

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2440

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor vehicle license plates;
8 amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1113.2, as last
9 amended by Section 7, Chapter 1, O.S.L. 2017 (47 O.S.
10 Supp. 2018, Section 1113.2), which relates to
11 official license plates; creating an alternate
12 official license plate; specifying certain element of
13 design; authorizing the Oklahoma Tax Commission to
14 promulgate rules; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1113.2, as
16 last amended by Section 7, Chapter 1, O.S.L. 2017 (47 O.S. Supp.
17 2018, Section 1113.2), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1113.2 A. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tax
19 Commission shall initiate the reissue of the official vehicle
20 license plates and substitute therefor a new license plate designed
21 by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department with the approval
22 of the Department of Public Safety.

23 B. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall
24 initiate the issue of an alternate official license plate design

1 bearing the shaded image of the Oklahoma state flag. When
2 available, the plate shall be issued to any person at their option
3 to whom the plate provided for in subsection A is available. The
4 Tax Commission shall have the authority to promulgate any rules
5 necessary to implement the provisions of this subsection.

6 C. 1. In addition to all other vehicle registration fees
7 specified by law, beginning July 1, 2016, there is levied and there
8 shall be paid to the Oklahoma Tax Commission a fee of Five Dollars
9 (\$5.00) upon every vehicle to be registered.

10 2. Beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017:

11 a. eighty percent (80%) of all monies collected under the
12 provisions of this subsection shall be deposited by
13 the Oklahoma Tax Commission in the State Treasury to
14 the credit of the State Public Safety Fund created in
15 Section 2-147 of this title, and

16 b. twenty percent (20%) of all monies collected under the
17 provisions of this subsection shall be deposited by
18 the Oklahoma Tax Commission to the credit of the
19 Oklahoma Tax Commission Fund created in Section 221 of
20 Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

21 3. Beginning July 1, 2017, all monies collected under the
22 provisions of this subsection shall be deposited by the Oklahoma Tax
23 Commission to the credit of the State Public Safety Fund created in
24 Section 2-147 of this title.

1 ~~€~~ D. In addition to the monies apportioned by Section 1104 of
2 this title, the following amounts of monies shall be placed to the
3 credit of the Oklahoma Tax Commission Fund for the purpose of
4 conducting a new general issue of license plates commencing January
5 1, 2017:

6 1. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June
7 30, 2017, the first One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars
8 (\$1,800,000.00) collected or received by the Tax Commission pursuant
9 to the registration of vehicles as provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle
10 License and Registration Act; and

11 2. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June
12 30, 2018, the first Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) collected or
13 received by the Tax Commission pursuant to the registration of
14 vehicles as provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and
15 Registration Act.

16 ~~D.~~ E. Subject to the Oklahoma Tax Commission Fund receiving
17 credit for the funds referenced in subsection ~~€~~ D of this section,
18 the Executive Director shall devise a numbering system suitable for
19 a new general issue of license plates commencing January 1, 2017.
20 Unless otherwise provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and
21 Registration Act, new license plates will be issued to all
22 registrants applying for an original or renewal registration on or
23 after January 1, 2017, and will continue until all previously issued
24 license plates have been replaced. Upon receipt of the new general

1 issue license plate, registrants shall replace any previously issued
2 Oklahoma general issue license plate currently displayed on their
3 vehicle.

4 ~~F.~~ F. The Tax Commission shall have the authority to promulgate
5 any rules necessary to implement such a new general issue.

6 ~~F.~~ G. Except for vehicles registered pursuant to the provisions
7 of Section 1120 of this title, the alternate official license plate
8 provided for in subsection B of this section, and certain official
9 special license plates, the new license plate design provided for in
10 subsection A of this section shall be a part of all license plates
11 issued on or after January 1, 2017. The Oklahoma Tax Commission may
12 establish procedures for the purpose of allowing current registrants
13 to reserve their present general issue or personalized license plate
14 numbers for a fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00), provided payment of
15 the fees is received by the Tax Commission on or before November 1,
16 2016. The fees shall be deposited into the Oklahoma Tax Commission
17 Reimbursement Fund for the purpose of conducting the new general
18 issue of license plates.

19 ~~G.~~ H. The license plates shall be issued with identification
20 numbers and letters in a color that provides a distinct contrast
21 with a light-colored background in the plate identification area.
22 All license plates and decals shall be made with reflectorized
23 material as a background to the letters, numbers and characters
24 displayed thereon. The reflectorized material shall be of such a

1 nature as to provide effective and dependable brightness during the
2 service period for which the license plate or decal is issued.

3 ~~H.~~ I. In furtherance of the public safety of Oklahoma drivers,
4 the Department of Public Safety may request that the Oklahoma Tax
5 Commission initiate subsequent reissues of the official vehicle
6 license plate. Provided however, such request shall not occur more
7 frequently than five (5) years following the most recent reissue.
8 Upon such request and subject to the Tax Commission receiving the
9 necessary funds the Tax Commission shall initiate the reissue.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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