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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.
8 2021, Section 1115, as amended by Section 132,
9 Chapter 282, O.S.L. 2022 (47 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section
10 1115), which relates to vehicles required to be
11 registered; providing for biennial registration for
12 certain vehicles; requiring Service Oklahoma
13 promulgate certain rules and necessary procedures for
14 biennial registration; and providing an effective
15 date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1115, as
18 amended by Section 132, Chapter 282, O.S.L. 2022 (47 O.S. Supp.
19 2022, Section 1115), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 1115. A. Unless provided otherwise by statute, the
21 following vehicles shall be registered annually: manufactured
22 homes, vehicles registered with a permanent nonexpiring license
23 plate pursuant to Section 1113 of this title, and commercial
24 vehicles registered pursuant to the installment plan provided in
subsection H of Section 1133 of this title. The following schedule

1 shall apply for such vehicle purchased in this state or brought into
2 this state by residents of this state:

3 1. Between January 1 and March 31, the payment of the full
4 annual fee shall be required;

5 2. Between April 1 and June 30, the payment of three-fourths
6 (3/4) the annual fee shall be required;

7 3. Between July 1 and September 30, the payment of one-half
8 (1/2) the annual fee shall be required; and

9 4. Between October 1 and November 30, one-fourth (1/4) the
10 annual fee shall be required.

11 License plates or decals for each year shall be made available
12 on December 1 of each preceding year for such vehicles. Any person
13 who purchases such vehicle or manufactured home between December 1
14 and December 31 of any year shall register it within thirty (30)
15 days from date of purchase and obtain a license plate or
16 Manufactured Home License Registration Decal, as appropriate, for
17 the following calendar year upon payment of the full annual fee.
18 Unless provided otherwise by statute, all annual license,
19 registration and other fees for such vehicles shall be due and
20 payable on January 1 of each year and if not paid by February 1
21 shall be deemed delinquent.

22 B. 1. All vehicles, other than those required to be registered
23 pursuant to the provisions of subsection A or vehicles whose owners
24 choose the option of a biennial registration pursuant to subsection

1 H of this section, shall be registered on a staggered system of
2 registration and licensing on a monthly series basis to distribute
3 the work of registering such vehicles as uniformly and expeditiously
4 as practicable throughout the calendar year unless otherwise
5 provided in this section. After the end of the month following the
6 expiration date, the license and registration fees for the new
7 registration period shall become delinquent.

8 2. All fleet vehicles registered pursuant to new applications
9 approved pursuant to the provisions of Section 1120 of this title
10 shall be registered on a staggered system monthly basis.

11 3. Applicants seeking to establish Oklahoma as the base
12 jurisdiction for registering apportioned fleet vehicles shall have a
13 one-time option of registering for a period of not less than six (6)
14 months nor greater than eighteen (18) months. Subsequent renewals
15 for these registrants will be for twelve (12) months, expiring on
16 the last day of the month chosen by the registrant under the one-
17 time option as provided herein. In addition, registrants with
18 multiple fleets may designate a different registration month of
19 expiration for each fleet.

20 As used in this section, "fleet" shall have the same meaning as
21 set forth in the International Registration Plan.

22 4. Effective January 1, 2004, all motorcycles and mopeds shall
23 be registered on a staggered system of registration. Service
24 Oklahoma shall notify in writing, prior to December 1, 2003, all

1 owners of motorcycles or mopeds registered as of such date, who
2 shall have a one-time option of registering for a period of not less
3 than three (3) months nor greater than fifteen (15) months.
4 Subsequent renewals for these registrants will be for twelve (12)
5 months, expiring on the last day of the month chosen by the
6 registrant under the one-time option as provided herein. All
7 motorcycles and mopeds registered pursuant to new applications
8 received on or after December 1, 2003, shall also be registered
9 pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph.

10 5. Any three or more commercial vehicles owned by the same
11 person and previously registered in this state may be registered at
12 the same time regardless of the month or months in which they were
13 previously registered. The month in which the commercial vehicles
14 are newly registered shall be the month in which their registration
15 is renewed annually. If a commercial vehicle is registered pursuant
16 to this paragraph in the same calendar year in which it was
17 previously registered, license and registration fees shall be
18 prorated to account for the difference between the previous renewal
19 month and the new renewal month and those fees shall be due at the
20 time of registration pursuant to this paragraph.

