An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2647

By: Brumbaugh, Ownbey and Ritze of the House

and

Jolley of the Senate

An Act relating to state vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Sections 151, 153 and 156.1, which relate to automobiles owned by the state; providing for vehicles leased by the state; amending 68 O.S. 2011, Sections 2103 and 2110, which relate to taxes on vehicles; providing exceptions; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Sections 85.45*1* and 110.3, which relate to fleet management; exempting certain state employees from Trip Optimizer system; requiring Office of State Finance to publish certain rate schedule; modifying applicability of inventory records; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: State vehicles

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 151, is amended to read as follows:

Section 151. A. A state agency that owns <u>or leases</u> vehicles shall affix the words "State of Oklahoma" and the name of the department or institution that owns or leases the vehicle in conspicuous letters.

B. 1. In lieu of the provisions of subsection A of this section, Department of Public Safety vehicles used regularly as patrol units shall be distinctively painted black and white and shall bear the wording "Oklahoma Highway Patrol" on each side of the

vehicle in letters of such size as to be easily distinguishable, it being the purpose and intention of the Legislature that said patrol units shall be marked in the future in the same manner as those now in use.

2. The Commissioner of Public Safety may designate colors and markings, in lieu of those authorized by the provisions of this section, for patrol units used for patrol purposes and for selective traffic law enforcement.

C. Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control vehicles for use in undercover investigations and Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation vehicles shall not be subject to the provisions of this section.

D. Department of Corrections vehicles designated for use by probation and parole operations and other administrative operations, as approved by the Director of the Department of Corrections, shall not be subject to the provisions of this section.

E. Vehicles utilized by CLEET-certified officers or state employees primarily employed in investigative activities may be exempt from the provisions of this section subject to the approval of the State Fleet Manager.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 153, is amended to read as follows:

Section 153. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive any state-owned or -leased automobile at any time and for any purpose, on any street or highway within this state, unless the provisions of Section 151 of this title have been strictly complied with, provided, however, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to set aside automobiles for use by the Department so that the same may be available to the Department without identifying marks thereon. These vehicles shall not be used for traffic enforcement on a routine basis.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 156.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 156.1 A. It shall be unlawful for any state official, officer, or employee, except any essential employees approved by the Governor and those officers or employees authorized in subsection B of this section, to ride to or from the place of residence of the

employee in a state-owned or -leased automobile, truck, or pickup, except in the performance of the official duty of the employee, or to use or permit the use of any such automobile, truck, ambulance, or pickup for other personal or private purposes. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period to not exceed thirty (30) days, or by both said fine and imprisonment, and in addition thereto, shall be discharged from state employment.

B. 1. Any state employee, other than the individuals provided for in paragraph 2 of this subsection and any employee of the Department of Public Safety who is an employee in the Driver License Examining Division or the Driver Compliance Division or a wrecker inspector or auditor of the Wrecker Services Division as provided for in paragraph 3 of this subsection, who receives emergency telephone calls regularly at the residence of the employee when the employee is not on duty and is regularly called upon to use a vehicle after normal work hours in response to such emergency calls, may be permitted to use a vehicle belonging to the State of Oklahoma to provide transportation between the residence of the employee and the assigned place of employment, provided such distance does not exceed seventy-five (75) miles in any round trip or is within the county where the assigned place of employment is located. Provided further, an employee may be permitted to use a state-owned or -leased vehicle to provide temporary transportation between a specific work location other than the assigned place of employment and the residence of the employee, if such use shall result in a monetary saving to the agency, and such authorization shall not be subject to the distance or area restrictions provided for in this paragraph. Authorization for temporary use of a state-owned or -leased vehicle for a specific project shall be in writing stating the justification for this use and the saving expected to result. Such authorization shall be valid for not to exceed sixty (60) days. Any state entity other than law enforcement that avails itself of this provision shall keep a monthly record of all participating employees, the number of emergency calls received, and the number of times that a state vehicle was used in the performance of such emergency calls.

