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An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Sections 161A, 162, 162.1, 163, 165, 166, 166.5, 166a, 169, 169.5, 170, 170.1, 170.2, 171.1, 171.2, 172, 177.2, 177.3, 180, 180a, 180b, 180c, 180d, 180e, 180f, 180g, 180h, 180k, 180l and 180m, which relate to the regulation of motor carriers; removing notification requirement for the Department of Public Safety; modifying fund providing payment for certain motor vehicles; modifying employees certain agencies may appoint; specifying type of officers appointed by Department; eliminating duties of certain employee; modifying agency reference; modifying fund reference; allowing for the employment of certain Port of Entry officers; establishing classes of certain officers; updating statutory references; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Sections 230.22, 230.23, 230.24, 230.25, 230.26, 230.27, 230.28, 230.29, 230.30, 230.31, 230.32 and 230.34a, which relate to the Motor Carrier Act of 1995; modifying agency reference; transferring certain duties from the Corporation Commission to the Department of Public Safety; removing requirement of cooperation by certain agencies; allowing for the regulation of motor carriers by the Department of Public Safety; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 230.6, as last amended by Section 8, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2013 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 230.6), which relates to use and activities of commercial vehicles; establishing procedural requirements for certain violations; requiring use of certain software in determining certain penalty; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 230.9, as amended by Section 13, Chapter 283, O.S.L. 2012 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 230.9), which relates to compliance with the Oklahoma Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous Materials Transportation Act;

1 requiring certain violation to be in compliance with certain federal regulations; modifying factors 2 considered by Commissioners of Public Safety assessing penalty; adding methods of collection for 3 certain administrative penalties; establishing procedures for certain safety ratings; authorizing 4 Department to hold vehicles in certain circumstances; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1120.1, which relates 5 to entry into the International Registration Plan; modifying agency reference; amending 47 O.S. 2011, 6 Sections 1167, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 373, O.S.L. 2016, 1168, as amended by Section 205, 7 Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012, and Section 1169 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020, Sections 1167 and 1168), which relate to 8 motor carrier enforcement; providing that certain rules be deemed promulgated by Department of Public 9 Safety; modifying agency reference relating to rules, enforcement of actions and fund administration; 10 providing for the Department of Public Safety and Department of Transportation to enter into certain 11 agreement; amending Section 2, Chapter 262, O.S.L. 2012 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1201) and Section 12 3, Chapter 262, O.S.L. 2012, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 373, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp. 13 2020, Section 1202) and Section 4, Chapter 262, O.S.L. 2012 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1203), which 14 relate to the Oklahoma Weigh Station Act of 2012; modifying agency reference; providing for the 15 Department of Public Safety and the Corporation Commission to enter into certain agreement; 16 transferring certain powers and duties from the Corporation Commission to the Department of Public 17 Safety; removing requirement of roadside enforcement in certain circumstances; removing authorization to 18 conduct certain activities related to roadside enforcement; repealing 47 O.S. 2011, Sections 171 and 19 172.1, which relate to the regulation of motor carriers; updating statutory language; providing an 20 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 161A, is amended to read as follows:

Section 161A. A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Household Goods Act of 2009". The purpose of this act the Household Goods Act of 2009 is to regulate intrastate transportation by motor carriers of household goods in such manner as to establish standards for public safety, fair competitive practices, adequate and dependable service, and protection of shippers from deceptive or unfair practices.

B. The provisions of this act the Household Goods Act of 2009, except as specifically limited herein, shall apply to the intrastate transportation of household goods by motor carriers over public highways of this state; and the regulations of such transportation, and the procurement thereof and the provisions of facilities therefor, are hereby vested in the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety.

Shipments contracted by the federal government, a state government, a tribal government or any local government or political subdivision thereof shall not be required to obtain a household goods certificate, but shall be regulated by the Commission

Department to achieve compliance with safety requirements and size and weight limitations.

Nothing in this act the Household Goods Act of 2009 shall be construed to interfere with the exercise by agencies of the

government of the United States of its power of regulation of interstate commerce.

- C. As used in this act:
- 1. <u>"Commission" Department"</u> means the Corporation Commission
 Department of Public Safety;
- 2. "Corporate family" means a group of corporations consisting of a parent corporation and all subsidiaries in which the parent corporation owns directly or indirectly one hundred percent (100%) interest;
- 3. "Household goods" means used personal effects and property of a dwelling;
- 4. "Household goods certificate" means a certificate of authority issued by the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety to transport household goods within this state;
- 5. "Intercorporate hauling" means the transportation of household goods, by motor vehicle, for compensation, by a carrier which is a member of a corporate family, as defined in this section, when the transportation for compensation is provided for other members of the corporate family;
- 6. "Motor carrier of household goods" means a person transporting household goods for compensation or other consideration, with an origin and destination within this state;

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- 7. "Motor vehicle" means any automobile, truck, truck-tractor, trailer or semitrailer or any motor bus or self-propelled vehicle not operated or driven upon fixed rails or tracks;
- "Person" means any individual, firm, copartnership, limited partnership, corporation, limited liability corporation, company, association, or joint-stock association and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee, or personal representative thereof; and
- 9. "Public highway" means every public street, road, highway, or thoroughfare in this state, used by the public, whether actually dedicated to the public and accepted by the proper authorities or otherwise.
- The terms and provisions of this act the Household Goods Act of 2009 shall apply to commerce with foreign nations, or commerce among the several states of this Union, insofar as such application may be permitted under the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and the Acts of Congress.
- SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 162, is amended to read as follows:
- Section 162. A. The Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety is authorized to:
- Supervise and regulate every motor carrier of household goods;

2. Protect the shipping and general public by requiring liability insurance and cargo insurance of all motor carriers of household goods;

3. Ensure motor carriers of household goods are complying with applicable size and weight laws and safety requirements;

4. Supervise and regulate such motor carriers in all other matters affecting the relationship between such carriers and the traveling and shipping public including, but not limited to, consumer protection measures and loss and damage claim procedures; and

5. Enforce the provisions of $\frac{1}{2009}$ the Household Goods Act of 2009.

B. The Commission Department is authorized to promulgate rules applicable to persons transporting household goods.

C. 1. The Commission Department is authorized to administer a hazardous material transportation registration and permitting program for motor carriers engaged in transporting hazardous material upon or over the public highways and within the borders of the state.

2. The Commission Department shall promulgate rules implementing the provisions of this subsection. Rules promulgated pursuant to this subsection shall be consistent with, and equivalent in scope, coverage, and content to requirements applicable to operators of vehicles transporting hazardous materials contained in

the report submitted to the Secretary of the United States

Department of Transportation, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5119(b), by the

Alliance for Uniform Hazardous Material Transportation Procedures.

- D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to remove or affect the jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Quality to implement hazardous waste transportation requirements for federal hazardous waste program delegation to this state under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.
- E. The Commission Department is authorized to promulgate rules and set fees applicable to interstate motor carriers, pertaining to carrier registration, operation of equipment and filing of proper proof of liability insurance.
- SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 162.1, is amended to read as follows:
- Section 162.1. The Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety is authorized to promulgate rules necessary to enable this state to participate in the Unified Carrier Registration System for interstate motor carriers, brokers, forwarders and leasing companies and interstate motor carriers holding intrastate authority as set forth in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Subtitle C-Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005.
- SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 163, is amended to read as follows:

Section 163. A. No person shall transport household goods for compensation or other consideration in intrastate commerce without a valid certificate issued by the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety.

B. The Commission Department shall promulgate rules ensuring consumer protection and loss and damage claim procedures.

- C. Every motor carrier, subject to this act the Household Goods

 Act of 2009, receiving household goods for transportation in

 intrastate commerce shall issue a receipt or bill of lading

 therefor, the form of which shall be prescribed by the Commission

 Department.
- D. Record-keeping documents, as required by the Commission

 Department, shall be maintained by the motor carrier of household goods for a minimum of three (3) years. The Commission Department is authorized to require certain documents to be retained for a longer period of time pending a claim for any other reason the Commission Department deems necessary.
- E. Any person, motor carrier, or shipper who shall willfully violate any provision of this act the Household Goods Act of 2009 or the Commission's Department's rules pursuant thereto may be found in violation by the Commission Department. After proper notice and hearing, violators may be assessed penalties in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the first violation and

for the second violation within a year a penalty not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 165, is amended to read as follows:

Section 165. A. Upon the filing of an application to operate as a motor carrier of household goods, the applicant shall pay to the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety a filing fee as set by Commission Department rule.

- B. Upon the filing by an interstate motor carrier of an application to register interstate authority, or supplement thereto, the applicant shall pay the Commission Department a filing fee as established by the Commission Department and in full compliance with applicable federal laws.
- C. The Commission Department shall, upon the receipt of any such fee, deposit the same in the State Treasury to the credit of the Corporation Commission Revolving Trucking One-Stop Shop Fund.
- SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 166, is amended to read as follows:
- Section 166. A. It is hereby declared unlawful for any person to transport household goods in intrastate commerce without a valid certificate issued by the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety.
- B. Motor carriers engaged in intercorporate hauling must obtain a certificate in the motor carrier's name.

C. Applicants for intrastate authority to transport household goods shall file an application as required by this act the Household Goods Act of 2009 and as prescribed by the Commission Department. A household goods certificate shall be issued to the applicant upon completion of all requirements.

- D. The Commission Department may consider any written protests or written complaints filed prior to granting or renewing a household goods certificate. If the Commission Department elects not to grant or renew a household goods certificate, the application shall be set for public hearing in accordance with Commission Department rules.
- E. Household goods certificates may not be assigned or transferred.
- F. The Commission Department shall exercise any additional power that may from time to time be conferred upon the state by any Act of Congress.
- G. The Commission Department shall adopt rules prescribing the manner and form in which motor carriers shall apply for a household goods certificate.
- SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 166.5, is amended to read as follows:
- Section 166.5. If this act Section 161A et seq. of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995 or any provision hereof is, or may be deemed to be, in conflict or inconsistent with any of the

provisions of Section 18 through Section 34, inclusive, of Article

IX of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, then, to the extent

of any such conflicts or inconsistencies, it is hereby expressly

declared that this entire act and this section are amendments to and

alterations of the sections of the Constitution, as authorized by

Section 35 of Article IX of said the Constitution.

SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 166a, is amended to read as follows:

Section 166a. A. As used in this section:

- "Authorized carrier" means a motor carrier of household goods;
- 2. "Equipment" means a motor vehicle, straight truck, tractor, semitrailer, full trailer, any combination of these and any other type of equipment used by authorized carriers in the transportation of household goods;
- 3. "Owner" means a person to whom title to equipment has been issued, or who, without title, has the right to exclusive use of equipment for a period longer than thirty (30) days;
- 4. "Lease" means a contract or arrangement in which the owner grants the use of equipment, with or without driver, for a specified period to an authorized carrier for use in the regulated transportation of household goods in exchange for compensation;
- 5. "Lessor", in a lease, means the party granting the use of equipment with or without driver to another;

- 6. "Lessee", in a lease, means the party acquiring the use of equipment with or without driver from another;
- 7. "Addendum" means a supplement to an existing lease which is not effective until signed by the lessor and lessee; and
- 8. "Shipper" means a person who sends or receives household goods which are transported in intrastate commerce in this state.
- B. An authorized carrier may perform authorized transportation in equipment it does not own only under the following conditions:
- 1. There shall be a written lease granting the use of the equipment and meeting the requirements as set forth in subsection C of this section;
- 2. The authorized carrier acquiring the use of equipment under this section shall identify the equipment in accordance with the Commission's Department of Public Safety's requirements; and
- 3. Upon termination of the lease, the authorized carrier shall remove all identification showing it as the operating carrier before giving up possession of the equipment.
- C. The written lease required pursuant to subsection B of this section shall contain the following provisions. The required lease provisions shall be adhered to and performed by the authorized carrier as follows:
- 1. The lease shall be made between the authorized carrier and the owner of the equipment. The lease shall be signed by these parties or by their authorized representatives;

2. The lease shall specify the time and date or the circumstances on which the lease begins and ends and include a description of the equipment which shall be identified by vehicle serial number, make, year, model and current license plate number;

- 3. The period for which the lease applies shall be for thirty (30) days or more when the equipment is to be operated for the authorized carrier by the owner or an employee of the owner;
- 4. The lease shall provide that the authorized carrier lessee shall have exclusive possession, control and use of the equipment for the duration of the lease. The lease shall further provide that the authorized carrier lessee shall assume complete responsibility for the operation of the equipment for the duration of the lease;
- 5. The amount to be paid by the authorized carrier for equipment and driver's services shall be clearly stated on the face of the lease or in an addendum which is attached to the lease. The amount to be paid may be expressed as a percentage of gross revenue, a flat rate per mile, a variable rate depending on the direction traveled or the type of commodity transported, or by any other method of compensation mutually agreed upon by the parties to the lease. The compensation stated on the lease or in the attached addendum may apply to equipment and driver's services either separately or as a combined amount;
- 6. The lease shall clearly specify the responsibility of each party with respect to the cost of fuel, fuel taxes, empty mileage,

permits of all types, tolls, detention and accessorial services, base plates and licenses, and any unused portions of such items. Except when the violation results from the acts or omissions of the lessor, the authorized carrier lessee shall assume the risks and costs of fines for overweight and oversize trailers when the trailers are preloaded, sealed, or the load is containerized, or when the trailer or lading is otherwise outside of the lessor's control, and for improperly permitted over-dimension and overweight loads and shall reimburse the lessor for any fines paid by the lessor. If the authorized carrier is authorized to receive a refund or a credit for base plates purchased by the lessor from, and issued in the name of, the authorized carrier, or if the base plates are authorized to be sold by the authorized carrier to another lessor, the authorized carrier shall refund to the initial lessor on whose behalf the base plate was first obtained a prorated share of the amount received;

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7. The lease shall specify that payment to the lessor shall be made by the authorized carrier within fifteen (15) days after submission of the necessary delivery documents and other paperwork concerning a trip in the service of the authorized carrier. The paperwork required before the lessor can receive payment is limited to those documents necessary for the authorized carrier to secure payment from the shipper. The authorized carrier may require the

submission of additional documents by the lessor but not as a prerequisite to payment;

- 8. The lease shall clearly specify the right of those lessors whose revenue is based on a percentage of the gross revenue for a shipment to examine copies of the authorized carrier's freight bill before or at the time of settlement. The lease shall clearly specify the right of the lessor, regardless of method of compensation, to examine copies of the carrier's tariff;
- 9. The lease shall clearly specify all items that may be initially paid for by the authorized carrier, but ultimately deducted from the lessor's compensation at the time of payment or settlement together with a recitation as to how the amount of each item is to be computed. The lessor shall be afforded copies of those documents which are necessary to determine the validity of the charge;
- 10. The lease shall specify that the lessor is not required to purchase or rent any products, equipment, or services from the authorized carrier as a condition of entering into the lease arrangement;
 - 11. As it relates to insurance:
 - of the authorized carrier to maintain insurance coverage for the protection of the public, and

- b. the lease shall clearly specify the conditions under which deductions for cargo or property damage may be made from the lessor's settlements. The lease shall further specify that the authorized carrier must provide the lessor with a written explanation and itemization of any deductions for cargo or property damage made from any compensation of money owed to the lessor. The written explanation and itemization must be delivered to the lessor before any deductions are made; and
- 12. An original and two copies of each lease shall be signed by the parties. The authorized carrier shall keep the original and shall place a copy of the lease in the equipment during the period of the lease. The owner of the equipment shall keep the other copy of the lease.
- D. The provisions of this section shall apply to the leasing of equipment with which to perform household goods transportation by motor carriers.
- SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 169, is amended to read as follows:
- Section 169. A. No certificate shall be issued by the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety to any motor carrier of household goods until after such motor carrier shall have filed with the Commission Department a liability insurance policy or

bond covering public liability and property damage, issued by some insurance or bonding company or insurance carrier authorized as set forth below, and which has complied with all of the requirements of the Commission Department, which bond or policy shall be approved by the Commission Department, and shall be in such sum and amount as fixed by a proper order of the Commission Department; and such liability and property damage insurance policy or bond shall bind the obligor thereunder to make compensation for injuries to, or death of, persons, and loss or damage to property, resulting from the operation of any such motor carrier for which such carrier is legally liable. After judgment against the carrier for any damage, the injured party may maintain an action upon the policy or bond to recover the same, and shall be a proper party to maintain such action.

B. Every motor carrier of household goods shall file with the Commission Department a cargo insurance policy or bond covering any goods or property being transported, issued by some insurance or bonding company or insurance carrier authorized as set forth below, and which has complied with all of the requirements of the Commission Department, which bond or policy shall be approved by the Commission Department, and shall be in a sum and amount as fixed by Commission Department rule. The cargo insurance must be filed with the Commission Department prior to a certificate being issued by the Commission Department.

C. No carrier, whose principal place of business is in Oklahoma, shall conduct any operations in this state unless the operations are covered by a valid primary bond or insurance policy issued by an insurer authorized or approved by the Oklahoma Insurance Department. No carrier whose principal place of business is not in Oklahoma shall conduct any operations in this state unless the operations are covered by a valid bond or insurance policy issued by an insurer licensed or approved by the insurance regulatory authority of the state of their principal place of business or the Oklahoma Insurance Department.

- D. Each motor carrier shall maintain on file, in full force, all insurance required by the laws of the State of Oklahoma and the rules of the Commission Department during such motor carrier's operation and that the failure for any cause to maintain such coverage in full force and effect shall immediately, without any notice from the Commission Department, suspend such carrier's rights to operate until proper insurance is provided. Any carrier suspended for failure to maintain proper insurance shall have a reasonable time, not exceeding sixty (60) days, within which to provide proper insurance and to have the carrier's authority reactivated, upon showing:
- 1. No operation during the period in which the carrier did not have insurance; and
 - 2. Furnishing of proper insurance coverage.

E. Any carrier who fails to reactivate the carrier's certificate within sixty (60) days after such suspension, as above provided, shall have the certificate canceled, by operation of law, without any notice from the Commission Department. No certificate so canceled shall be reinstated or otherwise made operative except that the Commission Department may reinstate the authority of a motor carrier upon proper showing that the motor carrier was actually covered by proper insurance during the suspension or cancellation period, and that failure to file with the Commission Department was not due to the motor carrier's fault. Any carrier desiring to file for reinstatement of the carrier's certificate shall do so within ninety (90) days of its cancellation by law.

F. The Commission Department shall, in its discretion, permit the filing of certificates of insurance coverage on such form as may be prescribed by the Commission Department, in lieu of copies of insurance policies or bonds, with the proviso that if the certificates are authorized, the insurance company or carrier so filing it, upon request of the Commission Department, shall, at any time, furnish an authenticated copy of the policy which the certificate represents, and further provided that thirty (30) days prior to effective cancellation or termination of the policy of insurance for any cause, the insurer shall so notify the Commission Department in writing of the facts or as deemed necessary by the Commission Department.

SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 169.5, is amended to read as follows:

Section 169.5. If the carrier fails to process loss or damage claims as provided in Sections 169.2 through 169.4 of this title, or to express declinations of the claims in writing with proof of nonliability, the carrier may be found in contempt by the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety after proper notice and hearing. Failure to pay any fine or otherwise resolve the complaint may result in a hearing by the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety to determine if the operating authority of the carrier shall be revoked.

SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 170, is amended to read as follows:

Section 170. A. Nothing contained in this act the Household Goods Act of 2009 shall be construed to authorize the operation of any freight vehicle in excess of the gross weight, width, length or height authorized by law.

- B. Any person who willfully advertises to perform transportation services for which the person does not hold a proper certificate shall be in violation of this act the Household Goods

 Act of 2009 and subject to the penalties prescribed for contempt of the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety.
- C. Household goods certificates may be suspended or revoked for any violation of state law or Commission Department rule.

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D. Certificates shall be considered personal to the holder thereof and shall be issued only to some definite legal entity operating motor vehicles as a motor carrier of household goods, and shall not be subject to lease, nor shall the holder thereof sublet or permit the exercise, by another, in anywise, of the rights or privileges granted thereunder.

SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 170.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 170.1. A. Upon any complaint in writing under oath being made by any person, or by the Commission Department of its own motion, setting forth any act or thing done or omitted to be done by any person in violation, or claimed violation, of any provision of law, or of any order or rule of the Commission Department, the Commission Department shall enter same upon its docket and shall immediately serve a copy thereof upon each defendant together with a notice directed to each defendant requiring that the matter complained of be answered, in writing, within ten (10) days of the date of service of such notice, provided that, the Commission Department may, in its discretion, require particular cases to be answered within a shorter time, and the Commission Department may, for good cause shown, extend the time in which an answer may be filed.

