An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 3208

By: Sears and Casey of the House

and

Jolley and Treat of the Senate

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1113.2, which relates to the reissue of official vehicle license plates; clarifying references; authorizing additional registration fee; establishing fee amount; limiting time period when fee is applicable; requiring deposit of monies to certain funds; apportioning certain amounts to certain revolving fund; providing for a reissuance of vehicle license plates; eliminating option for certain alternative method of license plate inventory management; establishing types of license plates subject to reissuance; establishing deadline for certain fee; creating the State Public Safety Fund; limiting fund to appropriation for certain purposes; and providing for codification.

SUBJECT: Vehicle license plates

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1113.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1113.2 A. 1. The ~~Administrator~~ Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall initiate the reissue of the official vehicle license plates ~~which currently bear the legend "Oklahoma Native America" and, unless otherwise provided, all previous license plate designs~~ and substitute therefor a new license

plate designed by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department with the approval of the Department of Public Safety ~~in accordance with the report of the Oklahoma License Plate Design Task Force created in Section 1113.3 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~.

2. a. In addition to all other vehicle registration fees specified by law, beginning July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, there is levied and there shall be paid to the Oklahoma Tax Commission a fee of Five Dollars ($5.00) upon every vehicle to be registered.

b. Eighty percent (80%) of all monies collected under the provisions of this paragraph shall be deposited by the Oklahoma Tax Commission in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Public Safety Fund created in Section 2 of this act.

c. Twenty percent (20%) of all monies collected under the provisions of this paragraph shall be deposited by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to the credit of the Oklahoma Tax Commission Revolving Fund.

B. In addition to the monies apportioned by Section 1104 of ~~Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, the following amounts of monies shall be placed to the credit of the Oklahoma Tax Commission Revolving Fund for the purpose of conducting a new general issue of license plates commencing January 1, ~~2009~~ 2017:

1. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2008~~ 2016, and ending June 30, ~~2009~~ 2017, the first ~~Three Million Dollars ($3,000,000.00)~~ One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,800,000.00) collected or received by the Tax Commission pursuant to the registration of vehicles as provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act; and

2. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2009~~ 2017, and ending June 30, ~~2010~~ 2018, the first ~~Three Million Dollars ($3,000,000.00)~~ Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000.00) collected or received by the Tax Commission pursuant to the registration of vehicles as provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.

C. Subject to the Oklahoma Tax Commission Revolving Fund receiving credit for the funds referenced in subsection B of this section, the ~~Administrator~~ Executive Director shall devise a numbering system suitable for a new general issue of license plates

commencing January 1, ~~2009~~ 2017. Unless otherwise provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, new license plates will be issued to all registrants applying for an original or renewal registration on or after January 1, ~~2009~~ 2017, and will continue until all previously issued license plates have been replaced. Upon receipt of the new general issue license plate, registrants shall replace any previously issued Oklahoma general issue license plate currently displayed on their vehicle.

D. The Tax Commission shall have the authority to promulgate any rules necessary to implement such a new general issue. ~~In conjunction with a new general issue of license plates, the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the Oklahoma Correctional Industries may utilize an alternative method of license plate inventory management.~~

E. Except for vehicles registered ~~with a permanent nonexpiring license plate pursuant to Sections 1113 and 1133 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, vehicles registered~~ pursuant to the provisions of Section 1120 of ~~Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes,~~ this title and certain official special license plates ~~and license plates issued for motorcycles and mopeds~~, the new license plate design provided for in subsection A of this section shall be a part of all license plates issued on or after January 1, ~~2009~~ 2017. The Oklahoma Tax Commission may establish procedures for the purpose of allowing current registrants to reserve their present general issue or personalized license plate numbers for a fee of Fifteen Dollars ($15.00), provided payment of the fees ~~are~~ is received by the Tax Commission on or before November 1, ~~2008~~ 2016. The fees shall be deposited into the Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund for the purpose of conducting the new general issue of license plates.

F. The license plates shall be issued with identification numbers and letters in a color that provides a distinct contrast with a light-colored background in the plate identification area. All license plates and decals shall be made with reflectorized material as a background to the letters, numbers and characters displayed thereon. The reflectorized material shall be of such a nature as to provide effective and dependable brightness during the service period for which the license plate or decal is issued.

G. In furtherance of the public safety of Oklahoma drivers, the Department of Public Safety may request that the Oklahoma Tax Commission initiate subsequent reissues of the official vehicle license plate. Provided however, such request shall not occur more frequently than five (5) years following the most recent reissue.

Upon such request and subject to the Tax Commission receiving the necessary funds the Tax Commission shall initiate the reissue.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-147 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a fund to be designated as the "State Public Safety Fund". The fund shall be subject to legislative appropriation and shall consist of revenues deposited to such fund by Section 1113.2 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes and of such other revenues as may be provided by law.

B. The State Public Safety Fund shall be utilized by the Legislature through appropriations to support public safety in Oklahoma.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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