2. Any employee of the Department of Public Safety, Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission, Oklahoma Department of

Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, Office of the Inspector General within the Department of Human Services or Office of the State Fire Marshal, who is a law enforcement officer or criminalist, Public Information officer, Special Investigator or Assistant Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, CLEET-certified Investigator for a state board or any employee of a district attorney who is a law enforcement officer, may be permitted to use a state-owned or -leased vehicle to provide transportation between the residence of the employee and the assigned place of employment and between the residence and any location other than the assigned place of employment to which the employee travels in the performance of the official duty of the employee.

3. Any employee of the Department of Public Safety who is an employee in the Driver License Examining Division, an employee of the Driver Compliance Division, a wrecker inspector or auditor of the Wrecker Services Division, or a noncommissioned pilot may be permitted, as determined by the Commissioner, to use a state-owned or -leased vehicle to provide transportation between the residence of the employee and the assigned place of employment and between the residence and any location other than the assigned place of employment to which the employee travels in the performance of the official duty of the employee.

4. The Director, department heads and other essential employees of the Department of Wildlife Conservation, as authorized by the Wildlife Conservation Commission, may be permitted to use a state-owned or -leased vehicle to provide transportation between the residence of the employee and the assigned place of employment and between the residence and any location other than the assigned place of employment to which the employee travels in the performance of the official duty of the employee.

C. The principal administrator of the state agency with which the employee is employed shall so designate the status of the employee in writing or provide a copy of the temporary authorization to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Such employee status report shall also be provided to the State Fleet Manager of the Division of Fleet Management if the motor vehicle for emergency use is provided by said Division.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2103, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2103. A. 1. Except as otherwise provided in Sections 2101 through 2108 of this title, there shall be levied an excise tax upon the transfer of legal ownership of any vehicle registered in this state and upon the use of any vehicle registered in this state and upon the use of any vehicle registered for the first time in this state. Except for persons that possess an agricultural exemption pursuant to Section 1358.1 of this title, the excise tax shall be levied upon transfers of legal ownership of all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles used exclusively off roads and highways which occur on or after July 1, 2005, and upon transfers of legal ownership of utility vehicles used exclusively off roads and highways which occur on or after July 1, 2008. The excise tax for new and used all-terrain vehicles, utility vehicles and motorcycles used exclusively off roads and highways shall be levied at four and one-half percent (4 1/2%) of the actual sales price of each new and used all-terrain vehicle and motorcycle used exclusively off roads and highways before any discounts or credits are given for a trade-in. Provided, the minimum excise tax assessment for such all-terrain vehicles, utility vehicles and motorcycles used exclusively off roads and highways shall be Five Dollars ($5.00). The excise tax for new vehicles shall be levied at three and one-fourth percent (3 1/4%) of the value of each new vehicle. The excise tax for used vehicles shall be as follows:

a. from October 1, 2000, until June 30, 2001, Twenty Dollars ($20.00) on the first One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) or less of value of such vehicle, and three and one-fourth percent (3 1/4%) of the remaining value of such vehicle,

b. for the year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, Twenty Dollars ($20.00) on the first One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($1,250.00) or less of value of such vehicle, and three and one-fourth percent (3 1/4%) of the remaining value of such vehicle, and

c. for the year beginning July 1, 2002, and all subsequent years, Twenty Dollars ($20.00) on the first One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($1,500.00) or less of value of such vehicle, and three and one-fourth percent (3 1/4%) of the remaining value of such vehicle.

2. There shall be levied an excise tax of Ten Dollars ($10.00) for any:

a. truck or truck-tractor registered under the provisions of subsection A of Section 1133 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for a laden weight or combined laden weight of fifty-five thousand (55,000) pounds or more,

b. trailer or semitrailer registered under subsection C of Section 1133 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, which is primarily designed to transport cargo over the highways of this state and generally recognized as such, and

c. frac tank, as defined by Section 54 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and registered under subsection C of Section 1133 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

Except for frac tanks, the excise tax levied pursuant to this paragraph shall not apply to special mobilized machinery, trailers, or semitrailers manufactured, modified or remanufactured for the purpose of providing services other than transporting cargo over the highways of this state. The excise tax levied pursuant to this paragraph shall also not apply to pickup trucks, vans, or sport utility vehicles.

