1 ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 3850 By: Boatman and McDugle of the 2 House 3 and Montgomery of the Senate 4 5 6 7 [revenue and taxation - motor vehicle excise tax certificate of titles - effective date -8 9 emergency] 10 11 12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 1.3 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2021, Section 2105, is 14 amended to read as follows: 15 Section 2105. An original or a transfer certificate of title or 16 a foreign export certificate of title as provided for in paragraph 17 18 of this section shall be issued without the payment of the excise 18 tax levied by Section 2101 et seq. of this title for: 19 1. Any vehicle owned by a nonresident person who operates 20 principally in some other state but who is in Oklahoma only 21 occasionally; 22 2. Any vehicle brought into this state by a person formerly 23 living in another state, who has owned and registered the vehicle in 24 such other state of residence at least sixty (60) days prior to the

- time it is required to be registered in this state; provided,
 however, this paragraph shall not apply to businesses engaged in
 renting cars without a driver;
- 3. Any vehicle registered by the State of Oklahoma, by any of 5 the political subdivisions thereof, or by a fire department organized pursuant to Section 592 of Title 18 of the Oklahoma 6 7 Statutes to be used for the purposes of the fire department, or a vehicle which is the subject of a lease or lease-purchase agreement 8 executed between the person seeking an original or transfer 10 certificate of title for the vehicle and a municipality, county, 11 school district, or fire protection district. The person seeking an 12 original or transfer certificate of title shall provide adequate 13 proof that the vehicle is subject to a lease or lease-purchase 14 agreement with a municipality, county, school district, or fire 15 protection district at the time the excise tax levied would 16 otherwise be payable. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall have the 17 authority to determine what constitutes adequate proof as required 18 by this section;
 - 4. Any vehicle, the legal ownership of which is obtained by the applicant for a certificate of title by inheritance;
- 5. Any used motor vehicle, travel trailer, or commercial trailer which is owned and being offered for sale by a person licensed as a dealer to sell the same, under the provisions of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act:

- a. if such vehicle, travel trailer, or commercial trailer has been registered in Oklahoma and the excise tax paid thereon, or
 - b. when such vehicle, travel trailer, or commercial trailer has been registered in some other state but is not the latest manufactured model.

Provided, the provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed as allowing an exemption to any person not licensed as a dealer of used motor vehicles, travel trailers, or commercial trailers, or as an automotive dismantler and parts recycler in this state;

- 6. Any vehicle which was purchased by a person licensed to sell new or used motor vehicles in another state:
 - a. if such vehicle is not purchased for operation or resale in this state, and
 - b. the state from which the dealer is licensed offers reciprocal privileges to a dealer licensed in this state, pursuant to a reciprocal agreement between the duly authorized agent of the Tax Commission and the licensing state;
- 7. Any vehicle, the ownership of which was obtained by the lienholder or mortgagee under or by foreclosure of a lien or mortgage in the manner provided by law or to the insurer under

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1 subrogated rights arising by reason of loss under an insurance 2 contract;

- 8. Any vehicle which is taxed on an ad valorem basis;
- 9. Any vehicle or motor vehicle, the legal ownership of which is obtained by transfers:
 - a. from one corporation to another corporation pursuant to a reorganization. As used in this subsection the term "reorganization" means:
 - (1) a statutory merger or consolidation, or
 - (2) the acquisition by a corporation of substantially all of the properties of another corporation when the consideration is solely all or a part of the voting stock of the acquiring corporation, or of its parent or subsidiary corporation,
 - b. in connection with the winding up, dissolution, or liquidation of a corporation only when there is a distribution in kind to the shareholders of the property of such corporation,
 - c. to a corporation where the former owners of the vehicle or motor vehicle transferred are, immediately after the transfer, in control of the corporation, and the stock or securities received by each is substantially in proportion to the interest in the vehicle or motor vehicle prior to the transfer,