21 C. The following penalties shall apply for delinquent
22 registration fees:

23 1. For fleet vehicles required to be registered pursuant to the
24 provisions of Section 1120 of this title for which a properly

1 completed application for registration has not been received by the
2 Corporation Commission by the last day of the month following the
3 registration expiration date, a penalty of thirty percent (30%) of
4 the Oklahoma portion of the annual registration fee, or Two Hundred
5 Dollars (\$200.00), whichever is greater, shall be assessed. The
6 license and registration cards issued by the Corporation Commission
7 for each fleet vehicle shall be valid until two (2) months after the
8 registration expiration date;

9 2. For commercial vehicles registered under the provisions of
10 subsection B of this section, except those vehicles registered
11 pursuant to Section 1133.1 of this title, a penalty shall be
12 assessed after the last day of the month following the registration
13 expiration date. A penalty of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per day
14 shall be added to the license fee of such vehicle and shall accrue
15 for one (1) month. Thereafter, the penalty shall be thirty percent
16 (30%) of the annual registration fee, or Two Hundred Dollars
17 (\$200.00), whichever is greater;

18 3. For new or used manufactured homes, not registered within
19 thirty (30) days from date of purchase or date such manufactured
20 home was brought into this state, a penalty equal to the
21 registration fee shall be assessed; or

22 4. For all vehicles a penalty shall be assessed after the last
23 day of the month following the expiration date and no penalty shall
24 be waived by Service Oklahoma or any licensed operator except as

1 provided for in subsection H of Section 1133, subsection C of
2 Section 1127 of this title, or when the vehicle was stolen as
3 certified by a police report or other documentation as required by
4 Service Oklahoma. A penalty of One Dollar (\$1.00) per day shall be
5 added to the license fee of such vehicle, provided that the penalty
6 shall not exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Of each dollar
7 penalty collected pursuant to this subsection:

8 a. twenty-one cents (\$0.21) shall be apportioned as
9 provided in Section 1104 of this title,

10 b. twenty-one cents (\$0.21) shall be retained by the
11 licensed operator, and

12 c. fifty-eight cents (\$0.58) shall be deposited in the
13 General Revenue Fund.

14 D. In addition to all other penalties provided in the Oklahoma
15 Vehicle License and Registration Act, the following penalties shall
16 be imposed and collected by any Enforcement Officer of the
17 Corporation Commission upon finding any commercial vehicle being
18 operated in violation of the provisions of the Oklahoma Vehicle
19 License and Registration Act.

20 The penalties shall apply to any commercial vehicle found to be
21 operating in violation of the following provisions:

22 1. A penalty of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be
23 imposed upon any person found to be operating a commercial vehicle
24 sixty (60) days after the end of the month in which the license

1 plate or registration credentials expire without the current year
2 license plate or registration credential displayed. Such penalty
3 shall not exceed the amount established by the Corporation
4 Commission pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of Section
5 1167 of this title. Revenue from such penalties shall be
6 apportioned as provided in Section 1167 of this title;

7 2. A penalty of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be
8 imposed for any person operating a commercial vehicle subject to the
9 provisions of Section 1120 or Section 1133 of this title without the
10 proper display of, or, carrying in such commercial vehicle, the
11 identification credentials issued by the Corporation Commission as
12 evidence of payment of the fee or tax as provided in Section 1120 or
13 Section 1133 of this title. Such penalty shall not exceed the
14 amount established by the Corporation Commission pursuant to the
15 provisions of subsection A of Section 1167 of this title. Revenue
16 from such penalties shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1167
17 of this title; and

18 3. A penalty of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)
19 shall be imposed for any person that fails to register any
20 commercial vehicle subject to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and
21 Registration Act. Such penalty shall not exceed the amount
22 established by the Corporation Commission pursuant to the provisions
23 of subsection A of Section 1167 of this title. Revenue from such
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1 penalties shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1167 of this
2 title.

3 E. Service Oklahoma, or the Corporation Commission with respect
4 to vehicles registered under Section 1120 or Section 1133 of this
5 title, shall assess the registration fees and penalties for the year
6 or years a vehicle was not registered. For vehicles not registered
7 for two (2) or more years, the registration fees and penalties shall
8 be due only for the current year and one (1) previous year.

9 F. In addition to any other penalty prescribed by law, there
10 shall be a penalty of not less than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) upon a
11 finding by an enforcement officer that:

12 1. The registration of a vehicle registered pursuant to Section
13 1132 of this title is expired and it is sixty (60) or more days
14 after the end of the month of expiration; or

15 2. The registration fees for a vehicle that is subject to the
16 registration fees pursuant to Section 1132 of this title have not
17 been paid.

18 Such penalty shall not exceed the amount established by the
19 Corporation Commission pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of
20 Section 1167 of this title. Revenue from such penalties shall be
21 apportioned as provided in Section 1167 of this title.

22 G. If a vehicle is donated to a nonprofit charitable
23 organization, the nonprofit charitable organization shall be exempt
24 from paying any current or past due registration fees, excise tax,

1 transfer fees, and penalties and interest. However, after the
2 donation, if the person donating the vehicle, or someone on behalf
3 of such person, purchases the same vehicle back from the nonprofit
4 charitable organization to which the vehicle was donated, such
5 person shall be liable for all current and past-due registration
6 fees, excise tax, title or transfer fees, and penalties and interest
7 on such vehicle.

8 H. Service Oklahoma shall promulgate rules and any necessary
9 procedures to establish an option for a biennial registration for
10 vehicles registered pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection B of this
11 section.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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