

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2598

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; allowing licensed
8 wrecker operators to take possession of impounded
9 vehicle tags; requiring issuance of statement of
10 charges owed; requiring vehicle not be used until
11 charges paid; requiring wreck operators notify the
12 Oklahoma Tax Commission of plate possession; allowing
13 owner to take possession after payment; requiring
14 wrecker operator to notify Tax Commission regarding
15 received payments; directing the Tax Commission to
16 promulgate rules creating certain database; requiring
17 tag agents to not issue tags to certain individuals;
18 providing for codification; and providing an
19 effective date.

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

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 964.1 of Title 47, unless there
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 A. When a licensed wrecker operator has impounded a vehicle
with a tag, the wrecker operator may take possession of the license
plate of the vehicle. If the wrecker operator takes possession of
the license plate, the wrecker operator shall issue a statement of
the amount owed by the vehicle owner or vehicle operator. The

1 vehicle shall not be used until the vehicle owner or vehicle
2 operator completes the requirements to retrieve the license plate.

3 1. After the issuance of the statement of the amount owed, the
4 wrecker operator issuing the statement shall, within three (3) days,
5 notify the Oklahoma Tax Commission that the wrecker operator has
6 taken possession of the license plate.

7 2. The vehicle owner may retrieve the license plate from the
8 wrecker operator upon payment in full of any charges contained on
9 the statement of amount owed.

10 3. The wrecker operator shall promptly notify the Tax
11 Commission that the vehicle owner or vehicle operator is in
12 compliance and the license plate has been returned to the owner of
13 the vehicle.

14 B. The Tax Commission shall promulgate rules and procedures to
15 create a database that includes a listing of all license plates
16 taken into possession by wrecker operators for nonpayment of service
17 charges.

18 C. Tag agents shall review the database and shall not issue a
19 new or renewed tag for this or any other vehicle owned by a person
20 listed in the database until all service charges have been paid and
21 the license plate has been released by the wrecker operator.

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

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