3. The tax levied pursuant to this section shall be due at the time of the transfer of legal ownership or first registration in this state of such vehicle; provided, the tax shall not be due at the time of the issuance of a certificate of title for an all-terrain vehicle, utility vehicle or motorcycle used exclusively off roads and highways which is not required to be registered but which the owner chooses to register pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of Section 1115.3 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and shall be collected by the Oklahoma Tax Commission or Corporation Commission, as applicable, or an appointed motor license agent, at the time of the issuance of a certificate of title for any such vehicle. In the event an excise tax is collected on the transfer of legal ownership or use of the vehicle during any calendar year, then an additional excise tax must be collected upon all subsequent transfers of legal ownership. In computing the motor vehicle excise tax, the amount collected shall be rounded to the nearest dollar. The excise tax levied by this section shall be delinquent from and after the thirtieth day after the legal ownership or possession of

any vehicle is obtained. Any person failing or refusing to pay the tax as herein provided on or before date of delinquency shall pay in addition to the tax a penalty of One Dollar ($1.00) per day for each day of delinquency, but such penalty shall in no event exceed the amount of the tax. Of each dollar penalty collected pursuant to this subsection:

a. twenty-five cents ($0.25) shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1104 of this title;

b. twenty-five cents ($0.25) shall be retained by the motor license agent; and

c. fifty cents ($0.50) shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2011, and for all subsequent fiscal years, shall be deposited in the State Highway Construction and Maintenance Fund.

B. The excise tax levied in subsection A of this section assessed on all commercial vehicles registered pursuant to Section 1120 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be in lieu of all sales and use taxes levied pursuant to the Sales Tax Code or the Use Tax Code. The transfer of legal ownership of any motor vehicle as used in this section and the Sales Tax Code and the Use Tax Code shall include the lease, lease purchase or lease finance agreement involving any truck in excess of eight thousand (8,000) pounds combined laden weight or any truck-tractor provided the vehicle is registered in Oklahoma pursuant to Section 1120 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes or any frac tank, trailer, semitrailer or open commercial vehicle registered pursuant to Section 1133 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The excise tax levied pursuant to this section shall not be subsequently collected at the end of the lease period if the lessee acquires complete legal title of the vehicle.

C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to transfers made without consideration between:

1. Husband and wife;

2. Parent and child; or

3. An individual and an express trust which that individual or the spouse, child or parent of that individual has a right to revoke.

D. 1. There shall be a credit allowed with respect to the excise tax paid for a new vehicle which is a replacement for:

a. a new original vehicle which is stolen from the purchaser/registrant within ninety (90) days of the date of purchase of the original vehicle as certified by a police report or other documentation as required by the Tax Commission, or

b. a defective new original vehicle returned by the purchaser/registrant to the seller within six (6) months of the date of purchase of the defective new original vehicle as certified by the manufacturer.

2. The credit allowed pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection shall be in the amount of the excise tax which was paid for the new original vehicle and shall be applied to the excise tax due on the replacement vehicle. In no event shall the credit be refunded.

E. Despite any other definitions of the terms "new vehicle" and "used vehicle", to the contrary, contained in any other law, the term "new vehicle" as used in this section shall also include any vehicle of the latest manufactured model which is owned or acquired by a licensed used motor vehicle dealer which has not previously been registered in this state and upon which the motor vehicle excise tax as set forth in this section has not been paid. However, upon the sale or transfer by a licensed used motor vehicle dealer located in this state of any such vehicle which is the latest manufactured model, the vehicle shall be considered a used vehicle for purposes of determining excise tax.

