1	SENATE FLOOR VERSION April 9, 2019					
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4	HOUSE BILL NO. 1972 By: Ford of the House					
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10	[ motor vehicles - load capacity violations -					
11	expenditure of funds - fees - Corporation Commission collection authorization - Motor Carrier Act of 1995 - Nonconsensual Towing Act of 2011 - transferability of license plates - issuance of certificate of registration, license plates and decals - confidentiality of reports - maintenance and operation of fixed facilities - repealers - emergency ]					
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:					
18	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 170.2, is					
19	amended to read as follows:					
20	Section 170.2. A. The Department of Public Safety, monthly,					
21	shall notify the Oklahoma Corporation Commission of any ticket					
22	issued for a violation of the provisions of Section 14-119 of this					
23	title, or any provisions of Chapter 14 of this title or the terms of					
24	any special permit authorized pursuant to the provisions of Chapter					

14 of this title concerning overweight or overweight special permits.

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3 Truck overweight violations by motor carriers or private carriers identified during size and weight compliance audits 4 5 conducted by the Commission shall be considered contempt of Commission motor carrier rules, tariffs and regulations. 6 7 Commission shall establish a specific rule whereby such overweight violations by motor carriers or private carriers shall be grounds 9 for issuance of a show-cause order for consideration of temporary or 10 permanent cancellation of operating authority or license. 11 establishing the rule, consideration shall be given to the frequency 12 of violations, pattern of violations, fleet size, type of operation, amount of overweight, and other such factors that may indicate 13 intent. Any person, firm, or corporation that assists in the 14 15 commission of such overweight violation or refuses to comply with any rule, regulation, or order of the Commission relating thereto 16 shall be guilty of contempt of the Commission and shall be subject 17 to a fine to be imposed by said Commission in a sum not to exceed 18 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) on each violation. In the specific 19 instance of an oversize or overweight violation, the transportation 20 of each load shall constitute a separate violation. The same fine 21 assessed against the motor carrier or private carrier shall apply to 22 any other person, firm, or corporation that aids or abets such 23 24 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. The Commission, 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 Commission Rules of Practice, Chapter 5 of Title 165 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code.
- SECTION 2. 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 Revolving Fund via appropriations or a Commission 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 employ four special motor carrier enforcement officers (MCEOs), motor vehicle enforcement officers (MVEOs) and one supervisor-officer enforcement managers 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

1	Motor Carrier	Act and any other applicable investigation and
2	regulatory en	forcement of those provisions of law Titles 17, 47, 66
3	and 68 of the	Oklahoma Statutes relating to commercial
4	transportatio	n over which the Commission has been assigned
5	jurisdiction	and related Commission rules. Such employees
6	<u>a.</u>	MCEOs, MVEOs and enforcement managers shall be
7		compensated as for similar service in the same or
8		other departments of the state and an receive a
9		monthly expense allowance of One Hundred Dollars
10		(\$100.00) per month as determined by the Commission
11		for maintenance and cleaning of uniforms and other
12		related expenses shall be paid to such employees.
13	<u>b.</u>	MCEOs, enforcement managers and MVEOs must be on duty
14		and in uniform each month to qualify for the uniform
15		maintenance, cleaning and other related expenses
16		allowance.
17	<u>C.</u>	Nothing in this section regarding expense allowances
18		shall be construed to mean that such employees shall
19		receive any additional compensation beyond what is
20		provided for maintenance and cleaning of uniforms and
21		other related expenses by the Corporation Commission

2. The Commission shall purchase a sufficient number of motor vehicles to provide each motor carrier enforcement officer  $\underline{and}$ 

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1 enforcement manager employed in the Transportation Division a motor 2 vehicle suitable to carry out the enforcement provisions of 3 applicable law assigned duties. Said vehicles assigned to MCEOs shall be appropriately marked as official vehicles and radio. Said 4 5 vehicles assigned to enforcement managers may be unmarked at the discretion of the Commission. All vehicles assigned to MCEOs or 6 7 enforcement managers shall be equipped as determined by the Commission. All costs for operation, maintenance and replacement of 8 9 the motor vehicles authorized in this section shall be provided for 10 from the Corporation appropriations to the Commission or a

Commission Revolving Fund. revolving fund; and

12 The Commission shall employ a hearing officer administrative law judges whose primary responsibility responsibilities shall be 13 include the adjudication of regulatory enforcement proceedings and 14 15 complaints brought against persons engaged in unauthorized 16 transportation or disposal of deleterious substances or other unauthorized transportation or motor carriers alleged to be in 17 violation of the Oklahoma Motor Carrier Act or the rules and 18 19 regulations of motor carriers as promulgated by the Corporation any 20 provision of Titles 17, 47, 66 and 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes relating to commercial transportation over which the Commission has 21 been assigned jurisdiction and related Commission rules. 22 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 172, is 23