Upon the filing of the answer herein provided for, the Commission Department shall set a time and place for the hearing,

and notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be served not less than ten (10) days before the time set therefor, unless the Commission Department shall find that public necessity requires the hearing at an earlier date.

- B. The Commission Department may, in all matters within its jurisdiction, issue subpoenas, subpoenas duces tecum, and all necessary process in proceedings pending before the Commission Department; may administer oaths, examine witnesses, compel the production of records, books, papers, files, documents, contracts, correspondence, agreements, or accounts necessary for any investigation being conducted, and certify official acts.
- C. In case of failure on the part of any person to comply with any lawful order of the Commission, or of any Commissioner

 Department, or with any subpoena or subpoena duces tecum, or to testify concerning any matter on which he or she may be lawfully interrogated, the Commission Department may compel obedience by proceedings for contempt as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena, or of the refusal to testify.
- D. Witnesses who are summoned before the Commission Department shall be paid the same fees and mileage as are paid to witnesses in courts of record. Any party to a proceeding at whose instance a subpoena is issued and served shall pay the costs incident thereto and the fees for mileage of all his witnesses.

E. In event any process shall be directed to any nonresident who is authorized to do business in this state, the process may be served upon the agent designated by the nonresident for the service of process, and service upon the agent shall be as sufficient and as effective as if served upon the nonresident.

- F. All process issued by the Commission Department shall extend to all parts of the state and any such process, together with the service of all notices issued by the Commission Department, as well as copies of complaints, rules, orders and regulations of the Commission Department, may be served by any person authorized to serve process issued out of courts of record, or by certified mail.
- Department shall, within sixty (60) days, make and file its findings and order, with its opinion. Its findings shall be in sufficient detail to enable any court in which any action of the Commission Department is involved to determine the controverted questions presented by the proceeding. A copy of such order, certified under the seal of the Commission Department, shall be served upon the person against whom it runs, or the attorney of the person, and notice thereof shall be given to the other parties to the proceedings or their attorneys. The order shall take effect and become operative within fifteen (15) days after the service thereof, unless otherwise provided. If an order cannot, in the judgment of the Commission Department, be complied with within fifteen (15)

days, the Commission Department may grant and prescribe such additional time as in its judgment is reasonably necessary to comply with the order, and may, on application and for good cause shown, extend the time for compliance fixed in the order.

- H. In the event the Commission Department finds that the defendant is guilty upon any complaint filed and proceeding had and that the provisions of law, or the rules, regulations or orders of this Commission Department have been willfully and knowingly violated and the violator holds a permit or certificate or license issued by the Commission Department authorizing it to engage in the transportation of persons or property for hire, then such permit or certificate or license may also be revoked by the Commission Department.
- I. Where a complaint is instituted by any person other than the Commission Department of its own motion and in the event the Commission Department should find that the complaint was not in good faith, the complaining party shall be required to pay the defendant's attorney's attorney fee, the fee to be prescribed by the Commission Department in accordance with applicable Oklahoma Bar Association standards.
- J. Any person aggrieved by any findings and order of the Commission Department may appeal to the Supreme Court in the way and manner now or hereafter provided for appeals from the district court to the Supreme Court.

SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 170.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 170.2. A. The Department of Public Safety, monthly, shall notify the Oklahoma Corporation Commission of any ticket issued for a violation of the provisions of Section 14-119 of this title, or any provisions of Chapter 14 of this title or the terms of any special permit authorized pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 14 of this title concerning overweight or overweight special permits.

B. Truck overweight violations by motor carriers or private carriers shall be considered contempt of Commission Department motor carrier rules, tariffs and regulations. The Commission Department shall establish a specific rule whereby such overweight violations by motor carriers or private carriers shall be grounds for issuance of a show-cause order for consideration of temporary or permanent cancellation of operating authority or license. In establishing the rule, consideration shall be given to the frequency of violations, pattern of violations, fleet size, type of operation, amount of overweight, and other such factors that may indicate intent. Any person, firm, or corporation that assists in the commission of such overweight violation or refuses to comply with any rule, regulation, or order of the Commission Department relating thereto shall be guilty of contempt of the Commission Department and shall be subject to a fine to be imposed by said Commission in a sum not to exceed

Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) on as prescribed by Section 14-101 et seq. of this title for each violation. In the specific instance of an overweight violation, the transportation of each load shall constitute a separate violation. The same fine assessed against the motor carrier or private carrier shall apply to any other person, firm, or corporation that aids or abets such violations. Provided however, no motor carrier, private carrier, shipper or person loading or causing a motor vehicle to be loaded shall be subject to a fine for contempt unless the gross weight of the motor vehicle is more than five thousand (5,000) pounds overweight.

C. B. The Commission Department, in its discretion and on its own motion, may make a contempt complaint in writing under oath setting forth the violation, enter the complaint on its docket, and proceed with the matter in accordance with the provisions of Sections 161 et seq. of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995.

SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 171.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 171.1. In addition to other uses authorized by law, funds provided to the Corporation Commission Weigh Station

Improvement Revolving Fund pursuant to Sections 165, 177.2 and 180h of this title shall be expended as follows:

1. The Corporation Commission Transportation Division shall

Department of Public Safety may employ four special motor carrier

enforcement Port of Entry officers and one supervisor-officer

supervisor-officers who shall have the primary duty of investigating and assisting in the prosecution of persons engaged in unauthorized transportation or disposal of deleterious substances as contemplated under the provisions of the Oklahoma Motor Carrier Act and any other applicable provisions of law. Such employees shall be compensated as for similar service in the same or other departments of the state and an expense allowance of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month for maintenance and cleaning of uniforms and other related expenses shall be paid to such employees. Nothing in this section regarding expense allowances shall be construed to mean that such employees shall receive any additional compensation beyond what is provided for maintenance and cleaning of uniforms and other related expenses by the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety on the effective date of this act September 1, 1993.

2. The Commission Department shall purchase provide a sufficient number of motor vehicles to provide each motor carrier enforcement officer employed in the Transportation Division a motor vehicle suitable as necessary for Port of Entry officers to carry out the enforcement provisions of applicable law. Said The vehicles shall be appropriately marked as official vehicles and radio equipped. All costs for operation, maintenance and replacement of the motor vehicles authorized in this section shall be provided for from the Corporation Commission Weigh Station Improvement Revolving Fund.

The Commission shall Department may employ a hearing officer officers as necessary whose primary responsibility shall be the adjudication of enforcement proceedings and complaints brought against persons engaged in unauthorized transportation or disposal of deleterious substances or other unauthorized transportation in violation of the Oklahoma Motor Carrier Act or the rules and regulations of motor carriers as promulgated by the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety.

SECTION 15. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 171.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 171.2. Motor carrier enforcement Port of Entry officers as authorized in Section 171.1 of this title shall have authority and powers as provided for those motor carrier Port of Entry officers authorized under the provisions of Section 172 of this title.

SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 172, is amended to read as follows:

Section 172. A. Every owner of any motor vehicle, the agents or employees of the owner, and every other person who violates or fails to comply with or procures, aids, or abets in the violation of Sections 161 161A through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995, or who fails to obey, observe, or comply with any order, decision, rule or regulation, direction, demand, or requirement of the Corporation Commission Department of Public

<u>Safety</u>, or who procures, aids or abets any corporation or person in the person's, or its, refusal or willful failure to obey, observe or comply with any such order, decision, rule, direction, demand, or regulation shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon conviction in a criminal court of competent jurisdiction, such misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

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В. The Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety shall report to the Attorney General of this state and the district attorney of the proper county having jurisdiction of such offense, any violation of any of the provisions of Sections 161 161A through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995 or any rule of the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety promulgated pursuant to the provisions of Sections 161 161A through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995, by any motor vehicle owner, agent or employee of such owner, or any other person. Upon receipt of such report, the Attorney General or the district attorney of the proper county having jurisdiction of such offense shall institute criminal or civil proceedings against such offender in the proper court having jurisdiction of such offense. Any willful failure on the part of members of the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety, the Attorney General or any district attorney, to comply with the provisions of this section, shall be deemed official misconduct. The Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety

shall report such complaints so made to the Governor of this state who shall direct and cause the laws of this state to be enforced.

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C. Any person failing, neglecting or refusing to comply with the provisions of Sections 161 161A through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995, or with any rule, regulation, or requirement of the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety promulgated pursuant to the provisions of Sections 161 161A through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995, shall be quilty of contempt of the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety, and shall be subject to a fine to be imposed by the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety in a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Each day on which such contempt occurs shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense. The maximum fine to be assessed on each day shall be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). All fines collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Corporation Commission Department of Transportation Trucking One-Stop Shop Fund, as created in Section 1167 of this title. This subsection shall not apply in the specific instance of load capacity violations or violations applicable to the transportation or discharge of deleterious substances provided for by specific statutory provisions.

D. The Corporation Commission shall Department of Public Safety

may appoint a director of transportation, a deputy director, an

insurance supervisor, an insurance clerk, two stenographers, a secretary to the director, an identification device supervisor and an assistant identification device supervisor at such salaries as the Legislature may from time to time prescribe and additional employees as necessary. The employees shall be allowed actual and necessary travel expenses pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act. All of the expense claims shall be presented and paid monthly.

E. Enforcement officers, appointed by the Corporation

Commission, are hereby declared to be peace officers of this state.

Such There shall be two types of Port of Entry officers appointed by the Department of Public Safety: commissioned officers and non
commissioned officers. All officers shall be vested with all powers of peace officers in enforcing the provisions of Sections 161 161A through 180m of this title, U.S. 49 CFR, and the Motor Carrier Act of 1995 in all parts of this state.

The powers and duties conferred upon said enforcement the Port of Entry officers shall in no way limit the powers and duties of sheriffs or other peace officers of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, or of members of the Division of Highway Patrol, subject to the Department of Public Safety.

F. The enforcement officers when on duty, upon reasonable belief that any motor vehicle is being operated in violation of any provisions of Sections 161 through 180m of this title or the Motor

Carrier Act of 1995, shall be authorized to require the driver of the vehicle to stop and submit to an inspection of the identification device, or devices, in the vehicle, and to submit to such enforcement officer bills of lading, waybills, or other evidences of the character of the commerce being transported in such vehicle, and to submit to an inspection of the contents of such vehicle for the purpose of comparing same with bills of lading or shipping documentation, waybills, or other evidences of transportation carried by the driver of the vehicle. The officers shall not have the right to plea bargain.