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- d. to a partnership if the former owners of the vehicle
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 - e. from a partnership to the members thereof when made in the dissolution of such partnership,
 - f. to a limited liability company if the former owners of the vehicle or motor vehicle transferred are, immediately after the transfer, members of the limited liability company and the interest in the limited liability company received by each is substantially in proportion to the interest in the vehicle or motor vehicle prior to the transfer, or
 - g. from a limited liability company to the members thereof when made in the dissolution of such partnership;
 - 10. Any vehicle which is purchased by a person to be used by a business engaged in renting motor vehicles without a driver, provided:
 - a. the vehicle shall not be rented to the same person for a period exceeding ninety (90) days,

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- b. any such vehicle exempted from the excise tax by these provisions shall not be placed under any type of lease agreement,
- on any such vehicle exempted from the excise tax by C. this subsection that is reregistered in this state, without a prior sale or transfer to the persons specified in divisions (1) and (2) of this subparagraph, at any time prior to the expiration of twelve (12) months from the date of issuance of the original title, the seller shall pay immediately the amount of excise tax which would have been due had this exemption not been granted plus a penalty of twenty percent (20%). No such excise tax or penalty shall become due and payable if the vehicle is sold or transferred in a condition either physical or mechanical which would render it eligible for a salvage title pursuant to law or if the vehicle is sold and transferred in this state at any time prior to the expiration of twelve (12) months:
 - (1) to the manufacturer of the vehicle or its controlled financing arm, or
 - (2) to a factory authorized franchised new motor vehicle dealer which holds a franchise of the same line-make of the vehicle being purchased, or

- d. when this exemption is claimed, the Tax Commission

 shall issue a special title which shall restrict the

 transfer of the title only within this state prior to

 the expiration of twelve (12) months unless:
 - (1) payment of the excise tax plus penalty as provided in this section is made,
 - (2) the sale is made to a person specified in division (1) or (2) of subparagraph c of this paragraph, or
 - (3) the vehicle is eligible for a salvage title.

 For all other tax purposes vehicles herein exempted shall be treated as though the excise tax has been paid;
 - 11. Any vehicle of the latest manufactured model, registered from a title in the name of the original manufacturer or assigned to the original manufacturer and issued by any state and transferred to a licensed, franchised Oklahoma motor vehicle dealer, as defined by Section 1102 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, which holds a franchise of the same line-make as the vehicle being registered;
 - 12. Any new motor vehicle, registered in the name of a manufacturer or dealer of new motor vehicles, for which a license plate has been issued pursuant to Section 1116.1 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, if such vehicle is authorized by the manufacturer or dealer for personal use by an individual. The authorization for such use shall not exceed four (4) months which shall not be renewed

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- or the exemption provided by this subsection shall not be
 applicable. The exemption provided by this subsection shall not be
 applicable to a transfer of ownership or registration subsequent to
 the first registration of the vehicle by a manufacturer or dealer;
 - 13. Any vehicle, travel trailer, or commercial trailer of the latest manufacturer model purchased by a franchised Oklahoma dealer licensed to sell the same which holds a franchise of the same linemake as the vehicle, travel trailer, or commercial trailer being registered;
 - 14. Any vehicle which is the subject of a lease or leasepurchase agreement and which the ownership of such vehicle is being
 obtained by the lessee, if the vehicle excise tax was paid at the
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- a. is purchased by a private, nonprofit organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and which is primarily funded by a fraternal or civic service organization with at least one hundred local chapters or clubs, and
- b. is designed and used to provide mobile health screening services to the general public at no cost to the recipient, and for which no reimbursement of any

kind is received from any health insurance provider,
health maintenance organization, or governmental
program;

- Any vehicle which is purchased by an individual who has been honorably discharged from active service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or Oklahoma National Guard and who has been certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, its successor, or the Armed Forces of the United States to be a disabled veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundredpercent rate for a permanent disability sustained through military action or accident resulting from disease contracted while in such active service and registered with the veterans registry created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; provided, that if the veteran has previously received exemption pursuant to this paragraph, no registration with the veterans registry shall be This exemption may not be claimed by an individual for required. more than one vehicle in a consecutive three-year period, unless the vehicle is a replacement for a vehicle which was destroyed and declared by the insurer to be a total loss claim. Commission shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section; or
- 17. Any vehicle on which ownership is transferred by a repossessor directly back to the owner or owners from whom the vehicle was repossessed; provided, ownership shall be assigned by