24 amended to read as follows:

1	Section 172. A. Every owner of any motor vehicle, the agents
2	or employees of the owner, and every other motor carrier or person
3	who violates, or refuses or fails to comply with or procures, or
4	aids, or abets in, the violation of <del>Sections 161 through 180m of</del>
5	this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995, or who fails to obey,
6	observe, or comply with any order, decision, rule or regulation,
7	direction, demand, or requirement of the Corporation Commission, or
8	who procures, aids or abets any corporation or person in the
9	person's, or its, refusal or willful failure to obey, observe or
. 0	comply with any such order, decision, rule, direction, demand, or
.1	regulation any of those provisions of Titles 17, 47, 66 and 68 of
.2	the Oklahoma Statutes relating to commercial transportation over
. 3	which the Corporation Commission has been assigned jurisdiction and
4	related Commission rules shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.
.5	Upon conviction in a criminal court of competent jurisdiction, such
6	misdemeanor is punishable by contempt of the Commission and shall be
_7	<u>subject to</u> a <u>civil</u> fine <del>of</del> not exceeding One Thousand Dollars
. 8	(\$1,000.00) per violation, per day unless otherwise specified by
9	law. Each day on which such contempt occurs shall be deemed a
20	separate and distinct offense. All roadside enforcement and fixed
21	facility fines collected pursuant to the provisions of this section
22	shall be deposited in the Trucking One-Stop Shop Fund, as created in
23	Section 1167 of this title, while fines paid as a result of a
24	Commission enforcement order shall be deposited in the Commission's

Revolving Fund. Fine limits in this subsection shall not apply to violations relating to deleterious substances set forth in Section 177.3 of this title.

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- B. The Corporation Commission 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 through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995 or any rule of the Corporation Commission promulgated pursuant to the provisions of Sections 161 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, the Attorney General or any district attorney, to comply with the provisions of this section, shall be deemed official misconduct. The Corporation Commission 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.
- C. Any person failing, neglecting or refusing to comply with the provisions of Sections 161 through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995, or with any rule, regulation, or

requirement of the Corporation Commission promulgated pursuant to the provisions of Sections 161 through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995, shall be quilty of contempt of the Corporation Commission, and shall be subject to a fine to be imposed by the Corporation Commission 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 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 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 such other staff as necessary to fulfill the duties and responsibilities assigned to the Transportation Division.

The employees shall be allowed actual and necessary travel expenses

pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

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All of the expense claims shall be presented and paid monthly timely.

- E. Enforcement officers C. Corporation Commission MCEOs and enforcement managers shall be certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) and shall have the primary duties of investigation and regulatory enforcement of those provisions of Titles 17, 47, 66 and 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes relating to commercial transportation over which the Commission has been assigned jurisdiction and related Commission rules.
- D. MCEOs and enforcement managers, appointed by the Corporation Commission, are hereby declared to be peace officers of this state. Such officers and enforcement managers shall be vested with all powers of peace officers in enforcing the investigation and regulatory enforcement of those provisions of Sections 161 through 180m of this title and the Motor Carrier Act of 1995 Titles 17, 47, 66 and 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes relating to commercial transportation over which the Commission has been assigned jurisdiction and related Commission rules in all parts of this state. In addition to those powers granted to peace officers of the State of Oklahoma by Section 99a of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, MCEOs and enforcement managers shall be authorized to enforce criminal laws of this state throughout the state if the unlawful activity is committed in the presence of the MCEO or

enforcement manager during the course of performance of the primary regulatory duties set forth in this section.

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The powers and duties conferred upon said MCEOs and enforcement officers managers 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.

- E. Corporation Commission MVEOs shall not be required to be

  CLEET-certified and shall not be armed. MVEOs may perform

  investigation and regulatory enforcement duties and responsibilities

  assigned to MCEOs, but shall not perform law enforcement duties

  reserved to peace officers by Sections 99 and 99a of Title 21 Of the

  Oklahoma Statutes or other provisions of Oklahoma law.
- F. The enforcement officers MCEOs, MVEOs and enforcement 14 15 managers, when on duty, upon reasonable belief that any motor vehicle is being operated in violation of any provisions of Sections 16 161 through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995 17 18 Titles 17, 47, 66 and 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes relating to commercial transportation over which the Commission has been 19 assigned jurisdiction or related Commission rules, shall be 20 authorized to direct the driver to the nearest weigh station or port 21 of entry or to weigh the vehicle with portable scales. In addition, 22 23 MCEOs, MVEOs and enforcement managers are authorized to require the driver of the vehicle to stop and submit to an inspection of the 24