G. The enforcement officers are authorized to serve all warrants, writs, and notices issued by the Corporation Commission relating to the enforcement of the provisions of Sections 161 through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995 and the rules, regulations, and requirements prescribed by the Corporation Commission promulgated pursuant to Sections 161 through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995.

H. The enforcement officers shall not have the power or right of search, nor shall they have the right of power of seizure, except as provided in Sections 161 through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995. The enforcement officers are authorized to hold and detain any motor vehicle operating upon the highways of this state, if, the enforcement officer has reason to believe that the vehicle is being operated contrary to the provisions of Sections

161 through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995, or the rules, regulations, and requirements of the Corporation

Commission promulgated pursuant to Sections 161 through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995.

1. No state official, other than members of the Corporation

Commission Department of Public Safety, shall have any power, right, or authority to command, order, or direct any enforcement Port of

Entry officer to perform any duty or service authorized by Sections

161 161A through 180m of this title, U.S. 49 CFR, or the Motor

Carrier Act of 1995.

J. Each of the enforcement officers shall, before entering upon the discharge of their duties, take and subscribe to the usual oath of office and shall execute to the State of Oklahoma a bond in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) each, with sufficient surety for the faithful performance of their duty. The bond shall be approved and filed as provided by law.

K. G. No enforcement Port of Entry officer or employee of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety shall have the right to plea bargain in motor carrier or motor transportation matters except the chief legal counsel division of the Commission or an assign of the legal staff of the chief legal counsel Department.

SECTION 17. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 177.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 177.2. A. No motor carrier shall engage in the business of transporting any salt water, mineral brines, waste oil and other deleterious substances produced from or obtained or used in connection with the drilling, development, producing and operating of oil and gas wells and brine wells, for any valuable consideration whatever, or in any quantity over twenty (20) gallons, without a license authorizing such operation and a deleterious substance transport permit to be issued by the Commission Department of Public Safety. Provided, transportation of such substances by private carrier of property by motor vehicle shall require a deleterious substance transport permit.

- B. No carrier shall transport deleterious substances under a carrier license issued by the Commission Department until such time as the carrier has been issued a deleterious substance transport permit.
- C. No deleterious substance transport permit shall be issued to a motor carrier or private carrier until the carrier has furnished written proof of access to a Class II disposal well or wells. Said The written proof of access shall be provided by the owner of such disposal well. Such disposal well must first be approved by the Corporation Commission Department as adequate to meet the need for proper disposal of all substances which the applicant may reasonably be expected to transport as a motor carrier or private carrier. Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed as

prohibiting the disposition of such deleterious substances in a disposal well that is owned by a person other than the transporter.

D. The Commission Department shall maintain a current list of such permits. The Commission Department shall charge such annual deleterious substance transport permitting fees as will cover the cost of issuing such licenses and an annual fee of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for each such deleterious substance transport license. Proceeds from the fees shall be deposited by the Commission Department in the State Treasury to the credit of the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety Revolving Fund. The provisions of this section are supplemental and are in addition to the laws applicable to motor carriers.

SECTION 18. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 177.3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 177.3. A. It shall be unlawful for a motor carrier, whether private, common, or contract, to dump, disperse, or otherwise release substances described in Section 177.2 of this title upon a public highway or elsewhere except on property or in wells, reservoirs, or other receptacles owned, held, leased, or otherwise rightfully and legally available to the motor carrier for such use and purpose.

B. It shall be unlawful for any motor truck or tank vehicle used to transport substances described in Section 177.2 of this

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title to have a release device located or operated in any manner from within the cab of such a motor vehicle.

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- C. Any violation of the provisions of subsections subsection A or B of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor. It shall be the duty of the prosecuting attorney of the county in which a violation of the provisions of this section occurs to file and prosecute the aforementioned misdemeanor charge and advise the Commission Department of such action and the results thereof.
- The Oklahoma Corporation Commission Department of Public D. Safety may initiate contempt proceedings for any violation concerning disposal by a carrier of a substance described in Section 177.2 of this title. The first violation proven by the Commission Department in any calendar year shall result in a motor carrier or private carrier being warned by the Commission Department and, upon conviction, fined up to Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00). A second violation proven by the Commission Department in any calendar year shall result in a motor carrier or private carrier being placed on probation and fined up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) by the Commission Department. A third violation proven by the Commission Department in any calendar year shall result in a fine of up to Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), and, at the discretion of the Commission Department, cancellation of the carrier's license for a period up to one (1) year and cancellation of a motor carrier or private carrier deleterious substance

transport permit. The driver of a truck, who is not the owner of the vehicle used in violation of this section or any of the rules and regulations of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety, shall be adjudicated a codefendant and subject to a fine equal to ten percent (10%) of the fine assessed to the owner of such vehicle, up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

SECTION 19. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 180, is amended to read as follows:

Section 180. The following words and phrases, when used in this act Section 180 et seq. of this title, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to like words and phrases by the motor carrier statutes of Oklahoma, except as herein provided:

- 1. The term "identification application" shall mean the application as provided by the Commission Department, for making application for motor carrier vehicle identification devices; and
- 2. The term "identification device" shall mean the motor carrier vehicle identification device issued by the Commission

 Department under the provisions of this act Section 180 et seq. of this title for the purpose of identifying powered motor carrier vehicles operated under and coming within the provisions of this act Section 180 et seq. of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995.

 SECTION 20. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 180a, is

amended to read as follows:

Section 180a. It is hereby declared unlawful for any motor carrier, his or its agents or employees to operate any powered motor vehicle, as a motor carrier for hire, within this state, without the identification device issued by the Commission Department, said the device to be displayed as provided by the rules of the Commission Department.

SECTION 21. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 180b, is amended to read as follows:

Section 180b. The identification device shall be the property of the Commission Department of Public Safety at all times, and shall be subject to seizure and confiscation by the Commission Department for any good cause and at the will of the Commission Department.

SECTION 22. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 180c, is amended to read as follows:

Section 180c. The Commission Department of Public Safety may issue an order for the seizure and confiscation and return to the Commission Department of any identification device or devices, for any of the following reasons, and to direct said the order or orders to any officer of the State of Oklahoma charged with the duties of enforcing the provisions of this act and/or any other section of the motor carrier law now in force or hereinafter enacted:

1. In all cases where the motor carrier has permitted the insurance coverage, as required by law to be filed with the

Commission Department, to lapse or become cancelled or for any reason to become void and fail to meet the requirements as provided by law;

- 2. For failure on the part of any motor carrier, his or its agents or employees to comply with any part or provision of this act, or any other act or law or part or provision thereof relative to the legal operation of a for-hire motor carrier or to obey, observe or comply with any order, decision, rule or regulation, direction, demand or requirement, or any part or provision thereof, of the Commission Department;
- 3. Upon the cancellation or revocation of the certificate or permit or IRC or license under which said the identification device or devices were issued; or
- 4. For operating any powered motor vehicle in violation of the terms and provisions of this act Section 180 et seq. of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995 and all applicable size and weight laws and safety standards of this state.
- SECTION 23. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 180d, is amended to read as follows:

Section 180d. The Commission Department of Public Safety shall have the power and authority by general order or otherwise to promulgate rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this act Section 180 et seq. of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995.

1 SECTION 24. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 180e, is 2 amended to read as follows: 3 Section 180e. The Commission Department of Public Safety, in 4 its discretion, is authorized to provide for decals, cab cards, or 5 other suitable methods of identification to be displayed on or 6 carried in the truck or powered motor vehicle. 7 SECTION 25. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 180f, is 8 amended to read as follows: 9 Section 180f. The Commission Department of Public Safety is 10 hereby authorized to purchase said the identification devices in 11 sufficient amounts to supply the demand, and to purchase such other 12 officer supplies and equipment as is necessary to administer and 13 enforce the provisions of this act Section 180 et seq. of this title 14 or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995, and to pay for, or cause the same 15 to be paid for, out of the appropriation provided therefor. 16 SECTION 26. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 180g, is 17 amended to read as follows: 18 Section 180q. It shall be the duty of the Commission Department 19 of Public Safety to provide identification devices upon written 20 application of any authorized motor carrier. 21 Upon written application of any authorized motor carrier holding 22 a certificate or permit or license issued by the Commission 23 Department, the Commission Department shall issue to the motor 24 carrier a sufficient number of identification devices so that each

powered vehicle owned or to be operated by the motor carrier in the state shall bear one identification device. Identification devices shall be issued on an annual basis, and applications shall be made annually on the form prescribed by the Commission Department, and any motor carrier operating a powered vehicle without a current identification device shall be in violation of the provisions of Sections 180 through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995.

It is hereby declared unlawful for any motor carrier, or agents or employees of any motor carrier, to use or transfer an identification device except as provided by rules of the Commission Department.

SECTION 27. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 180h, is amended to read as follows:

Section 180h. The Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to collect from applicants for motor carrier and private carrier identification devices a fee of Seven Dollars (\$7.00) for registration of each of its vehicles registered under the provisions of this act Section 180 et seq. of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995; and the fee shall be in addition to any other fees now provided for by law for the registration of said the motor vehicles and shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Trucking One-Stop Shop Fund.

SECTION 28. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 180k, is amended to read as follows:

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Section 180k. All records of the Corporation Commission

Department of Public Safety under this act Section 180 et seq. of

this title shall be maintained in, and classified as all other

records in the Transportation Division of the Corporation Commission

Department of Public Safety.

SECTION 29. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1801, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1801. The Commission Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized and empowered, on behalf of the State of Oklahoma, and when it shall deem it to be in the best interest of the residents of this state so to do, to enter into reciprocal compacts and agreements with other states, or the authorized agencies thereof, when such states have made provisions substantially similar to this section, respecting the regulation of motor vehicles engaged in interstate or foreign commerce upon and over the public highways. And such compacts and agreements may provide for the granting, to the residents of such states, privileges substantially similar to those granted thereby to Oklahoma residents: Provided: (1) That no such compact or agreement shall supersede or suspend the operation of any law, rule or regulation of the State of Oklahoma which shall apply to vehicles operated intrastate in the State of Oklahoma this state; (2) That any privileges, the granting of which shall be

provided by any such compact or agreement, shall extend only in cases of full compliance with the laws of the state joining in such compact or agreement; (3) That no such compact or agreement shall supersede or suspend the operation of any law of the State of Oklahoma other than those applying to the payment of fees for registration certificates or identification devices; and (4) That the powers and authority of the Oklahoma Tax Commission to administer and enforce the tax laws of this state, pertaining to the taxation of motor vehicles, shall be in no manner superseded or suspended.

