths cents (\$0.0208) per gallon of gasoline that is levied by 24

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subsection C of Section 500.4 of this title, and penalties and interest thereon, collected by the Oklahoma Tax Commission under the levy shall be apportioned and distributed monthly as follows:

- 1. The first Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) of the levy collected each month shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Transportation Highway

 Construction and Maintenance Fund;
- 2. One and six hundred twenty-five one-thousandths percent (1.625%) of the levy shall be remitted to the State Treasurer to the credit of the High Priority State Bridge Revolving Fund as created in Section 506 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 3. Sixty-three and seventy-five one-hundredths percent (63.75%) of the levy shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Transportation Highway Construction and Maintenance Fund to be apportioned as follows:
 - a. the first Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) collected each fiscal year shall be transferred to the Public Transit Revolving Fund, created in Section 4031 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and
 - b. the second Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) collected each fiscal year shall be transferred to the Oklahoma Tourism and Passenger Rail

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Revolving Fund and shall be used by the Department of Transportation:

- (1) to contract railroad passenger services, including but not limited to a route linking stations in Oklahoma and Tulsa Counties with other primary points in the national railroad passenger system and passenger rail service within the state, and a route beginning at a station in Oklahoma County and extending north to the Kansas state line in Kay County, and
- (2) to provide necessary facility, signaling, and track improvements for those contracted services,
- c. forty-one and two-tenths percent (41.2%) of the monies apportioned to the State Transportation Highway

 Construction and Maintenance Fund shall be used for any purpose provided for in Section 1502 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- d. nine and eight-tenths percent (9.8%) of the monies apportioned to the State Transportation Highway

 Construction and Maintenance Fund shall be used to provide funds for the construction and maintenance of farm-to-market roads on the state highway system, and other rural farm-to-market roads and bridges, and

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e. any remaining amount of the apportionment shall be deposited into the State Transportation Highway

Construction and Maintenance Fund;

- 4. Twenty-seven percent (27%) of the levy shall be transmitted by the Tax Commission to the various counties of the state, to be apportioned and used as follows:
 - a. sixty-five and three-tenths percent (65.3%) of the monies apportioned under this paragraph shall be used on the following basis:
 - (1) forty percent (40%) of such sum shall be distributed to the various counties in the proportion which the county road mileage of each county bears to the entire state road mileage as certified by the Transportation Commission, and
 - shall be distributed to the various counties on the basis which the population and area of each county bears to the total population and area of the state. The population shall be as shown by the last Federal Decennial Census or the most recent annual estimate provided by the U.S.

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b. twenty-three and one-tenth percent (23.1%) of the monies apportioned under this paragraph shall be distributed to the counties in the following manner: One-third (1/3) on area; one-third (1/3) on rural population, defined as including the population of all municipalities with a population of less than five thousand (5,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial Census; and one-third (1/3) on county road mileage, as last certified by the Department of Transportation, as each county bears to the entire area, rural population and road mileage of the state, and

c. eleven and six-tenths percent (11.6%) of the monies apportioned under this paragraph shall be distributed to the various counties of the state based on a formula developed by the Department of Transportation and approved by the Department of Transportation County Advisory Board created pursuant to Section 302.1 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The formula shall be similar to the formula currently used for the distribution of monies in the County Bridge Program funds, but shall also take into consideration the effect of the terrain and traffic volume as

related to county road improvement and maintenance costs;

- 5. Three and one hundred twenty-five one-thousandths percent (3.125%) of the levy shall be distributed to the various counties of the state based on a formula developed by the Department of Transportation and approved by the Department of Transportation County Advisory Board created pursuant to Section 302.1 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The formula shall be similar to the formula currently used for the distribution of monies in the County Bridge Program funds, but shall also take into consideration the effect of the terrain and traffic volume as related to county road improvement and maintenance costs;
- 6. Two and two hundred ninety-seven one-thousandths percent (2.297%) of the levy shall be distributed to the various counties of the state for deposit into the County Bridge and Road Improvement Fund of each county based on a formula developed by the Department of Transportation and approved by the Department of Transportation County Advisory Board created pursuant to Section 302.1 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes to be used for the purposes set forth in the County Bridge and Road Improvement Act. The formula shall be similar to the formula currently used for the distribution of monies in the County Bridge Program funds, but shall also take into consideration the effect of the terrain and traffic volume as related to county road improvement and maintenance costs;