- 1 identification device, or devices, in the vehicle, and to submit to 2 such enforcement officer MCEOs, MVEOs and enforcement managers bills 3 of lading, waybills, or other evidences of the character of the commerce being transported in such vehicle, and to submit to an 4 5 inspection of the contents of such vehicle for the purpose of comparing same with bills of lading or shipping documentation, 6 7 waybills, or other evidences of transportation carried by the driver of the vehicle. The officers shall not have the right to plea 9 bargain.
  - G. The MCEOs and enforcement officers managers are authorized to serve all orders, subpoenas, 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 within the territorial boundaries of this state.
- H. The MCEOs, MVEOs and enforcement officers managers 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 those provisions of Titles 17, 47, 66 and 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes relating to commercial transportation over which the Commission has been assigned jurisdiction and related Commission rules. The MCEOs,

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- 1 MVEOs and enforcement officers managers are authorized to hold and detain any motor vehicle operating upon the highways of this state, 2 3 if, the MCEO, MVEO or enforcement officer manager has reason to believe that the vehicle is being operated contrary to the any of 4 5 those provisions of Sections 161 through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995, or the rules, regulations, and 6 7 requirements of the Corporation Commission promulgated pursuant to Sections 161 through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 8 9 1995 Titles 17, 47, 66 and 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes relating to 10 commercial transportation over which the Commission has been assigned jurisdiction and related Commission rules. 11
  - I. No state official, other than members of the Corporation Commission, shall have any power, right, or authority to command, order, or direct any enforcement officer to perform any duty or service authorized by Sections 161 through 180m of this title or the Motor Carrier Act of 1995 those provisions of Titles 17, 47, 66 and 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes relating to commercial transportation over which the Commission has been assigned jurisdiction or related Commission rules.
  - 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

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- 1 sufficient surety for the faithful performance of their duty. The
  2 bond shall be approved and filed as provided by law.
- 3 K. No enforcement officer or employee of the Oklahoma
  4 Corporation Commission shall have the right to plea bargain in motor
  5 carrier or motor transportation matters except the chief legal
  6 counsel of the Commission or an assign of the legal staff of the
  7 chief legal counsel.
- K. If, in the judgment of an MCEO, MVEO or enforcement manager,

  a commercial motor vehicle poses an inherent risk to public health,

  public safety or welfare, the MCEO or MVEO, with the approval of an

  enforcement manager, or an enforcement manager may arrange for

  impoundment of the detained vehicle at the expense of the motor

  carrier.
- L. MCEOs, MVEOs, enforcement managers, Corporation

  Commissioners and other employees of the Commission shall not be

  civilly liable for any damages arising from the administration of

  those provisions of Titles 17, 47, 66 and 68 of the Oklahoma

  Statutes relating to commercial transportation over which the

  Commission has been assigned, except as provided for in The

  Governmental Tort Claims Act.
- M. Except when performing duties not related to fixed facility
  or roadside enforcement, each employee of the Corporation Commission
  assigned as an MCEO, enforcement manager or MVEO, as herein
  provided, shall, while on duty in the field or in a weigh station or

- 1 | port of entry weigh station, wear a Commission-provided, distinctive
- 2 | uniform and display a badge of office, both of which shall be
- 3 distinguishable from those of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. Each
- 4 | badge shall display a distinctive serial number. The type and
- 5 detail of the uniforms shall be designated by the Corporation
- 6 | Commission.
- 7 N. Any person who without authority wears the badge or uniform
- 8 of a Corporation Commission enforcement officer, or who without
- 9 authority impersonates such an officer, with intent to deceive
- 10 anyone, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- 11 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 180h, is
- 12 | amended to read as follows:
- 13 | Section 180h. The Corporation Commission is hereby authorized
- 14 | to collect from applicants for household goods carrier, for-hire
- 15 motor carrier and private carrier identification devices a fee of
- 16 | Seven Dollars (\$7.00) for registration of each of its vehicles
- 17 registered under the provisions of this act or the Motor Carrier Act
- 18 of 1995 title; and the fee shall be in addition to any other fees
- 19 | now provided for by law for the registration of said motor vehicles
- 20 and shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the
- 21 Trucking One-Stop Shop Fund.
- 22 | SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 230.23, is
- 23 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. "Commission" means the Oklahoma Corporation Commission;
- 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 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;
- 6. 5. "Motor carrier of persons or property" means any person, except a carrier of household goods or used emigrant movables, operating upon any public highway for the transportation of passengers or property for compensation or for hire or for commercial purposes, and not operating exclusively within the limits of an incorporated city or town within this state. Provided, the provisions of the Motor Carrier Act of 1995 shall not apply to the following vehicles and equipment when such vehicles and equipment are being used for the following:

1	a.	taxicabs and bus companies engaged in the
2		transportation of passengers and their baggage, not
3		operated between two or more cities and towns, when
4		duly licensed by a municipal corporation in which they
5		might be doing business,
6	<del>b.</del>	any person or governmental authority furnishing
7		transportation for school children to and from public
8		schools or to and from public-school-related
9		extracurricular activities under contract with, and
10		sponsored by, a public school board; provided, that
11		motor vehicles and equipment operated for the purposes
12		shall qualify in all respects for the transportation
13		of school children under the Oklahoma School Code and
14		the rules of the State Board of Education adopted
15		pursuant thereto-,
16	<del>c.</del> b.	transport trucks transporting liquefied petroleum
17		gases intrastate which are owned or operated by a
18		person subject to and licensed by the Oklahoma
19		Liquefied Petroleum Gas Regulation Act, and
20	<del>d.</del> c.	transportation of livestock and farm products in the
21		raw state, when any of such commodities move from farm
22		to market or from market to farm on a vehicle or on
23		vehicles owned and operated by a bona fide farmer not

- engaged in motor vehicle transportation on a commercial scale;
  - 7. 6. "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. 7. "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. 8. "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. 9. "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;
- 22 <u>11. 10.</u> "Public highway" means every public street, road or 23 highway, or thoroughfare in this state, used by the public, whether

1 actually dedicated to the public and accepted by the proper

dealing in commodities for sale or otherwise.

- 2 authorities or otherwise; and
- 3 12. 11. "Commercial enterprise" means all undertakings entered
  4 into for private gain or compensation, including all industrial
  5 pursuits, whether the undertakings involve the handling of or
- 7 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 230.27, is 8 amended to read as follows:
  - 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 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 in accordance with the provisions of the Motor Carrier Act of 1995, for one (1) year from date of issuance.
  - B. Every motor carrier or private carrier wishing to continue operations under the original license, shall pay to the Corporation Commission an annual renewal fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). An intrastate license may be renewed for up to three (3) years.
  - C. The Commission shall, upon the receipt of any fee, deposit the same in the State Treasury to the credit of the Trucking One-Stop Shop Fund.

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- Section 966. A. This act Sections 966, 967 and 968 of this title shall be known and may be cited as the "Nonconsensual Towing Act of 2011".
- B. The provisions of this act shall apply to every wrecker operating within the State of Oklahoma removing and storing vehicles from Oklahoma roads and highways or private property as a result of a nonconsensual tow.
- C. The Corporation Commission, by Commission order, shall have the power and authority necessary:
- 1. To establish wrecker rates for the transportation and storage of motor vehicles removed due to a nonconsensual tow from Oklahoma roads and highways or private property;
  - 2. To supervise and enforce such rates; and
- 3. To mediate and adjudicate complaints that may arise from charges assessed as a result of such vehicle removal.
- D. Rates as specified in Sections 953.1 and 953.2 of Title 47

  of the Oklahoma Statutes this title shall remain in effect until

  rates are established by order of the Commission.
- E. Rates established by the Commission shall be fair and reasonable.
- F. The Commission may assess fines or other penalties to any wrecker or towing service for failure to comply with prescribed

- 1 | rates as established by the Commission, failure to pay a levied
- 2 | assessment or comply with any applicable order of the Commission.
- 3 Repeat violations by a wrecker or towing service are cause for
- 4 | revocation of its license issued by. Upon notice from the
- 5 | Commission, the Department of Public Safety shall revoke the license
- 6 of any wrecker or towing service company that fails to comply with
- 7 | an order issued by the Commission.
- 8 G. The Department shall cooperate with the Commission to
- 9 | implement this act and may enter into agreements to facilitate this
- 10 act.
- 11 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 208, O.S.L.
- 12 | 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1112.2), is amended to read as
- 13 | follows:
- 14 Section 1112.2. A. Effective July 1, 2019, the registration
- 15 | license plate and certificate of registration shall be issued to,
- 16 and remain in the name of, the owner of the vehicle registered and
- 17 | the license plates shall not be transferable between motor vehicle
- 18 owners. When a vehicle is sold or transferred in the state, the
- 19 following registration procedures shall apply:
- 20 1. When a current and valid Oklahoma motor vehicle license
- 21 plate has been obtained for use on a motor vehicle and the vehicle
- 22 has been sold or otherwise transferred to a new owner, the license
- 23 | plate shall be removed from the vehicle and retained by the original
- 24 plate owner.