SECTION 30. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 180m, is amended to read as follows:

Section 180m. In addition to all other duties as provided by law, it is hereby declared to be, and shall be the duty of all sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, district attorneys, enforcement Port of Entry officers appointed by the Corporation Commission of the State of Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, and all highway patrolmen within the State of Oklahoma:

- 1. To enforce the provisions of Sections 180 through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995;
- 2. To apprehend and detain any motor vehicle or vehicles and driver or operator and their aides who are operating any motor vehicle, upon or along the highways of this state, for a reasonable length of time, for the purpose of investigating and determining

whether such vehicle is being operated in violation of any of the provisions of Sections 180 through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995;

- 3. To make arrests for the violation of the provisions of Sections 180 through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995, without the necessity of procuring a warrant;
- 4. To sign the necessary complaint and to cause the violator or violators to be promptly arraigned before a court of competent jurisdiction for trial;
- 5. To aid and assist in the prosecution of the violator or violators in the name of the State of Oklahoma to the end that this law shall be enforced;
- 6. To report all such arrests for violations of Sections 180 through 180m of this title to the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma

 Department of Public Safety within ten (10) days after making such arrest and to furnish such information concerning same as the Commission Department may request; and
- 7. At the request of the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety, to seize and confiscate any and all identification devices and to forward the same to the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety for cancellation.

SECTION 31. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 230.22, is amended to read as follows:

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Section 230.22. A. It is hereby declared that it is necessary in the public interest to regulate transportation by motor carriers and private carriers in such manner as to recognize the need to require all motor carriers and private carriers to have adequate insurance; for motor carriers and private carriers to provide service in a safe and efficient manner; and to establish that the operations of motor carriers and private carriers will not have a detrimental impact on the environment.

- B. The public policy of this state, as declared by the Legislature, requires that all existing intrastate certificates and permits granted by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, except household goods and used emigrant movables, prior to January 1, 1995, are hereby revoked.
- C. The provisions of the Motor Carrier Act of 1995, except as hereinafter specifically limited, shall apply to the transportation of passengers or property by motor carriers and private carriers, except motor carriers of household goods and used emigrant movables, over public highways of this state; and the regulations of such transportation, and the procurement thereof and the provisions of facilities therefor, are hereby vested in the Oklahoma Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety.
- D. Nothing herein shall be construed to interfere with the exercise by agencies of the government of the United States of its power of regulation of interstate commerce.

E. The terms and provisions of the Motor Carrier Act of 1995 shall apply to commerce with foreign nations, or commerce among the several states of this Union, insofar as such application may be permitted under the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and the Acts of Congress.

SECTION 32. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 230.23, is amended to read as follows:

Section 230.23. As used in the Motor Carrier Act of 1995:

- 1. "Person" means any individual, firm, copartnership, limited partnership, corporation, limited liability corporation, company, association, or joint-stock association and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee, or personal representative thereof;
- 2. <u>"Commission"</u> <u>"Department"</u> means the Oklahoma Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety;
- 3. "License" means the license issued under authority of the laws of the State of Oklahoma to motor carriers and private carriers;
- 4. "Interstate Registration Certificate" (IRC) means a document issued by the Commission Department granting permission to operate upon the highways of the State of Oklahoma in interstate commerce exempt from federal motor carrier regulation;
- 5. "Motor vehicle" means any automobile, truck, truck-tractor, trailer or semitrailer or any motor bus or any self-propelled vehicle not operated or driven upon fixed rails or tracks;

1 "Motor carrier of persons or property" means any person, 2 except a carrier of household goods or used emigrant movables, 3 operating upon any public highway for the transportation of 4 passengers or property for compensation or for hire or for 5 commercial purposes, and not operating exclusively within the limits 6 of an incorporated city or town within this state. Provided, the 7 provisions of the Motor Carrier Act of 1995 shall not apply to the 8 following vehicles and equipment when such vehicles and equipment 9 are being used for the following:

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- a. taxicabs and bus companies engaged in the transportation of passengers and their baggage, not operated between two or more cities and towns, when duly licensed by a municipal corporation in which they might be doing business,
- b. any person or governmental authority furnishing

 transportation for school children to and from public

 schools or to and from public-school-related

 extracurricular activities under contract with, and

 sponsored by, a public school board; provided, that

 motor vehicles and equipment operated for the purposes

 shall qualify in all respects for the transportation

 of school children under the Oklahoma School Code and

 the rules of the State Board of Education adopted

 pursuant thereto-,

- c. transport trucks transporting liquefied petroleum gases intrastate which are owned or operated by a person subject to and licensed by the Oklahoma Liquefied Petroleum Gas Regulation Act, and
- d. transportation of livestock and farm products in the raw state, when any of such commodities move from farm to market or from market to farm on a vehicle or on vehicles owned and operated by a bona fide farmer not engaged in motor vehicle transportation on a commercial scale;
- 7. "Corporate family" means a group of corporations consisting of a parent corporation and all subsidiaries in which the parent corporation owns directly or indirectly one hundred percent (100%) interest;
- 8. "Intercorporate hauling" means the transportation of property, by motor vehicle, for compensation, by a carrier which is a member of a corporate family, as defined in the Motor Carrier Act of 1995, when the transportation for compensation is provided for other members of the corporate family;
- 9. "Private carrier" means any person engaged in transportation upon public highways, of persons or property, or both, but not as a motor carrier, and includes any person who transports property by motor vehicle where such transportation is incidental to or in

furtherance of any commercial enterprise of such person, other than transportation;

- 10. "Market" means the point at which livestock and farm products in the raw state were first delivered by the producer of the livestock and farm products in the raw state, upon the sale thereof:
- 11. "Public highway" means every public street, road or highway, or thoroughfare in this state, used by the public, whether actually dedicated to the public and accepted by the proper authorities or otherwise; and
- 12. "Commercial enterprise" means all undertakings entered into for private gain or compensation, including all industrial pursuits, whether the undertakings involve the handling of or dealing in commodities for sale or otherwise.
- SECTION 33. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 230.24, is amended to read as follows:
- Section 230.24. A. The Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety is hereby vested with power and authority, and it shall be its duty:
- 1. To supervise and regulate every motor carrier whether operating between fixed termini or over a regular route or otherwise and not operating exclusively within the limits of an incorporated city or town in this state and all private carriers operating vehicles having a gross registered weight of greater than 26,000

pounds and not operating exclusively within the limits of an incorporated city or town in this state in this state;

- 2. To protect the shipping and general public by supervising and requiring insurance of all motor carriers and private carriers;
- 3. To ensure motor carriers and private carriers are complying with the applicable size and weight laws of this state and safety requirements;
- 4. To establish there will be no detrimental environmental impact; and
- 5. To supervise and regulate motor carriers in all other matters affecting the relationship between such carriers and the traveling and shipping public provided those matters do not exceed federal standards as they apply to this state.
- B. The Commission Department shall have the power and authority by general order or otherwise to prescribe rules applicable to any or all motor carriers and private carriers as applicable.
- C. The Commission shall cooperate and coordinate with the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety in regulating carrier safety, size and weight regulations of motor vehicles and the transportation of hazardous materials. The Commission may enter into interagency agreements with the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of implementing, administering and enforcing any provisions of the Oklahoma Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous Materials Transportation Act and the rules and regulations of the Department of Public Safety

<u>Department</u> may be suspended or revoked due to operations conducted in violation of any laws or rules and regulations pertaining to motor carriers, private carriers, carrier safety, size and weight regulations of motor vehicles and the transportation of hazardous materials.

SECTION 34. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 230.25, is amended to read as follows:

Section 230.25. A. Every motor carrier, subject to the Motor Carrier Act of 1995, receiving property for transportation in intrastate commerce shall issue a receipt or bill of lading therefor, the form of which shall be prescribed by the Commission Department of Public Safety.

B. Any person, motor carrier, or shipper who shall willfully violate any provisions of the Motor Carrier Act of 1995 by any means shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof be fined as provided by law.

SECTION 35. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 230.26, is amended to read as follows:

Section 230.26. When the Commission Department of Public

Safety, upon complaint, has reason to believe that any person, motor carrier, or shipper is violating or has willfully violated any provision of the Motor Carrier Act of 1995, the Commission

Department shall, upon its own initiative, file a contempt

1 proceeding and set a date for the proceeding to be heard before the 2 Commission Department, and upon conviction, the Commission 3 Department shall invoke such contempt penalties as provided herein. 4 SECTION 36. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 230.27, is 5 amended to read as follows: 6 7 8 9 10

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Section 230.27. A. Upon the filing by an intrastate motor carrier or private carrier of an application for a license, the applicant shall pay to the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety a filing fee in the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) with an original or subapplication. Any valid license issued will remain in force, unless otherwise revoked by the Commission Department in accordance with the provisions of the Motor

Every motor carrier or private carrier wishing to continue operations under the original license, shall pay to the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety an annual renewal fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). An intrastate license may be renewed for up to three (3) years.

Carrier Act of 1995, for one (1) year from date of issuance.

The Commission Department shall, upon the receipt of any fee, deposit the same in the State Treasury to the credit of the Trucking One-Stop Shop Fund.

47 O.S. 2011, Section 230.28, is SECTION 37. AMENDATORY amended to read as follows:

Section 230.28. A. It shall be unlawful for any motor carrier to operate or furnish service within this state without first having obtained from the Commission Department a license declaring that all insurance requirements have been met and that the carrier will operate within all existing rules and state laws pertaining to safety standards, size and weight requirements and, when applicable, lawful handling and disposal of hazardous materials and deleterious substances, and will operate in such a manner as to ensure there will be no detrimental environmental impact. It shall also be unlawful for any private carrier to operate or furnish service within this state without first having obtained from the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety a license declaring that all insurance requirements have been met and that the carrier will operate within all existing rules and state laws pertaining to safety standards, size and weight requirements and, when applicable, lawful handling and disposal of hazardous materials and deleterious substances, and will operate in such a manner as to ensure there will be no detrimental environmental impact. The Commission Department shall have power, and it shall be its duty, to issue the license or set the application for hearing within thirty (30) days of the Commission Department determining that the application is complete. Any such hearing shall be scheduled to occur on a date within an additional forty-five (45) business days of such

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determination. The mere filing of an application does not authorize any person to operate as a carrier.