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- the repossessor within thirty (30) days of issuance of the
 repossession title and shall be identical to that reflected in the
 vehicle title record immediately prior to the repossession; or
 - 18. Any vehicle which is purchased by an individual or entity doing business in this state if the vehicle is contracted to be shipped to a destination outside of the United States or its territories within one hundred twenty (120) days of purchase. The Oklahoma Tax Commission shall prescribe a form to be completed and submitted under oath together with the purchase contract for the vehicle and proof of commitment to ship the vehicle by common carrier vessel, air, rail, or any other common carrier for hire. Upon approval for the exemption provided for by this section and payment of the required certificate of title fee, the Tax Commission shall issue a foreign export certificate of title.
- SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1105, is amended to read as follows:
- Section 1105. A. As used in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act:
 - 1. "Salvage vehicle" means any vehicle which is within the last ten (10) model years and which has been damaged by collision or other occurrence to the extent that the cost of repairing the vehicle for safe operation on the highway exceeds sixty percent (60%) of its fair market value, as defined by Section 1111 of this title, immediately prior to the damage. For purposes of this

- section, actual repair costs shall only include labor and parts for actual damage to the suspension, motor, transmission, frame or unibody and designated structural components;
 - 2. "Rebuilt vehicle" means any salvage vehicle which has been rebuilt and inspected for the purpose of registration and title;
 - 3. "Flood-damaged vehicle" means a salvage or rebuilt vehicle which was damaged by flooding or a vehicle which was submerged at a level to or above the dashboard of the vehicle and on which an amount of loss was paid by the insurer;
- 4. "Unrecovered-theft vehicle" means a vehicle which has been stolen and not yet recovered;
- 5. "Recovered-theft vehicle" means a vehicle, including a salvage or rebuilt vehicle, which was recovered from a theft; and
- 6. "Junked vehicle" means any vehicle which is incapable of operation or use on the highway, has no resale value except as a source of parts or scrap and has an eighty percent (80%) loss in fair market value.
- B. The owner of every vehicle in this state shall possess a certificate of title as proof of ownership of such vehicle, except those vehicles registered pursuant to Section 1120 of this title and trailers registered pursuant to Section 1133 of this title, previously titled by anyone in another state and engaged in interstate commerce, and except as provided in subsection M of this section. Except for owners that possess an agricultural exemption

permit pursuant to Section 1358.1 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the owner of an all-terrain vehicle or a motorcycle used exclusively off roads or highways in this state which is purchased or the ownership of which is transferred on or after July 1, 2005, and the owner of a utility vehicle used exclusively off roads and highways in this state which is purchased or the ownership of which is transferred on or after July 1, 2008, shall possess a certificate of title as proof of ownership. Any person possessing an agricultural exemption permit and owning an all-terrain vehicle or a motorcycle used exclusively off roads or highways in this state which is purchased or the ownership of which is transferred on or after July 1, 2008, shall possess a certificate of title as proof of ownership. Upon receipt of proper application information by such owner, the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall issue an original or transfer certificate of title. Until July 1, 2008, any security interest in an all-terrain vehicle that attached and was perfected before July 1, 2005, and that has not otherwise terminated shall remain perfected, and shall take priority over any subsequently perfected security interest in the same all-terrain vehicle, notwithstanding that a certificate of title may have been issued with respect to the same all-terrain vehicle on or after July 1, 2005, and that a lien may have been recorded on said certificate of title. There shall be eight nine types of certificates of title:

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- 1. Original title for any motor vehicle which is not a

