

ENGROSSED SENATE  
BILL NO. 579

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An Act relating to child support; providing for  
refusal to issue and suspension of driver licenses;  
authorizing certain modification of suspension  
under certain circumstances; providing for  
promulgation of rules; providing for codification;  
and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-201a of Title 47, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. In addition to other qualifications and conditions  
established by this title, the right of an individual to hold a  
driver's license or permit issued by this state is subject to the  
requirements of this section.

B. Upon receipt of an order from a court or from an  
administrative agency, that an obligor who owns or operates a motor  
vehicle is not in compliance with an order of support, the  
Commissioner of Public Safety shall suspend the driver's license and  
right to operate a vehicle, and obtain the license of the obligor.  
The Commissioner of Public Safety shall not reinstate a driver's

license suspended for noncompliance with a court or administrative order of support until the court or administrative agency issues a release that states that the obligor is in compliance with the order of support or a court orders reinstatement; provided, the Commissioner may modify the suspension in cases of extreme and unusual hardship when it is determined by the Commissioner that no other adequate means of transportation exist for the person whose license has been suspended to allow driving in any or all of the following situations:

1. To and from a place of employment;
2. To and from a child care facility, providing the person is a parent or legal guardian with no other means of transporting the child so the parent or legal guardian can maintain employment;
3. To and from a medical facility in the event of an emergency;
4. In the course of employment; or
5. To permit the person to comply with any existing court order.

C. Such modification order shall state the specific times and circumstances under which driving is permitted.

D. Upon the issuance of a modification order pursuant to this section, the person shall pay a modification fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to the Department of Public Safety. Fees collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer to be credited to the General Revenue Fund in the State Treasury.

E. Upon suspending an individual's driver's license, permit, or privilege to operate a vehicle pursuant to this section, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall notify the individual of the suspension. A notice of suspension must specify the reason and statutory grounds for the suspension and the effective date of the suspension and may include any other notices prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Safety. The notice must inform the

individual that in order to apply for reinstatement, the individual must obtain a release from the administrative agency or court. The notice must inform the individual that the individual may file a petition for judicial review of the notice of suspension in district court within thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice.

F. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall adopt rules to implement and enforce the requirements of this section.

G. The Commissioner of Public Safety and the Department of Human Services may enter into an agreement to carry out the requirements of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1995.

Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 1995.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1995.

Speaker of the House of Representatives