

SENATE FLOOR VERSION
April 14, 2025
AS AMENDED

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1684

By: Roe of the House

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Wingard and Frix of the
Senate

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending Section 1, Chapter 214, O.S.L. 2022 (47 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 1-133.1a), which relates to the definition of military surplus vehicles; modifying definition of military surplus vehicles; requiring military surplus vehicles operated on the streets and highways be registered by certain date; exempting certain vehicles from fines; **amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1115, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 246, O.S.L. 2023 (47 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 1115)**, which relates to annual registration of certain vehicles; providing certain exception; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 214, O.S.L.

2022 (47 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 1-133.1a), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-133.1a. Military surplus vehicle.

A. A "military surplus vehicle" is any motor vehicle having:

1 1. Three axles or fewer that meet the legal size and weight
2 limits set forth in Section 14-103 of ~~Title 47 of the Oklahoma~~
3 ~~Statutes this title;~~

4 2. ~~An age less than thirty-five (35) years old and was Been~~
5 manufactured for use in either the United States Armed Forces or any
6 country that was a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
7 at the time the vehicle was manufactured. Such vehicle shall have
8 been subsequently authorized for sale to civilians, except that
9 military surplus vehicle does not include a tracked vehicle;

10 3. For each occupant, safety belts or safety shoulder harnesses
11 which shall be installed pursuant to 49 C.F.R., Section 571.208 et
12 seq.; and

13 4. Equipment required by the provisions of Sections 12-201
14 through 12-232 of ~~Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title~~, with
15 respect to equipment on vehicles.

16 B. A Beginning November 1, 2025, any military surplus vehicle
17 operated on the streets and highways of this state shall be
18 registered as a motor vehicle.

19 C. Military surplus vehicles may be used as other vehicles of
20 the same type, except military surplus vehicles may not transport
21 people for hire.

22 D. The owner of any military surplus vehicle that, due to the
23 age of the vehicle, was unable to receive a tag between November 1,
24 2022, and the effective date of this act shall not be assessed any

1 **penalty for having an expired registration as provided for in**

2 **Section 1115 of this title.**

3 **SECTION 2.** AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1115, as

4 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 246, O.S.L. 2023 (47 O.S. Supp.
5 2024, Section 1115), is amended to read as follows:

6 Section 1115. A. Unless provided otherwise by statute, the
7 following vehicles shall be registered annually: manufactured
8 homes, vehicles registered with a permanent nonexpiring license
9 plate pursuant to Section 1113 of this title, and commercial
10 vehicles registered pursuant to the installment plan provided in
11 subsection H of Section 1133 of this title. The following schedule
12 shall apply for such vehicle purchased in this state or brought into
13 this state by residents of this state:

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

16 2. Between April 1 and June 30, the payment of three-fourths
17 (3/4) the annual fee shall be required;

18 3. Between July 1 and September 30, the payment of one-half
19 (1/2) the annual fee shall be required; and

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

22 License plates or decals for each year shall be made available
23 on December 1 of each preceding year for such vehicles. Any person
24 who purchases such vehicle or manufactured home between December 1

1 and December 31 of any year shall register it within thirty (30)
2 days from date of purchase and obtain a license plate or
3 Manufactured Home License Registration Decal, as appropriate, for
4 the following calendar year upon payment of the full annual fee.
5 Unless provided otherwise by statute, all annual license,
6 registration and other fees for such vehicles shall be due and
7 payable on January 1 of each year and if not paid by February 1
8 shall be deemed delinquent.

9 B. 1. All vehicles, other than those required to be registered
10 pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section, shall be
11 registered on a staggered system of registration and licensing on a
12 monthly series basis to distribute the work of registering such
13 vehicles as uniformly and expeditiously as practicable throughout
14 the calendar year unless otherwise provided in this section. After
15 the end of the month following the expiration date, the license and
16 registration fees for the new registration period shall become
17 delinquent. At the time of registration or renewal, the owner of
18 the vehicle may choose either an annual or a biennial registration
19 of the vehicle.

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

23 3. Applicants seeking to establish Oklahoma as the base
24 jurisdiction for registering apportioned fleet vehicles shall have a

1 one-time option of registering for a period of not less than six (6)
2 months nor greater than eighteen (18) months. Subsequent renewals
3 for these registrants will be for twelve (12) months, expiring on
4 the last day of the month chosen by the registrant under the one-
5 time option as provided herein. In addition, registrants with
6 multiple fleets may designate a different registration month of
7 expiration for each fleet.

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

10 4. Effective January 1, 2004, all motorcycles and mopeds shall
11 be registered on a staggered system of registration. Service
12 Oklahoma shall notify in writing, prior to December 1, 2003, all
13 owners of motorcycles or mopeds registered as of such date, who
14 shall have a one-time option of registering for a period of not less
15 than three (3) months nor greater than fifteen (15) months.
16 Subsequent renewals for these registrants will be for twelve (12)
17 months, expiring on the last day of the month chosen by the
18 registrant under the one-time option as provided herein. All
19 motorcycles and mopeds registered pursuant to new applications
20 received on or after December 1, 2003, shall also be registered
21 pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph.

22 5. Any three or more commercial vehicles owned by the same
23 person and previously registered in this state may be registered at
24 the same time regardless of the month or months in which they were

1 previously registered. The month in which the commercial vehicles
2 are newly registered shall be the month in which their registration
3 is renewed annually. If a commercial vehicle is registered pursuant
4 to this paragraph in the same calendar year in which it was
5 previously registered, license and registration fees shall be
6 prorated to account for the difference between the previous renewal
7 month and the new renewal month and those fees shall be due at the
8 time of registration pursuant to this paragraph.

