

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1475

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Stottlemire of the House

and

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Senate

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Sections 7-601 and 7-605, which relate to compulsory liability insurance; modifying scope of law; providing for compliance by nonresidents with exception; providing for coverage for vehicles not registered in this state; providing penalties; modifying requirements for reinstatement after suspension; requiring transmittal of certain information; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 11-1205, which relates to bicycle operators; modifying restriction to use certain bicycle paths; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 7-601, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-601. A. Until January 1, 1983, every owner of a motor vehicle registered in this state, other than a licensed used motor vehicle dealer, shall, at all times, maintain in force with respect to such vehicle security for the payment of loss resulting from the liability imposed by law for bodily injury, death and property damage sustained by any person arising out of the ownership, maintenance, operation or use of the vehicle. As used herein, "security" means:

1. A policy or bond meeting the requirements of Section 7-204 of this title;

2. A deposit of cash or securities having the equivalency of limits required under Section 7-204 of this title as acceptable limits for a policy or bond; or

3. Self-insurance, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-503 of this title, having the equivalency of limits required under Section 7-204 of this title as acceptable limits for a policy or bond.

B. On and after January 1, 1983, every owner of a motor vehicle registered in this state, other than a licensed used motor vehicle dealer, shall, at all times, maintain in force with respect to such vehicle security for the payment of loss resulting from the liability imposed by law for bodily injury, death and property damage sustained by any person arising out of the ownership, maintenance, operation or use of the vehicle. Every person, while operating or using a motor vehicle registered in this state which is not owned by such person, shall maintain in force security for the payment of loss resulting from the liability imposed by law for bodily injury, death or property damage sustained by any person arising out of the operation or use of the vehicle, unless such

security has been provided by the owner in accordance with this section which does not exclude said person from coverage.

C. 1. On and after September 1, 1993, unless otherwise provided by law, no motor vehicle shall be operated in this state unless there is in effect with respect to such vehicle security for the payment of loss resulting from the liability imposed by law for bodily injury, death and property damage sustained by any person arising out of the ownership, maintenance, operation or use of the vehicle. Every person, while operating or using a motor vehicle in this state which is not owned by such person, shall maintain in force security for the payment of loss resulting from the liability imposed by law for bodily injury, death or property damage sustained by any person arising out of the operation or use of the vehicle, unless such security has been provided by the owner in accordance with this section which does not exclude said person from coverage. Proof of such security shall be carried in the vehicle at all times and shall be produced for inspection upon request by any law enforcement officer or representative of the Department and, in case of collision, such proof shall be shown upon request of any person affected by the collision.

2. The nonresident owner of a motor vehicle not registered in this state may give proof of financial responsibility by providing proof of compliance with the financial responsibility laws of the state in which the vehicle is registered or by filing with the Department a certificate of an insurance company authorized to transact insurance in the state in which the vehicle is registered, or if such nonresident does not own a motor vehicle, then in the state in which the insured resides, provided such certificate otherwise conforms to the provisions of this article, and the Department shall accept the same upon condition that said insurance company complies with the following provisions with respect to the policy so certified:

- a. the insurance company shall execute a power of attorney authorizing the Department to accept service on its behalf or notice of process in any action arising out of a motor vehicle accident in this state, and
- b. the insurance company shall agree in writing that such policies shall be deemed to conform with the laws of this state relating to the terms of motor vehicle liability policies issued in this state.

3. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to nonresident owners and operators of vehicles that are not registered in this state only if the state in which the vehicle is registered requires compulsory liability insurance. In such cases, compliance with the requirements of the law of the state of registration shall be deemed compliance with the laws of this state.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 7-605, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-605. A. Every owner or operator of a motor vehicle ~~registered in this state~~ who operates the vehicle or permits it to be operated in this state when no security exists as required by Section 7-601 of this title, or, until July 1, 1991, any owner who fails to provide proof of security pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-603.1 of this title, or any person who receives a deferred sentence, forfeits a bond or is convicted in any state or municipal court for failure to carry a security verification form, shall be subject to suspension of the driver's license and registrations of any motor vehicle not covered by security, if issued in this state and, in the case of a nonresident required to provide proof of

security, shall be subject to suspension of the privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state. Such suspension shall remain in effect until payment of a reinstatement fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and proof of security is furnished ~~through filing of a certificate of insurance with~~ to the Department which complies with the requirements of Section ~~7-321~~ 7-601 of this title. ~~The certificate of insurance shall be kept on file with the Department for three (3) years.~~ Suspension under this section shall be effective upon the Department giving notice pursuant to Section 2-116 of this title that the owner or operator is without security. Any person failing to voluntarily relinquish the suspended license or registration to the Department within sixty (60) days of receipt of said notice shall pay a fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) in addition to the One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) reinstatement fee. If a person furnishes proof to the satisfaction of the Department that security was in effect at the time of the alleged offense, the Department shall vacate the suspension order and shall not require the filing of a certificate of insurance nor either of the above fees.

B. The Department may rely upon an abstract which indicates a charge and the imposition of a deferred sentence pending compliance with the Compulsory Insurance Law, Section 7-600 et seq. of this title, or an abstract of conviction or a notice of bond forfeiture from any court of competent jurisdiction, which indicates that the person was either convicted, or failed to appear upon a charge of failure to carry a security verification form or the lack of security, indicated by "No Security Form", "No Insurance" or other such term indicating lack of security. The Department may continue to rely on such abstract or notice unless proof is submitted from the issuing court clerk which indicates that the abstract or notice was issued in error, or was not related to a violation of the Compulsory Insurance Law or a security verification form as required by Chapter 7 of this title or by municipal ordinance.

C. If a nonresident's operating privilege is suspended pursuant to subsection A of this section, the Department shall transmit a certified copy of the record of such action to the official or officials in charge of the issuance of licenses and registration certificates in the state in which such nonresident resides.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 11-1205, is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-1205. (a) Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

(b) Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

(c) Wherever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway if required by local, municipal or county ordinances.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective September 1, 1993.

Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of May, 1993.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 26th day of May, 1993.

President of the Senate