

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

4 HOUSE BILL 3270

By: Boles, **McDugle**, **Bush** and  
**Lepak** of the House

5  
6 and

7 **Paxton** of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending Section  
11 2, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2019,  
12 Section 1112.2), which relates to the transferability  
13 of license plates; modifying time frame to tag  
14 certain vehicles; amending Section 3, Chapter 208,  
15 O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 1112.3),  
which relates to required documentation in vehicle;  
16 allowing for electronic versions of required  
17 documents; allowing for certain information to be  
18 redacted; and providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 208, O.S.L.  
21 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 1112.2), is amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 Section 1112.2 A. Effective July 1, 2019, the registration  
24 license plate and certificate of registration shall be issued to,  
and remain in the name of, the owner of the vehicle registered and

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

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

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

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

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1           b.    if the owner does not have or does not acquire another  
2                    vehicle to which the license plate may be  
3                    transferred~~;~~;

4           3.    In the event the owner of a license plate purchases, trades,  
5 exchanges or otherwise acquires a vehicle for which a license plate  
6 has been issued during the current registration period, and the  
7 license plate has not been removed by the previous owner in  
8 accordance with this section, the new owner of the vehicle shall  
9 remove and return the license plate to the Tax Commission or a motor  
10 license agent. However, if the license plate has expired, the new  
11 owner shall not be required to surrender the license plate~~;~~; and

12           4.    If a person purchases a motor vehicle from which the number  
13 plates have been removed pursuant to this section, the person may  
14 operate the motor vehicle for ~~five (5)~~ fifteen (15) calendar days  
15 from the date of purchase without number plates if a dated,  
16 notarized bill of sale is carried in the motor vehicle.

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

23           2.    Any person failing to register a motor vehicle by timely  
24 transferring the license plate as provided by this section shall pay

1 the penalty levied in Section 1132 of ~~Title 47 of the Oklahoma~~  
2 ~~Statutes~~ this title.

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

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

15 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 208, O.S.L.  
16 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 1112.3), is amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 Section 1112.3 A. Except as otherwise provided in subsection B  
19 of this section, at all times while a vehicle is being used or  
20 operated on the roads of this state, the operator of the vehicle  
21 shall have in his or her possession or carry in the vehicle and  
22 exhibit upon demand to any peace officer of the state or duly  
23 authorized employee of the Department of Public Safety, either a:

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1        1. Registration certificate, electronic version of registration  
2 certificate or an official copy thereof. In addition, the vehicle  
3 operator may redact home address information printed on the  
4 registration certificate;

5        2. True copy of rental or lease documentation issued for a  
6 motor vehicle;

7        3. Registration certificate, electronic version of registration  
8 certificate or an official copy thereof issued for a replacement  
9 vehicle in the same registration period. In addition, the vehicle  
10 operator may redact home address information printed on the  
11 registration certificate;

12        4. Temporary receipt printed upon self-initiated electronic  
13 renewal of a registration via the Internet; or

14        5. Cab card issued for a vehicle registered under the  
15 International Registration Plan.

16        B. The provisions of subsection A of this section shall not  
17 apply to the first thirty (30) days after purchase of a replacement  
18 vehicle.

19        SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 02/20/2020 -  
22 DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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