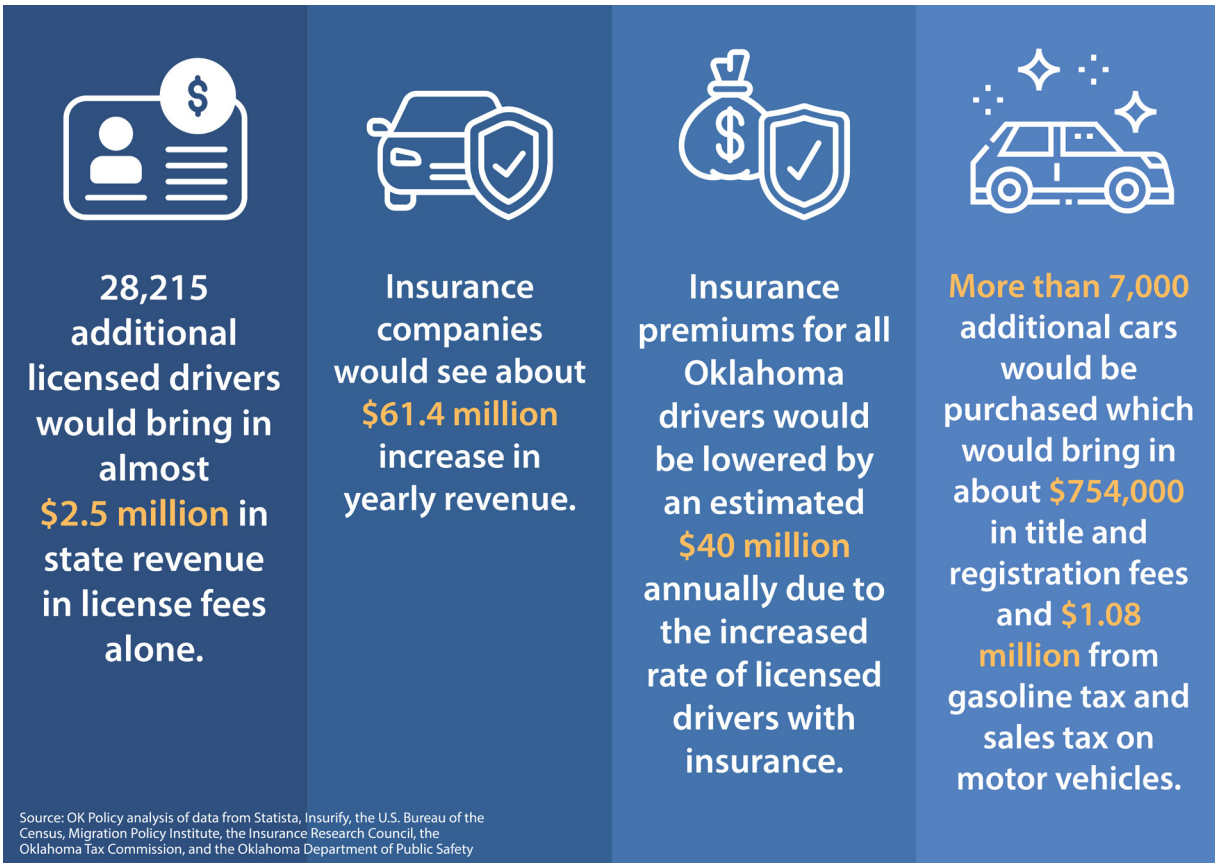


# Driver's licenses for all taxpayers will increase public safety and state revenue

Despite paying their taxes every year, some 33,000 Oklahomans who file their taxes with an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number can't currently get driver's licenses. Senate Bill 669 by Sen. Michael Brooks-Jimenez would correct this issue to the benefit of all Oklahomans.

With the passage of SB 669, Oklahomans can expect:



These savings and earnings will grow if more individuals are motivated to file tax returns using ITINs in order to get a driver's license. Renewal requirements ensure that the state will have reliable and continuous revenue from this expanded taxpayer base.



## More licensed drivers strengthens local economies, supports small businesses

- Allowing more people to drive will strengthen local economies<sup>1</sup> by allowing employees to commute to jobs that are further away from their homes. Without licenses, employees may be reluctant to drive long distances to work, which makes it difficult for employers to hire the workers they need, particularly in rural areas.
- Licensed drivers<sup>2</sup> have less difficulty in purchasing items like homes, vehicles, or household appliances.

## More licensed drivers make our roads safer

- More taxpayers taking the driver's license exam means more drivers have proven their understanding of local traffic laws.
- More drivers with IDs helps first responders do their jobs more efficiently,<sup>3</sup> ensuring law enforcement and paramedics can identify motorists following accidents.
- An increase in licensed drivers reduces hit-and-run incidents<sup>4</sup> because drivers with licenses are more likely to stay at the site of accidents.

## License expansion does not conflict with REAL ID

- Oklahoma law already allows Oklahoma drivers the freedom to choose<sup>5</sup> whether to get a REAL ID driver's license or a standard Oklahoma's driver's license.
- State lawmakers can expand the guidelines for standard driver's licenses to include ITIN filers without impacting the state's efforts to comply with federal REAL ID requirements.

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