An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending Section 6, Chapter 176, O.S.L. 2013, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 125, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 7-626), which relates to the Oklahoma Temporary Motorist Liability Plan; authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to contract with a certain association to serve as Plan Administrator; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 6, Chapter 176, O.S.L. 2013, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 125, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 7-626), is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-626. A. The Insurance Commissioner may contract with a statewide association of county sheriffs in Oklahoma to serve as the Plan Administrator.

B. The daily rate for temporary insurance under the Oklahoma Temporary Motorist Liability Plan for the following calendar year...
shall be announced on the first Monday in December. The daily cost of coverage and administrative fee shall be paid to the county sheriff's office or municipal police department and the fine and court fees associated with the traffic ticket shall be paid to the court clerk. The daily cost of coverage shall be calculated on each twenty-four-hour period from the time the citation was issued pursuant to subparagraph b of paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 7-606 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, rounding up.

The county sheriff's office or municipal police department shall not waive premium dues for any defendant, except as provided in subsection D of this section. The county sheriff's office or municipal police department shall remit all proceeds from the daily cost of insurance to the Plan on the first business day of each month to the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator shall remit the total statewide monthly premium to the appropriate insurance carrier within sixty (60) days of the premium being earned.

C. If for any reason the premium is not collected, then the Oklahoma Temporary Motorist Liability Plan shall pay the premium out of the Temporary Insurance Premium Pool.

D. If the citation issued pursuant to subparagraph b of paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 7-606 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes is dismissed without cost, the coverage provided under the Plan is considered never activated and the premium is considered unearned and shall be waived.
E. Tag agents shall not issue a new or renewed tag for this vehicle until all fines, fees and premiums have been paid and the license plate has been released by the county sheriff's office.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 03/05/2018 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.