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7. One and eight hundred seventy-five one-thousandths percent (1.875%) of the levy shall be transmitted by the Tax Commission to the treasurers of the various incorporated cities and towns of the state in the percentage which the population, as shown by the last Federal Decennial Census or the most recent annual estimate provided by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, bears to the total population of all the incorporated cities and towns in this state. The funds shall be expended for the construction, repair and maintenance of the streets and alleys of the incorporated cities and towns of this state; and

- 8. Three hundred twenty-eight one-thousandths percent (0.328%) of the levy shall be transmitted by the Tax Commission to the Statewide Circuit Engineering District Revolving Fund as created in Section 687.2 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- B. 1. The funds apportioned or transmitted pursuant to subparagraphs a, b, and c of paragraph 4 of subsection A of this section, subsection B of Section 500.7 of this title, subsection B of Section 704 of this title, Section 706 of this title, and paragraph 2 of subsection D of Section 707.3 of this title shall be sent to the respective county treasurers and deposited in the county highway fund to be used by the county commissioners for the purpose of constructing and maintaining county highways and bridges.
- 2. The funds received by any county shall not be diverted to any other county of the state, and shall only be expended under the

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direction and control of the board of county commissioners in the county to which the funds are appropriated. If any part of the funds is diverted for any other purpose, the county commissioners shall be liable on their bond for double the amount of the money so diverted. This paragraph shall not prohibit counties from entering into cooperative agreements pertaining to the maintenance and construction of roads and bridges.

- 3. Where any county highway has been laid out over a road already constructed in any county by the use of money raised from county bond issues for that purpose, either alone or by the use of federal or state aid, or both, the county commissioners may set aside out of the funds apportioned to that county, as provided in this section, an amount of money equal to the value of any part thereof, of the interest of such county in such highway or bridge, which amount of money shall be considered by the excise board in reducing the levy for the purpose of retiring the bonded indebtedness and interest thereon of the county, and shall be used for investment or deposit in the same manner as provided by law for the disposition of other sinking fund money.
- 4. In all counties where the county excise board may find it necessary, because of insufficient revenue, to maintain county government out of the general fund, after a levy of ten (10) mills has been made for any fiscal year, the county excise board may appropriate out of any such funds apportioned to the county an

amount sufficient to pay the salaries of the county commissioners of the county for the fiscal year.

- 5. Counties may use funds deposited in the county highway fund for the purpose of matching federal or state funds, provided such funds are available, as necessary to secure assistance in the construction or improvement of the county road system.
- C. With regards to the apportionment of the levy as set forth in paragraph 5 of subsection A of this section, paragraph 5 of subsection A of Section 500.7 of this title, and subsection C of Section 707.2 of this title:
- 1. If any county has an accrued balance of funds which were appropriated to or otherwise accrued in a restricted road maintenance fund, such funds shall be deposited directly to the county highway fund of the county;
- 2. If any county has an accrued balance of funds which were appropriated to or otherwise accrued in the County Road Improvement Fund, or the County Bridge Improvement Fund, such funds shall, by resolution approved by a majority of the board of county commissioners and filed with the Department of Transportation, be deposited in the county highway fund of the county;
- 3. If any county has an accrued balance of funds which were appropriated to or otherwise accrued in the County Bridge and Road Improvement Fund, ninety-nine percent (99%) of such funds shall be remitted to the respective county treasurer for deposit in the

appropriate County Bridge and Road Improvement Fund to be used for the purpose set forth in the County Bridge and Road Improvement Act.

The remaining one percent (1%) of such funds will be remitted to the Statewide Circuit Engineering District Revolving Fund; and

- 4. If any county has an advanced funding agreement with the Department of Transportation, the Department of Transportation shall notify the Tax Commission as to the amount the county is obligated to pay according to the terms of the advanced funding agreement. The obligated amount shall be transferred each month by the Tax Commission to the Department of Transportation to the credit of the County Bridge and Road Improvement Fund from the funds apportioned to the county pursuant to paragraph 5 of subsection A of this section. A county may elect to increase the monthly amount to be repaid pursuant to the advanced funding agreement from the funds apportioned to the county, but a county shall not be permitted to reduce the amount agreed to pursuant to the advanced funding agreement.
- D. The tax levied on gasoline pursuant to Section 500.4A of this title, and the penalties and interest thereon, collected by the Tax Commission under the levy shall be apportioned and distributed on a monthly basis to the State Highway Construction and Maintenance Fund for the purposes authorized by Section 1502 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 500.7, is amended to read as follows:

Section 500.7. A. The tax of thirteen cents (\$0.13) per gallon of diesel fuel that is levied by Section 500.4 of this title, and all penalties and interest thereon, collected by the Oklahoma Tax

6 Commission under the levy shall be apportioned and distributed

7 | monthly as follows:

- 1. The first Eighty-three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-three Dollars and thirty-three cents (\$83,333.33) of the levy collected each month shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Transportation Highway Construction and Maintenance Fund;
- 2. One and thirty-nine one-hundredths percent (1.39%) of the levy shall be paid by the Commission to the State Treasurer to the credit of the High Priority State Bridge Revolving Fund as created in Section 506 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 3. Sixty-four and thirty-four one-hundredths percent (64.34%) of the levy shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Transportation Highway Construction and Maintenance Fund;
- 4. Twenty-six and fifty-eight one-hundredths percent (26.58%) of the levy shall be transmitted by the Commission to various counties of the state, to be apportioned as follows:
 - a. forty-two and one-tenth percent (42.1%) of the monies apportioned under this paragraph shall be transmitted

to the various counties in the percentage which the population and area of each county bears to the population and area of the entire state. The population shall be as shown by the last Federal Decennial Census or the most recent annual estimate provided by the U.S. Bureau of the Census,

b. fourteen and five-tenths percent (14.5%) of the monies apportioned under this paragraph shall be distributed as follows:

Forty percent (40%) of such sum shall be distributed to the various counties in that proportion which the county road mileage of each county bears to the entire state road mileage as certified by the Transportation Commission, and the remaining sixty percent (60%) of such sum shall be distributed to the various counties on the basis which the population and area of each county bears to the total population and area of the state. The population shall be as shown by the last Federal Decennial Census or the most recent annual estimate provided by the U.S. Bureau of the Census,

c. twenty-eight and nine-tenths percent (28.9%) of the monies apportioned under this paragraph shall be distributed to the several counties in the following manner: one-third (1/3) on area, one-third (1/3) on

rural population (defined as including the population of all municipalities with a population of less than five thousand (5,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial Census), and one-third (1/3) on county road mileage, as last certified by the Department of Transportation, as each county bears to the entire area, rural population and road mileage of the state, and

- d. fourteen and five-tenths percent (14.5%) of the monies apportioned under this paragraph shall be distributed to the various counties of the state based on a formula developed by the Department of Transportation and approved by the Department of Transportation

 County Advisory Board created pursuant to Section 302.1 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The formula shall be similar to the formula currently used for the distribution of the County Bridge Program funds, but shall also take into consideration the effect of the terrain and traffic volume as related to the county road improvement and maintenance costs;
- 5. Three and eighty-five one-hundredths percent (3.85%) of the levy shall be distributed based on a formula developed by the Department of Transportation and approved by the Department of Transportation County Advisory Board created pursuant to Section

302.1 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The formula shall be similar to the formula currently used for the distribution of the County Bridge Program funds, but shall also take into consideration the effect of the terrain and traffic volume as related to the county road improvement and maintenance costs. The apportionment of the levy as set forth in this paragraph shall be subject to the provisions of subsection C of Section 500.6 of this title; and

- 6. Three and thirty-six one-hundredths percent (3.36%) of the levy shall be distributed to the various counties of the state for deposit into the County Bridge and Road Improvement Fund of each county based on a formula developed by the Department of Transportation and approved by the Department of Transportation County Advisory Board created pursuant to Section 302.1 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes to be used for the purposes set forth in the County Bridge and Road Improvement Act. The formula shall be similar to the formula currently used for the distribution of monies in the County Bridge Program funds, but shall also take into consideration the effect of the terrain and traffic volume as related to county road improvement and maintenance costs; and
- 7. Forty-eight one-hundredths percent (0.48%) of the levy shall be transmitted by the Tax Commission to the Statewide Circuit Engineering District Revolving Fund as created in Section 687.2 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. The funds apportioned or transmitted pursuant to the provisions of subparagraphs a, b, and c of paragraph 4 of subsection A of this section shall be used in accordance with and subject to the provisions of subsection B of Section 500.6 of this title.

