

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1300

BY: VEITCH

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING 47 O.S.

1981, SECTION 11-901, WHICH RELATES TO RECKLESS DRIVING; EXPANDING CATEGORIES OF ACTIVITY WHICH CONSTITUTE RECKLESS DRIVING; AMENDING 47 O.S. 1981, SECTION 12-411, WHICH RELATES TO TELEVISION SETS LOCATED IN MOTOR VEHICLES; ADDING PENALTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1981, Section 11-901, is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-901. (a) It shall be deemed reckless driving for any person to drive a motor vehicle in a careless or wanton manner without regard for the safety of persons or property or in violation of the conditions outlined in Section 11-801 of this title, or while driving a motor vehicle, to listen to stereo headphones, to read books, magazines, newspapers or other printed material carried inside the motor vehicle, or to watch a television set located inside the motor vehicle.

(b) Every person convicted of reckless driving shall be punished upon a first conviction by imprisonment for a period of not less than five (5) days nor more than ninety (90) days, or by fine of not

less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment; on a second or subsequent conviction punishment shall be imprisonment for not less than ten (10) days nor more than six (6) months, or by fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1981, Section 12-411, is amended to read as follows:

Section 12-411. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership or corporation to own or operate, upon the highways within this state, any motor vehicle in which there is installed a ~~radio~~ television set, the screen of which can be seen by any person sitting in the seat from which such motor vehicle is operated.

(b) Any person, firm, partnership or corporation violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not more than sixty (60) days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

(c) Any operator of a motor vehicle who watches a television set located inside the motor vehicle shall be subject to the provisions of Section 11-901 of this title.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective September 1, 1991.

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