- B. In granting applications for licenses, the Commission

 Department shall take into consideration the reliability of the applicant; the proper equipment meeting minimum safety criteria as adequate to perform the service; and the applicant's sense of responsibility toward the public and the environment.
- C. The Commission Department may, at any time after a public hearing and for good cause, suspend or revoke any license.

 Provided, the record owner of the license shall be entitled to have ten (10) days' ten-days' written notice by certified mail from the Commission Department of any hearing affecting the license, except as otherwise provided in the Motor Carrier Act of 1995. The right of appeal from such order or orders shall be given as in other cases appealed from orders of the Commission Department.
- D. The Commission Department shall be authorized to exercise any additional power that may from time to time be conferred upon the state by any Act of Congress. The Commission Department shall adopt rules prescribing the manner and form in which motor carriers and private carriers shall apply for licenses required by the Motor Carrier Act of 1995. Among other rules adopted, the application shall be in writing and shall set forth the following facts:
- 1. The name and address of the applicant and the names and addresses of its officers, if any;

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2. Full information concerning the physical properties of the applicant; and

3. Such other information as the Commission Department may consider pertinent to the application.

SECTION 38. 47 O.S. 2011, Section 230.29, is AMENDATORY amended to read as follows:

Section 230.29. A. As used in this section:

- 1. "Authorized carrier" means a person or persons authorized to engage in the transportation of passengers or property as a licensed motor carrier;
- 2. "Equipment" means a motor vehicle, straight truck, tractor, semitrailer, full trailer, any combination of these and any other type of equipment used by authorized carriers in the transportation of passengers or property for hire;
- 3. "Owner" means a person to whom title to equipment has been issued, or who, without title, has the right to exclusive use of equipment for a period longer than thirty (30) days;
- 4. "Lease" means a contract or arrangement in which the owner grants the use of equipment, with or without driver, for a specified period to an authorized carrier for use in the regulated transportation of passengers or property, in exchange for compensation;
- 5. "Lessor", in a lease, means the party granting the use of equipment, with or without driver, to another;

- 6. "Lessee", in a lease, means the party acquiring the use of equipment, with or without driver, from another;
- 7. "Addendum" means a supplement to an existing lease which is not effective until signed by the lessor and lessee; and
- 8. "Shipper" means a person who sends or receives passengers or property which is transported in intrastate commerce in this state.
- B. An authorized carrier may perform authorized transportation in equipment it does not own only under the following conditions:
- 1. There shall be a written lease granting the use of the equipment and meeting the requirements as set forth in subsection C of this section;
- 2. The authorized carrier acquiring the use of equipment under this section shall identify the equipment in accordance with the requirements of the Commission Department of Public Safety; and
- 3. Upon termination of the lease, the authorized carrier shall remove all identification showing it as the operating carrier before giving up possession of the equipment.
- C. The written lease required pursuant to subsection B of this section shall contain the following provisions. The required lease provisions shall be adhered to and performed by the authorized carrier as follows:
- 1. The lease shall be made between the authorized carrier and the owner of the equipment. The lease shall be signed by these parties or by their authorized representatives;

The lease shall specify the time and date or the circumstances on which the lease begins and ends and include a description of the equipment which shall be identified by vehicle serial number, make, year model and current license plate number;
 The period for which the lease applies shall be for thirt;

- 3. The period for which the lease applies shall be for thirty (30) days or more when the equipment is to be operated for the authorized carrier by the owner or an employee of the owner;
- 4. The lease shall provide that the authorized carrier lessee shall have exclusive possession, control and use of the equipment for the duration of the lease. The lease shall further provide that the authorized carrier lessee shall assume complete responsibility for the operation of the equipment for the duration of the lease;
- 5. The amount to be paid by the authorized carrier for equipment and driver's services shall be clearly stated on the face of the lease or in an addendum which is attached to the lease;
- 6. The lease shall clearly specify the responsibility of each party with respect to the cost of fuel, fuel taxes, empty mileage, permits of all types, tolls, detention and accessorial services, base plates and licenses, and any unused portions of such items. Except when the violation results from the acts or omissions of the lessor, the authorized carrier lessee shall assume the risks and costs of fines for overweight and oversize trailers when the trailers are preloaded, sealed, or the load is containerized, or when the trailer or lading is otherwise outside of the lessor's

control, and for improperly permitted overdimension and overweight loads and shall reimburse the lessor for any fines paid by the lessor. If the authorized carrier is authorized to receive a refund or a credit for base plates purchased by the lessor from, and issued in the name of, the authorized carrier, or if the base plates are authorized to be sold by the authorized carrier to another lessor the authorized carrier shall refund to the initial lessor on whose behalf the base plate was first obtained a prorated share of the amount received;

- 7. The lease shall specify that payment to the lessor shall be made by the authorized carrier within fifteen (15) days after submission of the necessary delivery documents and other paperwork concerning a trip in the service of the authorized carrier. The paperwork required before the lessor can receive payment is limited to those documents necessary for the authorized carrier to secure payment from the shipper. The authorized carrier may require the submission of additional documents by the lessor but not as a prerequisite to payment;
- 8. The lease shall clearly specify the right of the lessor, regardless of method of compensation, to examine copies of the documentation of the carrier upon which charges are assessed;
- 9. The lease shall clearly specify all items that may be initially paid for by the authorized carrier, but ultimately deducted from the compensation of the lessor at the time of payment

or settlement together with a recitation as to how the amount of each item is to be computed. The lessor shall be afforded copies of those documents which are necessary to determine the validity of the charge;

- 10. The lease shall specify that the lessor is not required to purchase or rent any products, equipment, or services from the authorized carrier as a condition of entering into the lease arrangement;
 - 11. As it relates to insurance:

- of the authorized carrier to maintain insurance coverage for the protection of the public, and
- b. the lease shall clearly specify the conditions under which deductions for cargo or property damage may be made from the lessor's settlements. The lease shall further specify that the authorized carrier must provide the lessor with a written explanation and itemization of any deductions for cargo or property damage made from any compensation of money owed to the lessor. The written explanation and itemization must be delivered to the lessor before any deductions are made; and
- 12. An original and two copies of each lease shall be signed by the parties. The authorized carrier shall keep the original and

shall place a copy of the lease in the equipment during the period of the lease. The owner of the equipment shall keep the other copy of the lease.

D. The provisions of this section shall apply to the leasing of equipment with which to perform transportation regulated by the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety by motor carriers holding a license from the Commission Department to transport passengers or property.

SECTION 39. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 230.30, is amended to read as follows:

Section 230.30. A. No license shall be issued by the Commission Department of Public Safety to any carrier until after the carrier shall have filed with the Commission Department a liability insurance policy or bond covering public liability and property damage, issued by some insurance or bonding company or insurance carrier authorized pursuant to this section and which has complied with all of the requirements of the Commission Department, which bond or policy shall be approved by the Commission Department, and shall be in a sum and amount as fixed by a proper order of the Commission Department; and the liability and property damage insurance policy or bond shall bind the obligor thereunder to make compensation for injuries to, or death of, persons, and loss or damage to property, resulting from the operation of any carrier for which the carrier is legally liable. A copy of the policy or bond

shall be filed with the Commission Department, and, after judgment against the carrier for any damage, the injured party may maintain an action upon the policy or bond to recover the same, and shall be a proper party to maintain such action.

Department a cargo insurance policy or bond covering any goods or property being transported, issued by some insurance or bonding company or insurance carrier authorized as set forth below, and which has complied with all of the requirements of the Commission Department, which bond or policy shall be approved by the Commission Department, and shall be in a sum and amount as fixed by a proper order of the Commission Department. The cargo insurance must be filed with the Commission Department prior to a license being issued by the Commission Department, unless the motor carrier has been exempted from this requirement.

Intrastate motor carriers of sand, rock, gravel, asphaltic mixtures or other similar road building materials shall not be required to file cargo insurance and shall be required to maintain liability insurance limits of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) combined single limit.

No carrier, whose principal place of business is in Oklahoma, shall conduct any operations in this state unless the operations are covered by a valid primary bond or insurance policy issued by a provider authorized or approved by the State Insurance Commissioner.

No carrier shall conduct any operations in this state unless the operations are covered by a valid bond or insurance policy issued by a provider authorized and approved by a National Association of Insurance Commissioners and certified by the State Insurance Commission Commissioner.

- C. Each carrier shall maintain on file, in full force, all insurance required by the laws of this state and the rules of the Commission Department during the operation of the carrier and that the failure for any cause to maintain the coverage in full force and effect shall immediately, without any notice from the Commission Department, suspend the rights of the carrier to operate until proper insurance is provided. Any carrier suspended for failure to maintain proper insurance shall have a reasonable time, not exceeding sixty (60) days, to have its license reactivated, and to provide proper insurance upon showing:
- 1. No operation during the period in which it did not have insurance; and
 - 2. Furnishing of proper insurance coverage.
- D. Any carrier who fails to reactivate its license within sixty (60) days after the suspension, as above provided, shall have the license canceled, by operation of law, without any notice from the Commission Department. No license so canceled shall be reinstated or otherwise made operative except that the Commission Department may reinstate the license of a carrier upon proper showing that the

carrier was actually covered by proper insurance during the suspension or cancellation period, and that failure to file with the Commission Department was not due to the negligence of the carrier.

Any carrier desiring to file for reinstatement of its license shall do so within ninety (90) days of its cancellation by law.

E. The Commission Department shall, in its discretion, permit the filing of certificates of insurance coverage or such form as may be prescribed by the Commission Department, in lieu of copies of insurance policies or bonds, with the proviso that if the certificates are authorized the insurance company or carrier so filing it, upon request of the Commission Department, will, at any time, furnish an authenticated copy of the policy which the certificate represents, and further provided that thirty (30) days prior to effective cancellation or termination of the policy of insurance for any cause, the insurer shall so notify the Commission Department in writing of the facts or as deemed necessary by the Commission Department.

SECTION 40. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 230.31, is amended to read as follows:

Section 230.31. A. Nothing contained in the Motor Carrier Act of 1995 shall be construed to authorize the operation of any passenger or freight vehicle in excess of the gross weight, width, length or height authorized by law.