- 1 2. In the event an owner purchases, trades, exchanges, or otherwise acquires another vehicle of the same license registration 2 3 classification, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall authorize the transfer of the current and valid license plate previously obtained 5 by the owner to the replacement vehicle for the remainder of the current registration period. In the event the owner acquires a 6 7 vehicle requiring payment of additional registration fees, the owner shall request a transfer of the license plate to the newly acquired 9 vehicle and pay the difference in registration fees. The fee shall 10 be calculated on a monthly prorated basis. The owner shall not be entitled to a refund: 11
  - a. when the registration fee for the vehicle to which the plate(s) is to be assigned is less than the registration fee for that vehicle to which the license plate(s) was last assigned, or
  - b. if the owner does not have or does not acquire another vehicle to which the license plate may be transferred.
  - 3. In the event the owner of a license plate purchases, trades, exchanges or otherwise acquires a vehicle for which a license plate has been issued during the current registration period, and the license plate has not been removed by the previous owner in accordance with this section, the new owner of the vehicle shall remove and return the license plate to the Tax Commission or a motor

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- license agent. However, if the license plate has expired, the new owner shall not be required to surrender the license plate.
  - 4. If a person purchases a motor vehicle from which the number plates have been removed pursuant to this section, the person may operate the motor vehicle for five (5) days from the date of purchase without number plates if a dated notarized bill of sale is carried in the motor vehicle.
  - B. 1. The new owner of a motor vehicle shall, within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of vehicle purchase or acquisition, make application to record the registration of the vehicle by the transfer to, or purchase of, a license plate for the newly acquired vehicle with the Tax Commission or motor license agent and shall pay all taxes and fees provided by law.
  - 2. Any person failing to register a motor vehicle by timely transferring the license plate as provided by this section shall pay the penalty levied in Section 1132 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title.
  - C. A surviving spouse, desiring to operate a vehicle devolving from a deceased spouse, shall present an application for certificate of title to the Tax Commission or motor license agent in his or her name within thirty (30) days of obtaining ownership. The Tax Commission or motor license agent shall then transfer the license plate to the surviving spouse.

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

E. This section shall not apply to commercial vehicle or trailer registrations issued by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1113, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1113), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1113. A. 1. Except for all-terrain vehicles, utility vehicles and motorcycles used exclusively off roads and highways, upon the filing of a registration application and the payment of the fees provided for in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, the Oklahoma Tax Commission or Corporation Commission, as applicable, shall assign to the vehicle described in the application a distinctive number, and issue to the owner of the vehicle a certificate of registration, one license plate and a yearly decal. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall assign an all-terrain vehicle, utility vehicle or motorcycle used exclusively off roads and highways a distinctive number and issue to the owner a certificate of registration and a decal but not a license plate. For each subsequent registration year, the Tax Commission shall issue a

yearly decal to be affixed to the license plate, except for an allterrain vehicle, utility vehicle or motorcycle used exclusively off roads and highways. The initial decal for an all-terrain vehicle, utility vehicle or motorcycle shall be attached to the front of the vehicle and shall be in clear view. The decal shall be on the front or on the front fork of the motorcycle used exclusively off roads and highways and the decal shall be in clear view. The yearly decal shall have an identification number and the last two numbers of the registration year for which it shall expire. Except as provided by Section 1113A of this title, the license plate shall be affixed to the exterior of the vehicle until a replacement license plate is applied for. If the owner applies for a replacement license plate, the Tax Commission shall charge the fee provided for in Section 1114 of this title. The yearly decal will validate the license plate for each registration period other than the year the license plate is issued. The license plate and decal shall be of such size, color, design and numbering as the Tax Commission may direct. However, yearly decals issued to the owner of a vehicle who has filed an affidavit with the appropriate motor license agent in accordance with Section 7-607 of this title shall be a separate and distinct color from all other decals issued under this section. Before the effective date of this act, the Tax Commission shall also issue a monthly decal which shall include a two-letter abbreviation corresponding to the county in which the vehicle is registered. The

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Tax Commission shall issue all decals in the possession of the Tax

Commission on the effective date of this act before issuing any

decals which do not contain the county abbreviation.

- 2. The license plate shall be securely attached to the rear of the vehicle, except truck-tractor plates which shall be attached to the front of the vehicle. The Tax Commission may, with the concurrence of the Department of Public Safety, by Joint Rule, change and direct the manner, place and location of display of any vehicle license plate when such action is deemed in the public interest. The license plate, decal and all letters and numbers shall be clearly visible at all times. The operation of a vehicle in this state, regardless of where such vehicle is registered, upon which the license plate is covered, overlaid or otherwise screened with any material, whether such material be clear, translucent, tinted or opaque, shall be a violation of this paragraph.
- 3. Upon payment of the annual registration fee provided in Section 1133 of this title, the Tax Commission or Corporation Commission, as applicable, or a motor license agent may issue a permanent nonexpiring license plate to an owner of one hundred or more commercial motor vehicles and for vehicles registered under the provisions of Section 1120 of this title. Upon payment of the annual registration fee, the Tax Commission or Corporation Commission shall issue a certificate of registration that shall be carried at all times in the vehicle for which it is issued.