- C. The tax levied on diesel fuel pursuant to Section 500.4A of this title, and all penalties and interest thereon, collected by the Commission under the levy shall be apportioned and distributed on a monthly basis to the State Highway Construction and Maintenance Fund for the purposes authorized by Section 1502 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 704, is amended to read as follows:
 - Section 704. A. The purpose of Section 701 et seq. of this title is to provide revenue for general governmental functions of state government and for the construction and maintenance of state and county highways and bridges. The tax, including penalties and interest collected under the levy in Section 703 of this title, shall be apportioned monthly for use as follows:
 - 1. An amount equal to the revenue, including penalties and interest thereon, accruing from four cents (\$0.04) per gallon of the five and one-half cents (\$0.055) per gallon collected of the tax levied by Section 703 of this title, shall be apportioned monthly and used for the following purposes:

a. three percent (3%) shall be paid by the Tax Commission to the State Treasurer and placed to the credit of the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury,

- b. seventy-two and three-fourths percent (72 3/4%) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Transportation Highway Construction and Maintenance Fund, and
- c. twenty-four and one-fourth percent (24 1/4%) shall be transmitted by the Tax Commission to various counties of the state, in the percentage which the population and area of each county bears to the population and area of the entire state. The population shall be as shown by the last Federal Census or the most recent annual estimate provided by the U.S. Bureau of the Census:
- 2. An amount equal to the revenue, including penalties and interest thereon, accruing from one cent (\$0.01) per gallon of the five and one-half cents (\$0.055) per gallon collected of the tax levied by Section 703 of this title, shall be apportioned monthly and shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Transportation Highway Construction and Maintenance Fund; and
- 3. An amount equal to the revenue, including penalties and interest thereon, accruing from one-half cent (\$0.005) per gallon of the five and one-half cents (\$0.055) per gallon collected of the tax

levied by Section 703 of this title, shall be apportioned monthly and distributed as follows:

Forty percent (40%) of such sum shall be distributed to the various counties in that proportion which the county road mileage of each county bears to the entire state road mileage as certified by the State Transportation Commission, and the remaining sixty percent (60%) of such sum shall be distributed to the various counties on the basis which the population and area of each county bears to the total population and area of the state. The population shall be as shown by the last Federal Census or the most recent annual estimate provided by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

- B. The funds apportioned or transmitted pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph c of paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section and paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section shall be used in accordance with and subject to the provisions of subsection B of Section 500.6 of this title.
- SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 707.3, is amended to read as follows:
- A. In addition to the excise taxes levied by Sections 703, 705, 707.1 and 707.2 of this title, there is hereby levied an excise tax of six cents (\$0.06) upon the use within this state of each and every gallon of special fuel, which shall be reported and collected in the same manner as provided by law for the reporting and collecting of all other tax levies upon the use of special fuel

- within this state. The basis for computation of the amount due

 shall be one hundred percent (100%) of the net gallonage reported to

 the Tax Commission for taxation, after all deductions allowed by law

 have been made.
 - B. The tax levied by this section shall not apply to special fuel which is exempt from tax pursuant to the provisions of Section 708 of this title.

- C. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Legislature that the total state excise tax, levied by this section and Sections 703, 705, 707.1 and 707.2 of this title, shall be sixteen cents (\$0.16) upon each gallon of special fuel used within Oklahoma and that no special fuel shall be subject to the total tax more than one time.
- D. The additional excise tax of six cents (\$0.06) per gallon of special fuel levied by this section, together with any interest and penalties thereon, collected by the Tax Commission shall be apportioned monthly as follows:
- 1. Five cents (\$0.05) of the six cents (\$0.06), together with any interest and penalties thereon, shall be apportioned to the State Transportation Highway Construction and Maintenance Fund; and
- 2. One cent (\$0.01) of the six cents (\$0.06), together with any interest and penalties thereon, shall be distributed to the various counties in the following manner: thirty percent (30%) based upon area, thirty percent (30%) based upon population according to the

latest Federal Decennial Census or the most recent annual estimate provided by the U.S. Bureau of the Census and forty percent (40%) based upon county road mileage on the basis which the respective area, population and county road mileage of each county bear to the total area, population and county road mileage of the state. The funds so transmitted shall be used in accordance with and subject to the provisions of subsection B of Section 500.6 of this title.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 723, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 375, O.S.L. 2013 (68 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 723), is amended to read as follows:

Section 723. A. In lieu of the special fuel tax imposed by Sections 703, 705, 707.1, 707.2 and 707.3 of this title, there is hereby levied a flat fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) on each passenger automobile, and on each pickup truck or van not exceeding one (1) ton in capacity, using liquefied petroleum gas or natural gas as fuel, except that no such fee shall be levied on any vehicle which is the subject of an exemption pursuant to Section 708 of this title. Provided that, should the passenger automobile, pickup truck or van have been acquired or should the liquefied petroleum gas or natural gas system be installed on or after July 1, the flat fee shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for the remainder of the calendar year, except as hereinafter provided.