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- Any person who willfully advertises to perform transportation services for which the person does not hold a license shall be in violation of the Motor Carrier Act of 1995 and subject to the penalties prescribed for contempt of the Commission Department of Public Safety.
- C. All licenses issued by the Commission Department under any law of the state relating to motor carriers or private carriers shall contain the provision that the Commission Department reserves to itself authority to suspend or cancel any such license for the violation, on the part of the applicant or any operator or operators of any motor vehicle to be operated thereunder, of any law of this state or any rule adopted by the Commission Department.
- D. Licenses shall be considered personal to the holder of the license and shall be issued only to some definite legal entity operating motor vehicles as a motor carrier or private carrier, and shall not be subject to lease, nor shall the holder of the license sublet or permit the exercise, by another, of the rights or privileges granted under the license.
- AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 230.32, is SECTION 41. amended to read as follows:

Section 230.32. The Commission Department of Public Safety shall have the power and authority by general order or otherwise to promulgate rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Motor Carrier Act of 1995.

SECTION 42. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 230.34a, is amended to read as follows:

Section 230.34a. A. Any person, firm, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation owning or possessing a vehicle and required to register the vehicle under the laws of this state for the purpose of transporting farm products in a raw state may receive a harvest permit from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety.

- B. The harvest permit shall be recognized in lieu of registration, fuel permit and intrastate operating authority in this state. The harvest permit shall be issued to the operating motor carrier.
- C. Each permit shall be valid for a period of thirty (30) or sixty (60) days. The permit shall identify the time and date of its issuance and shall additionally reflect its effective and expiration dates.
- D. The following information shall be required of an applicant for a harvest permit and shall apply to each vehicle to be operated under the permit:
 - 1. Owner of the vehicle;
 - 2. Vehicle registrant;

3. Make, model, year, license plate number, state of registration and VIN of each vehicle which will be operated under the permit; and

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- The operating carrier must provide a certificate that each vehicle is operating under a liability insurance policy valid in Oklahoma for Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) or more.
- There shall be a fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per axle for Ε. a thirty-day permit or Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00) per axle for a sixty-day permit, for each vehicle registered pursuant to the Motor Carrier Harvest Permit Act of 2006. Revenue derived from this fee shall be apportioned as follows:
- 1. One-half (1/2) of the revenue shall be deposited in the Weigh Station Improvement Revolving Fund as set forth in Section 1167 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and
- 2. The remaining amount shall be deposited in the One-Stop Trucking Fund as set forth in Section 1167 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- A harvest permit may be extended in fifteen-day increments. The permit holder shall be required to pay the additional prorated portion of the tag fee at Eight Dollars and seventy-five cents (\$8.75) per axle per fifteen-day extension.
- G. An application for a harvest permit shall be made to the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety. The Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety shall allow applications to be submitted by facsimile and electronically. The Commission

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<u>Department</u> must provide reasonable access for persons to obtain a harvest permit before taking enforcement action.

- H. If found to be in violation of the Motor Carrier Harvest
 Permit Act of 2006 for failure to obtain or maintain a current
 harvest permit, the operating carrier shall post bond in the amount
 of the cost of the harvest permit and shall be allowed seventy-two
 (72) hours to apply for the permit. If the operating carrier makes
 application within seventy-two (72) hours, the bond amount will be
 applied toward the harvest permit fee.
- I. A harvest permit does not exempt its holder from federal or state safety regulations nor from the state's size and weight laws or rules.
- J. The Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety may enter into an agreement with any person or corporation located within or outside of the state for transmission of harvest permits by way of facsimile or other device when the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety determines that such agreements are in the best interest of the state.
- K. The Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety may promulgate rules to administer the provisions of the Motor Carrier Harvest Permit Act of 2006.

SECTION 43. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 230.6, as last amended by Section 8, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2013 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 230.6), is amended to read as follows:

Section 230.6. A. No person prohibited from operating a commercial vehicle shall operate such commercial motor vehicle, nor shall any person authorize or require a person who has been prohibited from such operation of a motor vehicle to operate a commercial motor vehicle.

- B. No person shall operate, authorize to operate, or require the operation of any vehicle or the use of any container when the person has been placed out-of-service or the vehicle or container has been marked out-of-service until all requirements of the out-of-service order of the person have been met or all required corrections for the vehicle or container have been made; provided, upon approval of the Department of Public Safety, the vehicle or container may be moved to another location for the purpose of repair or correction.
- C. No person shall remove an out-of-service marking from a transport vehicle or container unless all required corrections have been made and the vehicle or container has been inspected and approved by an authorized officer, employee, or agent of the Department. No person shall return to duty unless all requirements of the out-of-service order have been met and the person has been approved to return to duty by an authorized officer, employee or agent of the Department.
- D. No employer shall knowingly allow, require, permit or authorize an employee to operate a commercial motor vehicle:

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- 1. During any period in which the employee:
 - a. has had driving privileges to operate a commercial motor vehicle suspended, revoked, canceled, denied or disqualified,
 - b. has had driving privileges to operate a commercial motor vehicle disqualified,
 - c. is not licensed to operate a commercial motor vehicle; provided, this subparagraph shall not apply to any person who is the holder of a valid commercial learner permit issued by the Department in conjunction with a Class D driver license,
 - d. has more than one commercial driver license; provided, this subparagraph shall not apply to any person who is the holder of a valid commercial learner permit issued by the Department in conjunction with a Class A, B or C driver license,
 - e. does not have the proper class or endorsements on the driver license or commercial learner permit, or
 - f. is in violation of any restriction on the driver license or commercial learner permit;
- 2. During any period in which the employee, the commercial motor vehicle which the employee is operating, the motor carrier business or operation, or the employer is subject to an out-of-service order; or

3. In violation:

- a. of a federal, state, or local law, regulation, or ordinance pertaining to railroad-highway grade crossings, or
- b. of any restriction on the driver license or commercial learner permit of the employee.
- E. An employer who is determined by the Commissioner of Public Safety to have committed a violation of subsection D of this section shall be subject to an administrative penalty of not less than Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,750.00) nor more than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).
- of Claim that a violation of any provision of this section shall be a conviction for purposes of paragraph 2 of subsection A and subsection G of Section 6-205.2 of this title, twenty-five (25) days after issuance, unless dismissed by order following an administrative hearing. The conviction shall be reported to CDLIS in accordance with Section 18-101 of this title.
- <u>G.</u> An employee who is determined by the Commissioner to have committed a violation of any provision of this section shall be subject to an administrative penalty of not less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

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H. For any violation of a provision of this section identified

during a Compliance Review/Investigation, the administrative penalty

amount shall be in accordance with federal regulations and

determined by utilizing the Uniform Fine Assessment (UFA) software

and any successor software now or hereafter used by the Federal

Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

SECTION 44. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 230.9, as amended by Section 13, Chapter 283, O.S.L. 2012 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 230.9), is amended to read as follows:

Section 230.9. A. The transportation of any property in commerce, including hazardous materials or the transportation of passengers for compensation or for hire by bus, that is not in compliance with the Oklahoma Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous Materials Transportation Act or the rules issued pursuant thereto, is prohibited.

- B. Pursuant to the provisions of this section and except as otherwise provided by subsection subsections D and E of this section, any person who is determined by the Commissioner of Public Safety to have committed:
- 1. An act which is a violation of a recordkeeping requirement of this title or of any rule or regulation promulgated thereto or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1984, such person shall be liable to the State of Oklahoma for an administrative penalty not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each offense; provided

that the total of all administrative penalties assessed against any violator pursuant to this paragraph for all offenses related to any single violation shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00);

- 2. An act or acts other than recordkeeping requirements, which evidences a serious pattern of safety violations, as determined by the Commissioner, such person shall be liable to the State of Oklahoma for an administrative penalty not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense, provided, the maximum fine for each pattern of safety violations shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). The Commissioner may consider present and prior offenses in determining a serious pattern of safety violations; or
- 3. An act or acts which evidences to the Commissioner, that a substantial health or safety violation exists or has occurred which could reasonably lead to or has resulted in serious personal injury or death, such person shall be liable to the State of Oklahoma for an administrative penalty not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each offense.
- C. Each day of violation as specified in subsection B of this section shall constitute a separate single violation/offense.
- D. Except for recordkeeping violations, no administrative penalty shall be assessed pursuant to the provisions of this section, against an employee of any person subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous Materials

Transportation Act for a violation unless the Commissioner determines that such actions of the employee constituted gross negligence or reckless disregard for safety in which case such employee shall be liable for an administrative penalty not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

- E. For violations identified during a Compliance

 Review/Investigation, the administrative penalty amount shall be in accordance with federal regulations and determined by utilizing the Uniform Fine Assessment (UFA) software and any successor software now or hereafter used by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety

 Administration.
- <u>F.</u> In determining the amount of any administrative penalty and the reasonable amount of time for abatement of the violation, the Commissioner shall include, but not be limited to, consideration of the nature of the violation, circumstances and of the violation, extent of the violation, gravity of the violation, and with respect to the person found to have committed the violation, the degree of culpability, history of prior offenses, effect on ability to continue to do business and such other matters as justice and public safety may require. In each case, the penalty shall be calculated to induce further compliance.
- \overline{F} . \overline{G} . The Commissioner or his \overline{O} designated representative shall assess the amount of any administrative penalty, after notice and an opportunity for hearing, by written notice to the violator

together with notice of findings in the case. An appeal therefrom may be made to the district court of Oklahoma County pursuant to the provisions of Sections 318 through 323 of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

- \overline{G} . An administrative penalty assessed by the Commissioner may be recovered:
- 1. In an action brought by the Attorney General on behalf of the State of Oklahoma. However, before referral to the Attorney General, the administrative penalty may be compromised by the Commissioner:
- 2. By the Commissioner in the appropriate district court of the State of Oklahoma; $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$
- 3. By the Commissioner in an administrative hearing conducted by the Department of Public Safety.
- I. The Department may file an itemization of unpaid administrative penalties, fees and charges with the Oklahoma Tax

 Commission for collection at the time of registration of the vehicle. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall not issue or renew a vehicle's registration upon receipt of an itemization of unpaid administrative penalties, fees and charges from the Department until paid.
- J. The state agency granted with the authority to issue intrastate operating authority shall suspend the operating authority

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of any intrastate carrier who fails to pay the administrative penalties, fees and charges imposed by this subsection until paid.