F. The provisions of this section shall not apply to state government entities.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 2110, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2110. A. There is hereby levied a rental tax of six percent (6%) on the gross receipts of all motor vehicle rental agreements as provided in this section. This tax shall be levied on any rental agreement of ninety (90) days or less duration on any motor vehicle that is rented to a person by a business engaged in renting motor vehicles without a driver in Oklahoma, irrespective of

the state in which the vehicle is registered. This rental tax shall not apply to the following:

1. Any lease agreements;

2. Any truck or truck-tractor registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 1120 or Section 1133 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes having a laden weight or a combined laden weight of eight thousand (8,000) pounds or more; or

3. Any trailer or semitrailer registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 1133 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes. For purposes of this section, "vehicle" and "person" shall have the same meanings as defined in Section 2101 of this title.

B. The rental tax specified in subsection A of this section shall be apportioned in the manner as provided in Section 2102 of this title.

C. A deduction from gross receipts for bad debts shall be allowed for the rental tax specified in subsection A of this section. For purposes of this section, "bad debts" shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 1366 of this title.

D. The tax hereby levied shall be collected at the time of the payment of the rental agreement and shall be due and payable to the Oklahoma Tax Commission by the business engaged in renting these vehicles on the twentieth day of each month following the month in which payments for rental agreements subject to tax are made. The Tax Commission shall implement such rules and regulations and devise such forms as it deems necessary for the orderly collection of this tax and the excise tax and penalty provided for in ~~subsection~~ paragraph 9 of Section 2105 of this title.

E. The provisions of this section shall not apply to state government entities.

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 85.45*l*, is amended to read as follows:

Section 85.45*l* A. Each state agency, board, commission or other entity organized within the executive department of state government shall use the Trip Optimizer system of the Department of Central Services in computing the optimum method and cost for travel by state employees using a motor vehicle where the travel will

exceed one hundred (100) miles per day and the employee is not driving a state-owned or -leased dedicated vehicle. For purposes of this section, "dedicated vehicle" means a vehicle that has been assigned to the employee.

B. The provisions of this section shall be used to determine the most cost-effective method of travel by motor vehicles, whether such vehicles are owned by the agency, leased by the agency or by the employee, and shall be applicable for purposes of determining the maximum authorized amount of any travel reimbursement for employees of such agencies related to vehicle usage.

C. A nonappropriated state agency, that employs persons who use personal vehicles as part of their regular duties and who are reimbursed for travel expenses by the agency shall not be required to utilize the Trip Optimizer system with regard to the travel expenses of such employees. As used in this section, "nonappropriated state agency" means an entity within the executive branch of government that does not receive any of its funding through the annual legislative appropriations process.

D. The maximum authorized amount of travel reimbursement related to vehicle usage shall be the lowest cost option as determined by the Trip Optimizer system. All travel claims submitted for reimbursement shall include the results of the Trip Optimizer system indicating the lowest cost option for travel by the state employee.

E. State employees may be exempt from the reimbursement requirements of the Trip Optimizer system, provided the state employees utilize a personally owned vehicle and seek reimbursement according to the schedule referenced in subsection F of this section.

F. The Office of State Finance may publish a schedule of reimbursement rates for state employee travel. The schedule may apply to exemptions claimed under subsection E of this section. The schedule may categorize reimbursement rates by type of vehicle and shall not exceed standard mileage reimbursement rates as established by the Internal Revenue Service.

G. In providing a calculation of rates, the Trip Optimizer system shall account for the distance that an employee must travel to pick up a rental or state fleet vehicle.

H. In providing a calculation of rates, the Trip Optimizer system shall account for the long-term rate discounts offered through the state's purchasing contract for vehicle rentals.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 110.3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 110.3 A. All state agencies shall maintain inventory records of its motor vehicles. The records shall include:

1. A detailed description of each vehicle, including its original cost;

2. The vehicle identification number;

3. The license tag number;

4. The make, model, and year of the vehicle; and

5. A designation of loaned or leased vehicles and the name of the vendor.

B. Each state agency regardless of the exceptions granted in Section 78 of this title shall provide motor vehicle inventory records to the ~~Office of Public Affairs~~ Department of Central Services at such times as may be requested by the Fleet Management Division of the ~~Office of Public Affairs~~ Department of Central Services.

SECTION 8. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of May, 2012.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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