 2 remanufactured, salvage, unrecovered-theft, rebuilt, rebodied,

 3 foreign export, or junked vehicle;
 - 2. Salvage title for any motor vehicle which is a salvage vehicle or is specified as a salvage vehicle or the equivalent thereof on a certificate of title from another state;
 - 3. Rebuilt title for any motor vehicle which is a rebuilt vehicle;
 - 4. Junked title for any motor vehicle which is a junked vehicle or is specified as a junked vehicle or the equivalent thereof on a certificate of title from another state;
 - 5. Classic title for any motor vehicle, except a junked vehicle, which is twenty-five (25) model years or older;
 - 6. Remanufactured title for any vehicle which is a remanufactured vehicle;
 - 7. Unrecovered-theft title for any motor vehicle which has been stolen and not recovered; and
 - 8. Rebodied title for any motor vehicle which is a rebodied vehicle; and
- 9. Foreign export title for any motor vehicle which is
 purchased by an individual or entity doing business in Oklahoma for
 the sole purpose of exporting the vehicle outside of the United

 States or its territories.

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Application for a certificate of title, whether the initial certificate of title or a duplicate, may be made to the Tax Commission or any motor license agent. When application is made with a motor license agent, the application information shall be transmitted either electronically or by mail to the Tax Commission by the motor license agent. If the application information is transmitted electronically, the motor license agent shall forward the required application along with evidence of ownership, where required, by mail. Where the transmission of application information cannot be performed electronically, the Tax Commission is authorized to provide postage paid envelopes to motor license agents for the purpose of mailing the application along with evidence of ownership, where required. The Tax Commission shall upon receipt of proper application information issue an Oklahoma certificate of title. The certificates may be mailed to the applicant. Upon issuance of a certificate of title, the Tax Commission shall provide the appropriate motor license agent with confirmation of such issuance.

- C. 1. The application for certificate of title shall be upon a blank form furnished by the Tax Commission, containing:
 - a. a full description of the vehicle,
 - b. the manufacturer's serial or other identification number,

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- c. the motor number and the date on which first sold by
 the manufacturer or dealer to the owner,
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- e. a statement of the applicant's source of title,
- f. any security interest upon the vehicle, and
- g. such other information as the Tax Commission may require.
- 2. The application for a certificate of title for a vehicle which is within the last seven (7) model years shall require a declaration as to whether the vehicle has been damaged by collision or other occurrence and whether the vehicle has been recovered from theft and the extent of the damage to the vehicle. The declaration shall be made by the owner of a vehicle if:
 - a. the vehicle has been damaged or stolen,
 - b. the owner did or did not receive any payment for the loss from an insurer, or
 - c. the vehicle is titled or registered in a state that does not classify the vehicle or brand the title because of damage to or loss of the vehicle similar to the classifications or brands utilized by this state.

The declaration shall be based upon the best information and knowledge of the owner and shall be in addition to the requirements specified in paragraph 1 of this subsection. The Tax Commission shall not issue a certificate of title for a vehicle which is

- 1 subject to the provisions of this paragraph without the required declaration, completed and signed by the owner of the vehicle. Upon receipt of an application without the properly completed 3 4 declaration, the Tax Commission shall return the application to the 5 applicant with notice that the title may not be issued without the required declaration. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit the 6 7 Tax Commission from recognizing the type of or brand on a title or other ownership document issued by another state or the inspection 8 9 conducted in another state and issuing the appropriate certificate 10 of title for the vehicle.
- 3. The certificate of title shall have the following security features:
 - a. intaglio printing or security thread, with or without watermark,
 - b. latent images,

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- c. fluorescent inks,
- d. micro print,
- e. void background, and
- f. color coding.
- 4. Each title issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act shall be color coded as determined by the Tax Commission.
- 5. The certificate of title shall be of such size and design and color as the Tax Commission may direct pursuant to the

provisions of this section. The title shall be on colored paper or other material as designated by the Tax Commission and be of such intensity or hue as will allow easy identification as to whether the title is an original title, a salvage title, a rebuilt title, remanufactured title, rebodied title or, a junked title, or a foreign export title. The type of title shall be identified on the front of the certificate of title. The original title, rebuilt title, remanufactured title, an unrecovered-theft title, rebodied title, foreign export title, or classic title shall be identified by the word "Original", "Rebuilt", "Remanufactured", "Unrecovered Theft", "Rebodied", "Foreign Export", or "Classic" printed in the upper right quadrant of the certificate of title, in the space which is currently captioned "type of title". A rebodied title shall also identify on the front of the title the year, make and model of the originally manufactured vehicle which has been rebodied and display a notation that reads as follows: "This vehicle has been assembled with new major components licensed by the original manufacturer".