- K. The Department may deny issuance of documentation needed for operation of a commercial motor vehicle including but not limited to permits, certificates and contracts, when an entity or person has unpaid administrative penalties, fees or charges, until paid.
- L. The Department shall issue an order placing the operating authority of any intrastate carrier out-of-service on the sixtyfirst day after the date of a notice of proposed "unsatisfactory"

 safety rating issued by the Department following a Compliance Review or Investigation. The Department shall use the Federal Motor

 Carrier Safety Administration safety rating methodology. The outof-service order or suspension of operating authority shall remain in place until the Department determines that the carrier has remedied the safety issue as determined by the Department. The carrier shall also be placed out of service if it does not allow the Department to conduct a compliance review/investigation.
- M. If a motor carrier is found to be operating any vehicle while operating authority is suspended, in violation of an out-of-service order or with past due administrative penalties, fees and charges owed to the Department, the Department may hold the vehicle until cleared.
- ${\rm H.~N.}$ The first One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) of the administrative penalties collected each fiscal year pursuant to

the provisions of the Oklahoma Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous

Materials Transportation Act shall be deposited in the General

Revenue Fund of the State of Oklahoma. All other monies collected in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) each fiscal year shall be deposited to the credit of the Department of Public Safety Restricted Revolving Fund for the purpose of administering the Oklahoma Motor Carrier Safety and Hazardous Materials

Transportation Act.

SECTION 45. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1120.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1120.1. A. The Corporation Commission Department of

Public Safety, when in the interest of the State of Oklahoma and its

residents, may enter into the International Registration Plan or

other compacts or agreements with other states to permit motor

vehicle registration and license taxes on any motor vehicle to be

used as a rental motor vehicle as defined in the International

Registration Plan.

- B. The Tax Commission or Corporation Commission the Department of Public Safety, as applicable, shall require that each rental motor vehicle be assessed the following registration fees in lieu of the fee schedule set forth in Section 1132 of this title:
- 1. A fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) shall be assessed for the first year of registration in this or any other state; and

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2. A fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) shall be assessed in the first year and each subsequent year of registration in this or any other state.

C. Upon registration and payment of the fees required by this section, the owner shall receive a license plate which shall be valid until the vehicle is permanently withdrawn from the rental fleet of the owner.

47 O.S. 2011, Section 1167, as SECTION 46. AMENDATORY last amended by Section 1, Chapter 373, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1167), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1167. A. The Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to promulgate rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act to establish the amounts of fees, fines and penalties as set forth in Section 1166 et seq. of this The Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety shall notify all interested parties of any proposed rules to be promulgated as provided herein and shall provide such parties an opportunity to be heard prior to promulgation.

- The Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety shall adjudicate enforcement actions initiated by Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety personnel.
- C. Revenue derived from all fines and penalties collected or received by the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety

pursuant to the provisions of the Trucking One-Stop Shop Act shall be apportioned as follows:

1. For <u>for</u> the period beginning August 23, 2013, the first

Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) collected or received

each fiscal year shall be remitted to the Department of Public

Safety for the purpose of staffing the port of entry weigh stations

to conduct safety inspections. The next Five Hundred Fifty Thousand

Dollars (\$550,000.00) shall be remitted to the Oklahoma Tax

Commission and apportioned as provided in Section 1104 of this

title; and.

- 2. The remaining amount shall be deposited to the Trucking One-Stop Shop Fund created in subsection D of this section.
- D. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Corporation Commission Department of Transportation to be known and designated as the "Trucking One-Stop Shop Fund". The Trucking One-Stop Shop Fund shall consist of:
- All funds apportioned thereto in subsection C of this section;
- 2. Fees collected by the Commission Department of Public Safety to be retained as a motor license agent or other Corporation

 Commission Department of Public Safety registration or motor fuel fees as allowed by statute or rule; and
- 3. Any other monies to be utilized for the Trucking One-Stop Shop Act.

The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall not be subject to legislative appropriation. Monies in the Trucking One-Stop Shop Fund shall only be expended for direct expenses relating to the Trucking One-Stop Shop Act.

Expenditures from the revolving fund shall be made pursuant to the laws of this state. In addition, expenditures from the revolving fund may be made pursuant to The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act for the purpose of immediately responding to emergency situations, within the Commission's jurisdiction, having potentially critical environmental or public safety impact. Warrants for expenditures from the fund shall be drawn by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

E. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Department of Transportation to be designated the "Weigh Station Improvement Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations or legislative appropriations, and shall consist of all monies deposited thereto. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Department for the purpose of constructing, equipping and maintaining facilities to determine the weight of vehicles traveling on the roads and highways of this state. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against

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Section 1169. A. The Corporation Commission Department of

Public Safety is authorized to revoke, suspend or deny the issuance,

extension or reinstatement of any Corporation Commission Department

of Public Safety issued motor carrier or commercial motor vehicle

license, permit, registration, certificate or duplicate copy thereof

issued pursuant to the jurisdiction of the Corporation Commission

Department of Public Safety, to any person who shall be guilty of:

- 1. Violation of any of the provisions of applicable state law;
- 2. Violation of rules promulgated by the Corporation Commission
 Department of Public Safety;
- 3. Failure to observe or fulfill the conditions upon which the license, permit, registration or certificate was issued;
- 4. Nonpayment of any delinquent tax, fee or penalty to the Commission Department or the State of Oklahoma; or
- 5. Nonpayment of a uniform base state program delinquent tax, fee or penalty to a state or province participating with the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety in that program.
- B. The interest or penalty or any portion thereof ordinarily accruing by failure of the motor carrier, registrant or licensee to properly file a report or return may be waived or reduced by the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety. No interest or penalties in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be allowed except by order of the Commission Department.

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C. The Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety shall promulgate rules setting forth the revocation, suspension or denial of a motor carrier or commercial motor vehicle certificate, registration, license or permit issued pursuant to the jurisdiction of the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety. The Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety shall additionally promulgate rules allowing for the collection and remittance of financial liabilities owed by a motor carrier, registrant, licensee or permittee to a state or province participating with the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety in a uniform base state program or to another state agency.

D. Upon the revocation or expiration of any motor carrier or commercial motor vehicle license, permit, registration or certificate issued pursuant to the jurisdiction of the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety, all accrued taxes, fees and penalties due and payable under the terms of state law, rules or order imposing or levying such tax, fee or penalty shall become due and payable concurrently upon the revocation or expiration of the license, permit, registration or certificate and the licensee, permittee, registrant or certificate holder shall forthwith make a report covering the period of time not covered by preceding reports filed by said the person and ending with the date of the revocation or expiration and shall pay all such taxes, fees or penalties owed.

1 E. No person shall knowingly, or intentionally, present an 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 SECTION 49. AMENDATORY 9 10 follows:

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altered or fraudulent credential or document to the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety or to any duly authorized peace officer. Any person or persons violating the provisions of this subsection shall be found guilty of contempt of the Commission Department and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense. Section 2, Chapter 262, O.S.L.

2012 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1201), is amended to read as

Section 1201. As used in the Oklahoma Weigh Station Act of 2012:

- "Authority" means the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority;
- "Commission" "Department" means the Corporation Commission Department of Public Safety;
 - 3. "Fixed facility" means a weigh station or a port of entry;
- "Port of entry" means a facility, in close proximity to a 4. state line, designed to electronically weigh and screen motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles for compliance with federal and state statutes and rules, allowing compliant carriers to proceed with minimal or no delay;
- 5. "Roadside enforcement" means a temporary location, with or without portable or semi-portable scales, used to randomly check

commercial motor vehicles or motor carriers for compliance with federal or state statutes or rules;

- 6. "Weigh station" means a stationary and permanent weighing facility with fixed scales owned by the state where commercial motor vehicles are checked for compliance with weight and size standards. Weigh stations are also utilized to enforce federal and state laws and rules applicable to motor carriers and the operation of commercial motor vehicles and their drivers; and
- 7. "North American Standard Inspection" means a Level I, Level II, Level III, Hazardous Materials, Cargo Tank or Passenger Carrier inspection conducted by an individual certified by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to conduct such inspections.

SECTION 50. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 262, O.S.L. 2012, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 373, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1202), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1202. A. The Department of Transportation, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority and the Corporation Commission

Department of Public Safety may enter into interagency agreements concerning the equipment, maintenance and operations of fixed facilities. From July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, the Department of Transportation and the Corporation Commission may enter into interagency agreements concerning the equipment, maintenance and operations of fixed facilities.

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The Department of Transportation, the Authority and the Commission Department shall endeavor to electronically upgrade weigh stations as practical to minimize the duplication of inspections for compliant commercial motor vehicles and motor carriers.

C. The Commission Effective July 1, 2021, all powers, duties and responsibilities exercised by the International Registration Plan Section, the International Fuel Tax Agreement, the Unified Carrier Registration program, and the administration of trip permits, temporary fuel permits and harvest permits shall be transferred from the Corporation Commission to the Department of Public Safety.

D. Beginning July 1, 2021, the Department shall operate all current and future ports of entry weigh stations eighteen (18) to twenty (20) hours a day and seven (7) days a week upon the availability of funds.

D. The Commission shall continue to conduct roadside enforcement in the general area where a fixed facility is planned but no fixed facility currently exists until a fixed facility is located in the general area or July 1, 2016, whichever is earlier.

E. When a fixed facility is located in the general area, Commission motor carrier and commercial motor vehicle enforcement shall be limited to the fixed facility and a radius surrounding the facility. If the fixed facility is a weigh station as defined in Section 1201 of this title, the applicable radius shall be seven (7)

miles. If the fixed facility is a port of entry weigh station as defined in Section 1201 of this title, the applicable radius shall be twenty-five (25) miles.

F. The Commission may assist in roadside enforcement in a joint effort at the request of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

- G. The Commission is authorized to conduct audits, reviews, investigations, inspections or other enforcement actions by enforcement officers provided those activities are within the scope of the Commission's jurisdiction and are not conducted as roadside enforcement in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Weigh Station Act of 2012.
- H. E. The Commission Department may enter into interagency cooperative agreements with other state or federal agencies to jointly enforce federal and state laws or rules.
- F. North American Standard Inspections shall be conducted only by individuals holding certification in the level or classification of inspection being conducted.
- SECTION 51. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 262, O.S.L. 2012 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1203), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1203. A. A commercial motor vehicle, its driver or a motor carrier may not be cited for the same violation of motor carrier or commercial motor vehicle requirements on the same date by any Oklahoma officer, provided neither the vehicle configuration nor

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the load has changed. This subsection is not applicable to a
Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance out-of-service violation.
    В.
       The Corporation Commission and the Department of Public
Safety or other state or local agencies may enter into interagency
agreements to share information electronically to facilitate this
section.
    SECTION 52.
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                                47 O.S. 2011, Sections 171 and
172.1, are hereby repealed.
    SECTION 53. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.
    SECTION 54. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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