

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1443

By: Glover, Gray, Boyd
(Betty), Boyd (Laura),
Kouba, Miller,
Satterfield, Wells,
Deutschendorf and Askins
of the House

and

Brown, Taylor, Haney and
Williams of the Senate

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.
1991, Section 12-417, which relates to safety
belts; removing restriction regarding routine
stops; prohibiting assessment of points; limiting
fine and court costs for violations; and providing
an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 12-417, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 12-417. A. Every operator and front seat passenger of
a passenger car operated in this state shall wear a properly
adjusted and fastened safety seat belt system, required to be
installed in the motor vehicle when manufactured pursuant to Federal
Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 208. For the purposes of this
section, "passenger car" shall mean "vehicle" as defined in Section
1102 of this title, except that "passenger car" shall not include
trucks, truck-tractors, recreational vehicles, motorcycles,
motorized bicycles or vehicles used primarily for farm use and
licensed pursuant to the provisions of Section 1134 of this title.

B. This section shall not apply to an operator or passenger of
a passenger car in which the operator or passenger possesses a
written verification from a physician licensed in this state that he
is unable to wear a safety seat belt system for medical reasons.
Provided, the issuance of such verification by a physician, in good
faith, shall not give rise to, nor shall such physician thereby
incur, any liability whatsoever in damages or otherwise, to any
person injured by reason of such failure to wear a safety seat belt
system.

C. This section shall not apply to an operator of a motor
vehicle who is a route carrier of the U.S. Postal Service.

D. ~~No law enforcement officer shall make routine stops of
motorists for the purpose of enforcing this act~~ The Department of
Public Safety shall not record or assess points for violations of
this section on any license holder's traffic record maintained by
the Department.

E. Fine and court costs for violating the provisions of this
section shall not exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

Passed the House of Representatives the 22nd day of May, 1997.

Speaker

of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 22nd day of May, 1997.

President

of the Senate