- 1 Provided, if the registrant submits its application through
- 2 electronic means, such qualified owners of one hundred or more
- 3 | commercial motor vehicles, properly registered pursuant to the
- 4 provisions of Section 1133 of this title, may elect to receive a
- 5 permanent certificate of registration that shall be carried at all
- 6 times in the vehicle for which it is issued.
- 7 4. Every vehicle owned by an agency of this state shall be
- 8 exempt from the payment of registration fees required by this title.
- 9 Provided, such vehicle shall be registered and shall otherwise
- 10 | comply with the provisions of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and
- 11 | Registration Act.
- B. The license plates required under the provisions of this
- 13 | title shall conform to the requirements and specifications listed
- 14 hereinafter:
- 15 1. Each license plate shall have a space for the placement of
- 16 | the yearly decals for each succeeding year of registration after the
- 17 | initial issue;
- 18 2. The provisions of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and
- 19 Registration Act regarding the issuance of yearly decals shall not
- 20 apply to the issuance of apportioned license plates, including
- 21 license plates for state vehicles, and exempt plates for
- 22 | governmental entities and fire departments organized pursuant to
- 23 | Section 592 of Title 18 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3. All license plates and decals shall be made with reflectorized material as a background to the letters, numbers and characters displayed thereon. The reflectorized material shall be of such a nature as to provide effective and dependable brightness during the service period for which the license plate or decal is issued;

- 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Tax Commission shall design appropriate official license plates for all state vehicles. Such license plates shall be permanent in nature and designed in such manner as to remain with the vehicle for the duration of the vehicle's life span or until the title is transferred to a nongovernmental owner;
- 5. Within the limits prescribed in this section, the Tax

  Commission shall design appropriate official license plates for

  vehicles of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. The license plates shall

  have the legend "Oklahoma OK" and shall contain the letters "OHP"

  followed by the state seal and the badge number of the Highway

  Patrol officer to whom the vehicle is assigned. The words "Oklahoma

  Highway Patrol" shall also be included on such license plates;
- 6. Within the limits prescribed in this section, the Tax

  Commission shall design appropriate official license plates for vehicles of the Oklahoma Military Department. Such license plates shall have the legend "Oklahoma OK" and shall contain the letters

  "OMD" followed by the state seal and three numbers or letters as

designated by the Adjutant General. The words "Oklahoma Military
Department" shall also be included on such license plates;

- 7. Within the limits prescribed in this section, the Tax

  Commission shall design appropriate official license plates for

  vehicles of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. Such license

  plates shall contain the letters "DOC" followed by the Department of

  Corrections badge and three numbers or letters or combination of

  both as designated by the Director of the agency. The words

  "Department of Corrections" shall also be included on such license

  plates; and
- 8. Within the limits prescribed in this section, the Tax

  Commission shall design appropriate official license plates for

  vehicles of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Such license

  plates shall contain the letters "OCC" followed by the Osage

  warrior's shield and a minimum of three additional numbers or

  letters as designated by the Director of the Corporation Commission

  Transportation Division. The words "Oklahoma Corporation

  Commission" shall also be included on such license plates;
- 9. Within the limits prescribed in this section, the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department shall design any license plates required by the initiation of a license plate reissuance by the Oklahoma Tax Commission at the request of the Department of Public Safety pursuant to the provisions of Section 1113.2 of this title. Any such new designs shall be submitted by the Oklahoma Tourism and

Recreation Department to the Department of Public Safety for its approval prior to being issued by the Oklahoma Tax Commission; and

- 10. The Tax Commission shall submit all commercial motor vehicle license plate designs to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission for its approval prior to being issued by the Oklahoma Tax Commission.
- C. Where the applicant has satisfactorily shown that the applicant owns the vehicle sought to be registered but is unable to produce documentary evidence of the ownership, a license plate may be issued upon approval by the Tax Commission or Corporation

  Commission, as applicable. In such instances the reason for not issuing a certificate of title shall be indicated on the receipt given to the applicant. It shall still be the duty of the applicant to immediately take all necessary steps to obtain the Oklahoma certificate of title and it shall be unlawful for the applicant to sell the vehicle until the certificate has been obtained in the applicant's name.
- D. The certificate of registration provided for in this section shall be in convenient form, and the certificate of registration, or a certified copy or photostatic copy thereof, duly authenticated by the Tax Commission or Corporation Commission, as applicable, shall be carried at all times in or upon all vehicles so registered, in such manner as to permit a ready examination thereof upon demand by any peace officer of the state or duly authorized employee of the

Department of Public Safety. Any such officer or agent may seize and hold such vehicle when the operator of the same does not have the registration certificate in the operator's possession or when any such officer or agent determines that the registration certificate has been obtained by misrepresentation of any essential or material fact or when any number or identifying information appearing on such certificate has been changed, altered, obliterated or concealed in any way, until the proper registration or identification of such vehicle has been made or produced by the owner thereof.