9 C. The following penalties shall apply for delinquent
10 registration fees:

11 1. For fleet vehicles required to be registered pursuant to the
12 provisions of Section 1120 of this title for which a properly
13 completed application for registration has not been received by the
14 Corporation Commission by the last day of the month following the
15 registration expiration date, a penalty of thirty percent (30%) of
16 the Oklahoma portion of the annual registration fee, or Two Hundred
17 Dollars (\$200.00), whichever is greater, shall be assessed. The
18 license and registration cards issued by the Corporation Commission
19 for each fleet vehicle shall be valid until two (2) months after the
20 registration expiration date;

21 2. For commercial vehicles registered under the provisions of
22 subsection B of this section, except those vehicles registered
23 pursuant to Section 1133.1 of this title, a penalty shall be
24 assessed after the last day of the month following the registration

1 expiration date. A penalty of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per day
2 shall be added to the license fee of such vehicle and shall accrue
3 for one (1) month. Thereafter, the penalty shall be thirty percent
4 (30%) of the annual registration fee, or Two Hundred Dollars
5 (\$200.00), whichever is greater;

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

10 4. For all vehicles a penalty shall be assessed after the last
11 day of the month following the expiration date and no penalty shall
12 be waived by Service Oklahoma or any licensed operator except as
13 provided for in subsection H of Section 1133, subsection C of
14 Section 1127 of this title, Section 1-133.1a of this title, or when
15 the vehicle was stolen as certified by a police report or other
16 documentation as required by Service Oklahoma. A penalty of One
17 Dollar (\$1.00) per day shall be added to the license fee of such
18 vehicle, provided that the penalty shall not exceed One Hundred
19 Dollars (\$100.00). Of each dollar penalty collected pursuant to
20 this subsection:

- 21 a. twenty-one cents (\$0.21) shall be apportioned as
22 provided in Section 1104 of this title,
23 b. twenty-one cents (\$0.21) shall be retained by the
24 licensed operator, and

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

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

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

1. A penalty of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be imposed upon any person found to be operating a commercial vehicle sixty (60) days after the end of the month in which the license plate or registration credentials expire without the current year license plate or registration credential displayed. Such penalty shall not exceed the amount established by the Corporation Commission pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of Section 1167 of this title. Revenue from such penalties shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1167 of this title;

2. A penalty of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be imposed for any person operating a commercial vehicle subject to the provisions of Section 1120 or Section 1133 of this title without the proper display of, or, carrying in such commercial vehicle, the identification credentials issued by the Corporation Commission as

1 evidence of payment of the fee or tax as provided in Section 1120 or
2 Section 1133 of this title. Such penalty shall not exceed the
3 amount established by the Corporation Commission pursuant to the
4 provisions of subsection A of Section 1167 of this title. Revenue
5 from such penalties shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1167
6 of this title; and

7 3. A penalty of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)
8 shall be imposed for any person that fails to register any
9 commercial vehicle subject to the Oklahoma Vehicle License and
10 Registration Act. Such penalty shall not exceed the amount
11 established by the Corporation Commission pursuant to the provisions
12 of subsection A of Section 1167 of this title. Revenue from such
13 penalties shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1167 of this
14 title.

15 E. Service Oklahoma, or the Corporation Commission with respect
16 to vehicles registered under Section 1120 or Section 1133 of this
17 title, shall assess the registration fees and penalties for the year
18 or years a vehicle was not registered. For vehicles not registered
19 for two (2) or more years, the registration fees and penalties shall
20 be due only for the current year and one (1) previous year.

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

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1 1. The registration of a vehicle registered pursuant to Section
2 1132 of this title is expired and it is sixty (60) or more days
3 after the end of the month of expiration; or

4 2. The registration fees for a vehicle that is subject to the
5 registration fees pursuant to Section 1132 of this title have not
6 been paid.

7 Such penalty shall not exceed the amount established by the
8 Corporation Commission pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of
9 Section 1167 of this title. Revenue from such penalties shall be
10 apportioned as provided in Section 1167 of this title.

11 G. If a vehicle is donated to a nonprofit charitable
12 organization, the nonprofit charitable organization shall be exempt
13 from paying any current or past due registration fees, excise tax,
14 transfer fees, and penalties and interest. However, after the
15 donation, if the person donating the vehicle, or someone on behalf
16 of such person, purchases the same vehicle back from the nonprofit
17 charitable organization to which the vehicle was donated, such
18 person shall be liable for all current and past-due registration
19 fees, excise tax, title or transfer fees, and penalties and interest
20 on such vehicle.

21 H. Service Oklahoma shall promulgate rules and any necessary
22 procedures to establish an option for a biennial registration for
23 vehicles registered pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection B of this
24 section.

1 1. Regardless of whether the vehicle owner elects annual or
2 biennial registration, the vehicle is still subject to all fees,
3 fines, and penalties provided in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and
4 Registration Act.

5 2. For vehicle owners who elect biennial registration, the
6 annual registration fee shall be twice the annual registration fee
7 provided in the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.

8 3. When processing biennial registrations, licensed operators
9 shall be entitled to retain twice the amounts provided in paragraphs
10 1 and 2 of subsection A of Section 1141.1 of this title and twice
11 the amount provided in paragraph 14 of subsection A of Section
12 1141.1 of this title for processing insurance verification
13 information.

14 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AERONAUTICS AND TRANSPORTATION
April 14, 2025 - DO PASS AS AMENDED