

## SB2035 FAQs for Motor Vehicle Groups

### What is SB2035 or the Mason Treat Act?

The Mason Treat Act is a piece of legislation signed by the Governor on April 30, 2024 with the goal to improve road safety for drivers and law enforcement officers by changing the temporary tag process for Oklahomans. The period of time that a purchaser will have a temporary or no plate on their vehicle will be greatly reduced, which will lead to increased safety for drivers and law enforcement officers.

Additionally, these changes will assist the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority's Plate Pay system by allowing access to vehicle owner information quicker. When a dealer or customer completes the pre-registration process, the information about the purchaser's paper temporary plate or transferring metal plate will be input in to the system so that information can be accessed within two business days of a sale.

### What is changing with the temporary tag process?

Beginning September 1, 2024, paper temporary tags will only be good for ten days after the sale/transfer of a motor vehicle. Dealers will be required to complete pre-registration of a motor vehicle within two business days of the sale by submitting certain information about the sale, purchaser, motor vehicle, and plate information to include whether a customer transfers an existing metal plate or is issued a paper plate. SOK Licensed Operators will be required to process the pre-registration and mail out a metal plate and/or a temporary decal within ten days of the sale.

### Will dealers be required to issue metal plates?

No. Metal plates will continue to be issued by SOK Licensed Operators (formerly tag agents).

### How is pre-registration completed?

Dealers will have the option to complete pre-registration either (1) in person at Service Oklahoma's headquarters in Oklahoma City or a Licensed Operator location OR (2) online through OkCars or a file transfer by selecting their preferred licensed operator. They will be required to submit certain information about the sale, purchaser and motor vehicle. The SOK Licensed Operator will then mail a metal plate and/or a temporary decal to the purchaser.

The exact information to be collected and the process for submission is still being determined. We will communicate those requirements as soon as they are available, but well ahead of September 1.





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### **Will there be options for electronic exchanges of information directly from dealers to Service Oklahoma?**

Yes. The requirements and information for these options are still being determined. Once we have those requirements established, more information will be distributed to everyone.

### **Can purchasers still keep their existing plates?**

Yes! This does not disrupt the plate to owner system. Pre-registration is still required even if a purchaser chooses to retain their existing plate. During the pre-registration process, the existing plate information will be submitted and only a temporary decal will be issued by Service Oklahoma or a Licensed Operator to the purchaser.

### **What if the purchaser doesn't have an existing plate?**

Dealers will still be required to issue paper temporary plates to those that are not transferring an existing plate. The process for the issuance of paper temporary plates will not change. During the pre-registration process, the dealer will indicate that the purchaser does not have an existing plate and submit information about the paper temporary plate that was issued. Service Oklahoma or the Licensed Operator will issue both a new metal plate and a temporary decal to the purchaser within ten days of the sale.

### **What is a temporary decal?**

Because a paper temporary plate will only be good for ten days, but a purchaser will still have two months to register their vehicle, the temporary decal will be issued to the customer by a SOK Licensed Operator and affixed to the metal plate during the interim.

### **When does the new process take effect?**

September 1, 2024

### **What if a customer purchased a car prior to September 1, 2024?**

For vehicles purchased prior to September 1, 2024, the dealer and customer will follow the existing processes.



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**If a dealer completes pre-registration in person, do Licensed Operators give the temporary decal and/or plate to the dealer to deliver to the customer?**

No. The decal and/or metal plate need to be given directly to the customer, either in person or via mail.

**Is pre-registration required if the purchaser does not intend to ever register their motor vehicle in Oklahoma?**

Yes.