D. 1. To obtain an original certificate of title for a vehicle that is being registered for the first time in this state which has not been previously registered in any other state, the applicant shall be required to deliver, as evidence of ownership, a manufacturer's certificate of origin properly assigned by the manufacturer, distributor, or dealer licensed in this or any other state shown thereon to be the last transferee to the applicant upon

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- a form to be prescribed and approved by the Tax Commission. A
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 - a. the manufacturer's serial or other identification number,
 - b. date on which first sold by the manufacturer to the dealer,
 - c. any distinguishing marks including model and the year same was made,
 - d. a statement of any security interests upon the vehicle, and
 - e. such other information as the Tax Commission may require.
 - 2. The manufacturer's certificate of origin shall have the following security features:
 - a. intaglio printing or security thread, with or without watermark,
 - b. latent images,
 - c. fluorescent inks,
 - d. micro print, and
 - e. void background.
 - E. In the absence of a dealer's or manufacturer's number, the Tax Commission may assign such identifying number to the vehicle, which shall be permanently stamped, burned or pressed or attached into the vehicle, and a certificate of title shall be delivered to

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1 the applicant upon payment of all fees and taxes, and the remaining

2 copies shall be permanently filed and indexed by the Tax Commission.

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vehicle pursuant to Section 1111 of this title, shall identify the

make, model, and year for the body to accurately describe the

rebuilt vehicle. At the time of the inspection, an appropriate

identifying number shall be permanently stamped, burned, pressed, or

attached on the rebuilt vehicle. The assigned identifying number

shall be recorded on the certificate of title for the rebuilt

vehicle. The dealer's or manufacturer's vehicle identification

number on the rebuilt vehicle shall be preserved in the computer

files of the Tax Commission for at least five (5) years.

F. When registering for the first time in this state a vehicle which was not originally manufactured for sale in the United States, to obtain a certificate of title, the Tax Commission shall require

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1. As evidence of ownership, if the vehicle has not previously been titled in the United States, the documents constituting valid proof of ownership in the country in which the vehicle was originally purchased, together with a notarized translation of any such documents; and

2. As evidence of compliance with federal law, copies of the bond release letters for the vehicle issued by the United States
Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of
Transportation, together with a receipt issued by the Internal
Revenue Service indicating that the applicable federal gas guzzler tax has been paid.

The Tax Commission shall not issue a certificate of title for a vehicle which is subject to the provisions of this paragraph without the required documentation from agencies of the United States and evidence of ownership. Upon receipt of an application without the required documentation, the Tax Commission shall return the application to the applicant with notice that the certificate of title may not be issued without the required documentation. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit the Tax Commission from issuing certificates of title for antique or classic vehicles not driven upon the public streets, roads, or highways, for mini-trucks registered pursuant to Section 1151.3 of this title, or for medium-speed electric vehicles.

G. When registering in this state a vehicle which was titled in another state and which title contains the name of a secured party on the face of the other state certificate of title, or such state certificate is being held by the secured party in that state or any other state, the Tax Commission or the motor license agent shall complete a lien entry form as prescribed by the Tax Commission. The

owner of such vehicle shall file an affidavit with the Tax Commission or the motor license agent stating that title to the vehicle is being held by a secured party, has not been issued pursuant to the laws of the state where titled, and that there is an existing lien or encumbrance on the vehicle. The current name and address of the secured party or lienholder shall also be stated in the affidavit. The form of the affidavit shall be prescribed by the Tax Commission and contain any other information deemed necessary by the Tax Commission. A statement of the lien or encumbrance shall be included on the Oklahoma certificate of title and the lien or encumbrance shall be deemed continuously perfected as though it had been perfected pursuant to Section 1110 of this title. For completing the lien entry form and recording the security interest on the certificate of title, the Tax Commission or the motor license agent shall collect a fee of Three Dollars (\$3.00) which shall be in addition to other fees provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act. The fee, if collected by the motor license agent pursuant to this subsection, shall be retained by the motor license agent.