B. Beginning January 1, 1991, in lieu of the special fuel tax imposed by Sections 703, 705, 707.1, 707.2 and 707.3 of this title,

there is hereby levied a flat fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on each passenger automobile, and on each pickup truck or van not exceeding one (1) ton in capacity, using methanol or "M-85" which is a mixture of methanol and gasoline containing at least eighty-five percent (85%) methanol as fuel, except that no such fee shall be levied on any vehicle which is the subject of an exemption pursuant to Section 708 of this title. Provided that, should the passenger automobile, pickup truck or van have been acquired or should methanol or "M-85" system be installed on or after July 1, the flat fee shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for the remainder of the calendar year, except as hereinafter provided.

- C. In lieu of the special fuel tax imposed by Sections 703, 705, 707.1, 707.2 and 707.3 of this title, there is hereby levied a flat fee of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) on each vehicle exceeding one (1) ton in capacity, using liquefied petroleum gas, methanol or "M-85" as fuel, except that no such fee shall be levied on any vehicle which is the subject of an exemption pursuant to Section 708 of this title. Provided that, should the vehicle be acquired or should the methanol or "M-85" system be installed on or after July 1, the flat fee shall be Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) for the remainder of the calendar year, except as hereinafter provided.
- D. Every person operating a vehicle using liquefied petroleum gas, methanol or "M-85" as fuel shall make application for and

obtain a decal to be issued on a yearly basis by the Oklahoma Tax

Commission on forms prescribed and furnished by the Tax Commission.

- E. Every person required to make application for and receive a decal under this section shall, at the time of making said application, remit to the Tax Commission the total amount of the fee due.
- F. Each decal issued by the Tax Commission pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall expire on December 31 of every year, and in addition thereto said decals shall be displayed in the lower right hand corner of the front windshield of said vehicle.

 Upon receipt of satisfactory proof by the Tax Commission that it has become necessary to replace the windshield of the vehicle for which the decal was issued, another decal shall be issued by the Tax Commission as a replacement for a fee of One Dollar (\$1.00).
- G. When any vehicle using liquefied petroleum gas, methanol or "M-85" as fuel and displaying a current decal as provided in this section is sold, such decal shall remain with the vehicle sold, unless the equipment installed to enable the vehicle to use liquefied petroleum gas, methanol or "M-85" has been removed from the vehicle before the sale.
- H. When the aforementioned equipment has been removed before the sale, the seller of the vehicle shall also remove the decal required of vehicles using liquefied petroleum gas, methanol or "M-85". The removed decal, a receipt from the Oklahoma Tax Commission

- showing that the fee required has been paid for the current year,

 and the payment of a one-dollar fee for duplicate decal shall

 entitle the seller to make application for and obtain a new decal to

 be used for the remainder of the year on any vehicle using liquefied

 petroleum gas, methanol or "M-85" in accordance with the provisions

 of this section.
 - I. Provisions contained in Sections 701 through 721 of this title shall not apply to any vehicle using liquefied petroleum gas, methanol or "M-85".

- J. All funds derived from the fee imposed by subsection A of this section shall be deposited annually in the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury by the Tax Commission. When any person fails to obtain a current decal within thirty (30) days of the date said decal is required as provided in this section, there shall become due and payable a penalty of twenty percent (20%) of the fee in addition to the fee. Said penalty to be deposited in the same manner as the fee pursuant to this subsection.
- K. All funds derived from the fee imposed by subsections B and C of this section shall be collected by the Oklahoma Tax Commission and apportioned annually to the State Transportation Highway

 Construction and Maintenance Fund. When any person fails to obtain a current decal within thirty (30) days of the date such decal is required as provided in this section, there shall become due and payable a penalty of twenty percent (20%) of the fee in addition to

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