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3 HOUSE BILL 3270

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7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending Section  
8 2, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2019,  
9 Section 1112.2), which relates to the transferability  
10 of license plates; modifying time frame to tag  
11 certain vehicles; amending Section 3, Chapter 208,  
12 O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 1112.3),  
13 which relates to required documentation in vehicle;  
14 allowing for electronic versions of required  
15 documents; allowing for certain information to be  
16 redacted; and providing an effective date.

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

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

Section 1112.2 A. Effective July 1, 2019, the registration  
license plate and certificate of registration shall be issued to,  
and remain in the name of, the owner of the vehicle registered and  
the license plates shall not be transferable between motor vehicle  
owners. When a vehicle is sold or transferred in the state, the  
following registration procedures shall apply:

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

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

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

21            b. if the owner does not have or does not acquire another  
22                vehicle to which the license plate may be  
23                transferred. i

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

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

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

20           2. Any person failing to register a motor vehicle by timely  
21 transferring the license plate as provided by this section shall pay  
22 the penalty levied in Section 1132 of ~~Title 47 of the Oklahoma~~  
23 ~~Statutes~~ this title.

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

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

13 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 208, O.S.L.  
14 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 1112.3), is amended to read as  
15 follows:

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

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

3 2. True copy of rental or lease documentation issued for a  
4 motor vehicle;

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

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

12 5. Cab card issued for a vehicle registered under the  
13 International Registration Plan.

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

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

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