H. The charge for each certificate of title issued, except for junked and foreign export titles as defined in paragraph 4 of subsection B of this section, shall be Eleven Dollars (\$11.00), which charge shall be in addition to any other fees or taxes imposed by law for such vehicle. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each such charge

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shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement However, the charge shall not apply to any vehicle which is to be registered in this state pursuant to the provisions of Section 1120 or 1133 of this title and which was registered in another state at least sixty (60) days prior to the time it is required to be registered in this state. When an insurer requests a salvage or junk title in the name of the insurer resulting from the settlement of a total loss claim and upon presentation of appropriate proof of loss documentation as required by the Commission, such transfer may be processed as one title transaction, without first requiring issuance of a replacement certificate of title in the name of the vehicle owner. The fee shall be Twenty-two Dollars (\$22.00). Dollars (\$2.00) of this fee shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund. The charge for a foreign export title shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), which charge shall be in addition to any other fees or taxes imposed by law for such vehicle. One Dollar (\$1.00) of this fee shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.

I. The vehicle identification number of a junked vehicle shall be preserved in the computer files of the Tax Commission for a period of not less than five (5) years. The charge of junked titles as defined in paragraph 4 of subsection B of this section shall be Four Dollars (\$4.00). The fee remitted to the Tax Commission shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.

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- J. If a vehicle is sold to a resident of another state, destroyed, dismantled, or ceases to be used as a vehicle, the owner shall immediately notify the Tax Commission. Absent evidence to the contrary, failure to notify the Tax Commission shall be prima facie evidence that the vehicle has been in continuous operation in this state.
- K. If a vehicle is stolen, the owner shall immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency. Immediately after receiving such notification, the law enforcement agency shall notify the Tax Commission.
- L. Except for all-terrain vehicles, utility vehicles and motorcycles used exclusively for off-road use, no title for an out-of-state vehicle, except any commercial truck or truck-tractor registered pursuant to Section 1120 of this title which is engaged in interstate commerce er, any trailer or semitrailer registered pursuant to Section 1133 of this title which is engaged in interstate commerce, or any vehicle titled as a foreign export, shall be issued without an inspection of such vehicle and payment of a fee of Four Dollars (\$4.00) for such inspection; provided, the Tax Commission may enter into reciprocal agreements with other states for such inspections to be performed at locations outside the boundaries of this state for vehicles which:
 - 1. Are offered for sale at auction;

- 2. Have been solely used as vehicles for rent under the ownership of a licensed motor vehicle dealer or a person engaged in the business of renting motor vehicles; or
- 3. Have not been registered in this or any other state for more than one (1) year.

The inspection shall include a comparison of the vehicle identification number on the vehicle with the number recorded on the ownership records and the recording of the actual odometer reading on the vehicle. The four-dollar fee shall be collected by the motor license agent or Tax Commission when the title is issued. The motor license agent shall retain Two Dollars (\$2.00). The remaining Two Dollars (\$2.00) shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.

The Tax Commission may allow the inspection to be performed at a location out-of-state by another state's department of motor vehicles or state police.

M. No title for any out-of-state vehicle offered for sale at salvage pools, salvage disposal sales, or an auction, or by a dealer or a licensed automotive dismantler and parts recycler, shall be issued without an inspection to compare the vehicle identification number on the vehicle with the number recorded on the ownership record and to record the actual odometer reading on the vehicle.