E. The purchaser of a new or used manufactured home shall, within thirty (30) days of the date of purchase, register the home with the Tax Commission or a motor license agent pursuant to the provisions of Section 1117 of this title. For a new manufactured home, it shall be the responsibility of the dealer selling the home to place a temporary license plate on the home in the same manner as provided in Section 1128 of this title for other new motor vehicles. For the first year that any manufactured home is registered in this state, the Tax Commission shall issue a metal license plate which shall be affixed to the manufactured home. The temporary dealer license plate or the metal license plate shall be displayed on the manufactured home at all times when upon a public roadway; provided, a repossession affidavit issued pursuant to Sections 1110 and 1126 of this title shall be permissible in lieu of a current license

plate and decal for the purposes of removing a repossessed manufactured home to a secure location. Manufactured homes previously registered and subject to ad valorem taxation as provided by law shall have a decal affixed at the time ad valorem taxes are paid for such manufactured home; provided, for a manufactured home permanently affixed to real estate, no decal or license plate shall be required to be affixed and the owner thereof shall be given a receipt upon payment of ad valorem taxes due on the home. The Tax Commission shall make sufficient plates and decals available to the various motor license agents of the state in order for an owner of a manufactured home to acquire the plate or decal. A one-dollar fee shall be charged for issuance of any plate or decal. The fee shall be apportioned each month to the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury.

F. The decal shall be easily visible for purposes of verification by a county assessor that the manufactured home is properly assessed for ad valorem taxation. In the first year of registration, a decal shall be issued for placement on the license plate indicating payment of applicable registration fees and excise taxes. A duplicate manufactured home registration decal shall be affixed inside the window nearest the front door of the manufactured home. In the second and all subsequent years for which the manufactured home is subject to ad valorem taxation, an annual decal shall be affixed inside the window nearest the front door as

- 1 evidence of payment of ad valorem taxes. The Tax Commission shall issue decals to the various county treasurers of the state in order 3 for a manufactured home owner to obtain such decal each year. Upon presentation of a valid ad valorem tax receipt, the manufactured 4 home owner shall be issued the annual decal.
  - G. Upon the registration of a manufactured home in this state for the first time or upon discovery of a manufactured home previously registered within this state for which the information required by this subsection is not known, the Tax Commission shall obtain:
    - The name of the owner of the manufactured home;
- The serial number or identification number of the 12 manufactured home; 13

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- A legal description or address of the location for the home;
- The actual retail selling price of the manufactured home excluding Oklahoma taxes;
  - 5. The certificate of title number for the home; and
- Any other information which the Tax Commission deems to be 18 19 necessary.
  - The application for registration shall also include the school district in which the manufactured home is located or is to be located. The information shall be entered into a computer data system which shall be used by the Tax Commission to provide information to county assessors upon request by the assessor.

1 assessor may request any information from the system in order to 2 properly assess a manufactured home for ad valorem taxation.

3 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1170, is 4 amended to read as follows:

Section 1170. A. Reports and files of the Corporation

Commission concerning the administration of the International

Registration Plan and the International Fuel Tax Agreement, shall be

considered confidential and privileged, except as otherwise provided

for by law, and neither the Commission nor any employee engaged in

the administration of the International Registration Plan or

International Fuel Tax Agreement or charged with the custody of any

such reports or records nor any person who may have secured such

reports or records from the Commission shall disclose any

information obtained from the reports or records of any person.

- B. The provisions of this section shall not prevent the Commission from disclosing the following information and no liability whatsoever, civil or criminal, shall attach to any member of the Commission or any employee thereof for any error or omission in the disclosure of such information:
- 1. The delivery to a taxpayer or a duly authorized
  representative of the taxpayer of a copy of any report or any other
  paper filed by the taxpayer pursuant to the provisions of the
  International Registration Plan or the International Fuel Tax
  Agreement;

2. The exchange of information that is not protected by the federal Privacy Protection Act, 42 U.S.C., Section 2000aa et seq., pursuant to reciprocal agreements or compacts entered into by the Commission and other state agencies or agencies of the federal government;

- 3. The publication of statistics so classified as to prevent the identification of a particular report and the items thereof;
- 4. The examination of records and files by the State Auditor and Inspector or the duly authorized agents of the State Auditor and Inspector;
- 5. The disclosing of information or evidence to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, Attorney General, Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, any district attorney, or agent of any federal law enforcement agency when the information or evidence is to be used by such officials to investigate or prosecute violations of the criminal provisions of the Uniform Tax Procedure Code or of any state tax law or of any federal crime committed against this state. Any information disclosed to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, Attorney General, Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, any district attorney, or agent of any federal law enforcement agency shall be kept confidential by such person and not be disclosed except when presented to a court in a prosecution for violation of the tax laws of this state or except as specifically

