

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2406

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 11-902, as last amended by Section 13, Chapter 276, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 11-902), which relates to driving under the influence of intoxicating substances; clarifying type of offense; providing additional ranges of punishment in certain circumstances; prohibiting certain people from participating in alternative to incarceration programs; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 11-902, as last amended by Section 13, Chapter 276, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 11-902), is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-902. A. It is unlawful and punishable as provided in this section for any person to drive, operate, or be in actual physical control of a motor vehicle within this state who:

1. Has a blood or breath alcohol concentration, as defined in Section 756 of this title, of ten-hundredths (0.10) or more at the time of a test of such person's blood or breath administered within two (2) hours after the arrest of such person;
2. Is under the influence of alcohol;

3. Is under the influence of any other intoxicating substance to a degree which renders such person incapable of safely driving or operating a motor vehicle; or

4. Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any other intoxicating substance to a degree which renders such person incapable of safely driving or operating a motor vehicle.

B. The fact that any person charged with a violation of this section is or has been lawfully entitled to use alcohol or a controlled dangerous substance or any other intoxicating substance shall not constitute a defense against any charge of violating this section.

As used in this title, the term "other intoxicating substance" shall mean any controlled dangerous substance as defined in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, Section 2-101 et seq. of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and any other substance, other than alcohol, which is capable of being ingested, inhaled, injected, or absorbed into the human body and is capable of adversely affecting the central nervous system, vision, hearing or other sensory or motor functions.

C. Every person who is convicted of a violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor for the first offense and shall be punished by imprisonment in jail for not less than ten (10) days nor more than one (1) year, and a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Any person who within ten (10) years after a previous misdemeanor conviction of a violation of this section is convicted of a second ~~or subsequent~~ offense pursuant to the provisions of this section or has a prior conviction after October 31, 1984, in a municipal criminal court of record for the violation of a municipal ordinance prohibiting the offense provided for in subsection A of this section and within ten (10) years of such municipal conviction is convicted under the provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of a felony and

shall be sentenced to the custody of the Department of Corrections for not less than one (1) year and not to exceed five (5) years, and a fine of not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00). Every person who, within ten (10) years of the date following the completion of the execution of the sentence of one previous felony conviction for a violation of this section, is convicted of an additional offense pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a felony and shall be sentenced to the custody of the Department of Corrections for not less than three (3) years and not to exceed ten (10) years, and a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). Every person who, having been twice convicted of violations of this section, is convicted of a third or subsequent offense pursuant to the provisions of this section, within ten (10) years of the date following the completion of the execution of the sentence for the prior felony, shall be guilty of a felony and shall be sentenced to the custody of the Department of Corrections for not less than five (5) years and not to exceed twenty (20) years, and a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

D. Every person who has been convicted in any other state of an offense which, if committed within this state, would be punishable under the provisions of this section is punishable for any subsequent offense committed in violation of the terms of this section in the manner prescribed and to the same extent as if such prior conviction had taken place in a court of this state.

E. When a person is sentenced to the custody of the Department of Corrections, the person shall be processed through the Lexington Assessment and Reception Center. The Department of Corrections shall classify and assign the person to one or more of the following:

1. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section ~~13~~ 612 of ~~this act~~ Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

2. The Electronic Monitoring Program pursuant to Section ~~5~~ 510.9 of ~~this act~~ Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes with participation in a substance abuse treatment program and follow-up treatment;

3. A correctional facility operated by the Department of Corrections; or

4. Other alternative to incarceration authorized by law.

Alternatives to incarceration shall not be considered for any person who has been previously sentenced to the custody of the Department of Corrections under the provisions of this section.

~~F.~~ F. In the event a felony conviction does not result in the person being sentenced to the custody of the Department of Corrections, the person shall be required to serve not less than ten (10) days of community service, or to undergo inpatient rehabilitation or treatment in a public or private facility with at least minimum security for a period of not less than forty-eight (48) consecutive hours, notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 991a, 991a-2 and 996.3 of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

~~F.~~ G. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the Department of Corrections may certify to the Department of Public Safety that a person has successfully completed a treatment program and is successfully complying with any follow-up treatment required by the Department of Corrections. In such case, the person shall be given credit therefor as fulfillment of all provisions of Section 3-453 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes and shall be permitted to apply for reinstatement of any suspension, revocation, cancellation or denial order withdrawing his privilege to drive.

~~G.~~ H. The Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to reinstate any suspended or revoked license when the applicant meets the statutory requirements which affect his existing driving privilege.

~~H.~~ I. Any person who is found guilty of a violation of the provisions of this section may be referred, prior to sentencing, to an alcoholism evaluation facility designated by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for the purpose of evaluating the receptivity to treatment and prognosis of the person. The court shall order the person to reimburse the facility for the evaluation in an amount not to exceed Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00). The facility shall, within seventy-two (72) hours, submit a written report to the court for the purpose of assisting the court in its final sentencing determination. If a person is sentenced to the custody of the Department of Corrections and the court has received a written evaluation report pursuant to this subsection, the report shall be furnished to the Department of Corrections with the judgment and sentence.

~~I.~~ J. Any person who is found guilty of a violation of the provisions of this section may be required by the court to attend a victims impact panel program, if such a program is offered in the county where the judgment is rendered, and to pay a fee, not less than Five Dollars (\$5.00) nor more than Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) as set by the governing authority of the program and approved by the court, to the program to offset the cost of participation by the defendant, if in the opinion of the court the defendant has the ability to pay such fee.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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