Upon request of the seller, person or entity conducting an auction, dealer or licensed dismantler, the inspection shall be conducted at

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- 1 the location or place of business of the sale, auction, dealer, or the dismantler. The inspection shall be conducted by any motor license agent or a duly authorized employee thereof; provided, if 3 the vehicle identification number on the vehicle offered for sale at 5 salvage pools, salvage disposal sales or a classic or antique auction does not match the number recorded on the ownership record, 6 7 the inspection may be conducted at the location of or place of business of such sale or auction by any state, county or city law 8 enforcement officer. The Tax Commission may enter into reciprocal 10 agreements with other states for such inspections to be performed at locations outside the boundaries of this state for vehicles which: 11
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- 2. Have been solely used as vehicles for rent under the ownership of a licensed motor vehicle dealer or a person engaged in the business of renting motor vehicles; or
- 3. Have not been registered in this or any other state for more than one (1) year.
- The inspection shall be certified upon forms prescribed by the Tax Commission. The name and other identification of the authorized person conducting the inspection shall be legibly printed or typed on the form. Prior to any inspection by any employee of a motor license agent, the motor license agent shall notify the Tax Commission of the name and any other identification information requested by the Tax Commission of the authorized person. A

signature specimen of the authorized person shall be submitted to the Tax Commission by the employing motor license agent. authorization to inspect vehicles is withdrawn or the employeremployee relationship is terminated, the motor license agent, immediately, shall notify the Tax Commission and return any remaining inspection forms to the Tax Commission. The fee for the inspection shall be Four Dollars (\$4.00). The motor license agent shall retain Three Dollars (\$3.00) of the fee. Fees received by a motor license agent or an authorized employee thereof shall be handled and accounted for in the manner as prescribed by law for any other fees paid to or received by a motor license agent. Out-ofstate vehicles brought into this state by a person licensed in another state to sell new or used vehicles to be sold within this state at a motor vehicle auction which is limited to dealer-todealer transactions shall not be required to be inspected, unless the vehicle is purchased by an Oklahoma dealer. Any person licensed in another state to sell new or used motor vehicles, who offers a motor vehicle for sale within this state at a motor vehicle auction which is limited to dealer-to-dealer transactions, shall not be within the definition of "owner" in Section 1102 of this title, for purposes of Section 1101 et seg. of this title.

N. A licensed motor vehicle dealer, upon payment of a fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00), may reassign an out-of-state certificate of title to a used motor vehicle provided such dealer obtains the

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appropriate inspection form required by either subsection L or M of this section and attaches the form to the out-of-state certificate of title. Motor license agents shall be allowed to retain Two Dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) of the fee plus an additional Two Dollars (\$2.00) or Three Dollars (\$3.00) as provided in subsections L and M of this section for performance of the inspection. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of the fee shall be deposited in the Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund. An out-of-state vehicle which has been rebuilt shall be inspected pursuant to the provisions of Section 1111 of this title. The Tax Commission shall train motor license agents in interpreting vehicle identification numbers to assure that it accurately describes the vehicle and to detect rollback or alteration of the odometer. Failure of a motor license agent to inspect the vehicle and make the required notations shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the first offense and Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the second offense or subsequent offense, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

O. The ownership of any unrecovered vehicle which has been declared a total loss by an insurer because of theft shall be transferred to the insurer by an unrecovered-theft vehicle title; provided, the ownership of any such vehicle which has been declared a total loss by an insurer licensed by the Insurance Department of

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- the State of Oklahoma and maintaining a multi-state motor vehicle salvage processing center in this state shall be transferred to the insurer by a salvage or an unrecovered-theft title without the requirement of a visual inspection of the vehicle identification number by the insurer. Upon recovery of the vehicle, the ownership shall be transferred by an original title, salvage title, or junked title, as may be appropriate based upon an estimate of the amount of loss submitted by the insurer.
- P. When an insurance company makes a total loss settlement on a total loss vehicle and the insurance company or a salvage pool authorized by the insurance company is unable to obtain the properly endorsed certificate of ownership or other evidence of ownership acceptable to the Oklahoma Tax Commission within thirty (30) days following acceptance by the owner of an offer of an amount in settlement of a total loss, that insurance company or salvage pool, on a form provided by the Oklahoma Tax Commission and signed under penalty of perjury, may request the Oklahoma Tax Commission to issue the applicable salvage title for the vehicle. The request shall include information declaring that the requester has made at least two written attempts to obtain the certificate of ownership or other acceptable evidence of title.
- Q. The owner of any vehicle which is incapable of operation or use on the public roads and has no resale value, except as parts, scrap or junk, may deliver the certificate of title to the vehicle