- 1 | authorized by law, and a violation by the Oklahoma State Bureau of
- 2 | Investigation, Attorney General, Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics
- 3 | and Dangerous Drugs Control, district attorney, or agent of any
- 4 | federal law enforcement agency by otherwise releasing the
- 5 | information shall be a felony;
- 6. The use by any division of the Commission of any information
- 7 or evidence in the possession of or contained in any report or
- 8 return filed or documents obtained by the Commission in the
- 9 administration of the International Fuel Tax Agreement or the
- 10 | International Registration Plan;
- 7. The furnishing, at the discretion of the Commission, of any
- 12 | information disclosed by its records or files to any official person
- 13 or body of this state, any other state, the United States, or
- 14 | foreign country who is concerned with the administration or
- 15 | assessment of any similar tax in this state, any other state or
- 16 province or the United States;
- 17 8. The furnishing of information as to the issuance or
- 18 revocation of any registration or license by the Commission as
- 19 provided for by law. Such information shall be limited to the name
- 20 of the person issued the permit or license, the name of the business
- 21 entity authorized to engage in business pursuant to the permit or
- 22 | license, the address of the business entity, and the grounds for
- 23 revocation;

9. The disclosure of information to any person for a purpose as authorized by the taxpayer pursuant to a waiver of confidentiality.

The waiver shall be in writing and shall be made upon such form as the Commission may prescribe;

- 10. The disclosure of information directly involved in the resolution of the protest by a taxpayer to an assessment of tax or additional tax or the resolution of a claim for a refund filed by a taxpayer, including the disclosure of the pendency of an administrative proceeding involving such protest or claim, to a person called by the Commission as an expert witness or as a witness whose area of knowledge or expertise specifically addresses the issue addressed in the protest or claim for refund. Such disclosure to a witness shall be limited to information pertaining to the specific knowledge of that witness as to the transaction or relationship between taxpayer and witness;
- 11. The furnishing to a prospective purchaser of any business, or his or her authorized representative, of information relating to any liabilities, delinquencies, assessments or warrants of the prospective seller of the business which have not been filed of record, established, or become final and which relate solely to the seller's business. Any disclosure under this paragraph shall only be allowed upon the presentment by the prospective buyer, or the buyer's authorized representative, of the purchase contract and a written authorization between the parties;

- 1 12. The furnishing of information as to the amount of state 2 revenue affected by the issuance or granting of any registration or 3 license or credit issued by the Corporation Commission as provided for by law. Such information shall be limited to the type of 5 registration, license or credit issued or granted, the date and duration of such registration, license or credit, and the amount of 6 7 such revenue. The provisions of this paragraph shall not authorize the disclosure of the name of the person issued such registration, 9 license, exemption, credit, or the name of the business entity 10 authorized to engage in business pursuant to the registration, 11 license or credit; and
- 13. The disclosure of information in a Corporation Commission

  13 administrative hearing for the purposes of an enforcement action or

  14 an appeal of an agency determination.

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. 2018, Section 1202), is amended to read as follows:

  Section 1202. A. The Department of Transportation, the

  Oklahoma Turnpike Authority and the Corporation Commission may enter

  into interagency agreements concerning the equipment, maintenance

  and operations of fixed facilities.
  - B. The Department of Transportation, the Authority and the Commission shall endeavor to electronically upgrade weigh stations

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- as practical to minimize the duplication of inspections for compliant commercial motor vehicles and motor carriers.
  - C. The Commission 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

- 1 enforcement in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Weigh Station Act of 2012.
  - The Commission may enter into interagency cooperative Η. agreements with other state or federal agencies to jointly enforce federal and state laws or rules.
- I. North American Standard Inspections shall be conducted only 6 by individuals holding certification in the level or classification 7 of inspection being conducted.
- J. Automated license plate readers (ALPRs) may be used in the electronic screening of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles for the purpose of credential checks, public safety and protection 12 of infrastructure.
- K. Data collected or retained through the use of an ALPR 13 14 system:
  - 1. Is confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Oklahoma Open Records Act;
  - 2. Is available for use only by the Department, the Authority or the Commission in carrying out its functions or by a law enforcement agency conducting North American Standard Inspections or criminal investigations;
- 3. May be published and released as public information using 21 aggregate data that does not reveal the activities or identify 22 specific commercial motor vehicles or specific motor carriers; and

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1	4. May be shared with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety
2	Administration for regulatory compliance purposes.
3	SECTION 12. REPEALER 47 O.S. 2011, Section 116.13, is
4	hereby repealed.
5	SECTION 13. REPEALER 47 O.S. 2011, Section 171.2, is
6	hereby repealed.
7	SECTION 14. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
8	of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
9	declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
10	be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
11	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION April 9, 2019 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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