to the Tax Commission for cancellation. Upon verification that any perfected lien against the vehicle has been released, the certificate of title shall be canceled without any fee, charge, or cost required from the owner. The vehicle identification numbers on the certificates of title shall be preserved in the computer files of the Tax Commission for at least five (5) years from the date of cancellation of the certificate of title. The Tax Commission shall prescribe and provide an affidavit form to be completed by the owner of any vehicle for which the certificate of title is canceled. No title or registration shall subsequently be issued for a vehicle for which the certificate of title has been surrendered pursuant to this subsection. The Tax Commission shall prescribe a form for the transfer of ownership of a vehicle for which the certificate of title has been canceled.

R. The owner of a vehicle which is not within the last ten (10) model years, not roadworthy and not capable of repair for operation or use on the roads and highways, or a vehicle which is being sold to a scrap metal dealer pursuant to Section 11-92 of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall transfer the vehicle only upon a certificate of ownership prescribed by the Tax Commission, if the certificate of title to the vehicle is lost, has been canceled, or otherwise not available. The prescribed ownership form shall include the names and addresses of the buyer and seller, the driver license number or Social Security number of the seller, the make and

1 | model of the vehicle, and the public vehicle identification number.
2 | If there is no public vehicle identification number, the vehicle

3 shall be inspected by a law enforcement officer to verify the

absence of the number on the vehicle and the prescribed ownership

form shall include a signed statement, by such officer, verifying

the absence of the number.

The certificate of ownership shall be completed in triplicate. The buyer and seller shall each retain a copy. Within thirty (30) days of the transaction, the seller shall submit one copy to the Tax Commission or a motor license agent accompanied with a fee of Four Dollars (\$4.00). One Dollar (\$1.00) shall be retained by the motor license agent and Three Dollars (\$3.00) shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund in the State Treasury.

Upon receipt of the certificate, the Tax Commission shall verify that any perfected lien upon the vehicle has been released. If the lien is not released, the Tax Commission shall mail notice of the transfer to the lienholder at the lienholder's last-known address. If a certificate of title has been issued, it shall be canceled and the vehicle identification number shall be preserved in the computer of the Tax Commission for at least five (5) years. The buyer of the vehicle may not be sued and shall not be liable for monetary damages to the lienholder, however, the vehicle shall be subject to a valid repossession by a lienholder.

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- S. The Tax Commission shall notify the chief administrative officer of the agency or department responsible for issuing motor vehicle certificates of title in each state in the United States of the types of motor vehicle certificate of title effective in Oklahoma on and after January 1, 1989.
- T. When registering for the first time in this state a remanufactured vehicle which has not been registered in any other state since its remanufacture, before issuing a certificate of title, the Tax Commission shall require the applicant to deliver a statement of origin from the remanufacturer.
- U. If a vehicle is sold to a foreign buyer pursuant to the provisions of the Automotive Dismantlers and Parts Recycler Act, the licensed seller shall stamp the title with: "EXPORT ONLY.

 NONTRANSFERABLE IN THE UNITED STATES." The licensed seller shall supply the Tax Commission the title number, the vehicle identification number and the foreign buyer's bid identification number on a form prescribed by the Tax Commission. The Tax Commission shall cancel the title, and the vehicle identification number shall be preserved in the computer files of the Tax Commission for a period of not less than five (5) years.
- V. The Tax Commission shall not be considered a necessary party to any lawsuit which is instigated for the purpose of determining ownership of a vehicle, wherein the Tax Commission's only involvement would be to issue title, and the court shall issue an

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Τ.	order dismissing the rax commission from the pending action. In the
2	event no other party or lienholder can be identified as to ownership
3	or claim, the Tax Commission shall accept an affidavit of ownership
4	from the party claiming ownership and issue proper title thereon.
5	SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.
6	SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
7	of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
8	declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
9	be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
LO	Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of March, 2022.
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