

SHORT TITLE: Emergency vehicles; clarifying language; effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

SENATE BILL NO. 883

By: Helton

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to emergency vehicles; amending 47

O.S. 1991, Section 11-106, which relates to audible signals and flashing lights; clarifying language; eliminating gender references; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 11-106, is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-106. (a) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle, when responding to an emergency call or when in the pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law or when responding to but not upon returning from a fire alarm, may exercise the privilege set forth in this section, but subject to the conditions herein stated.

(b) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle may:

1. Park, or stand, irrespective of the provisions of this chapter;
2. Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation;
3. Exceed the maximum speed limits so long as ~~he~~ speeding does not endanger life or property;

4. Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions.

(c) The exemptions herein granted to an authorized emergency vehicle shall apply only when such vehicle is properly and lawfully making use of an audible ~~and visual signals~~ signal or flashing red lights meeting the requirements of Section 12-218 of this ~~act~~ title, except that an authorized emergency vehicle operated as a police vehicle need not be equipped with or display a red light visible from in front of the vehicle.

(d) The foregoing provisions shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the driver from the consequences of ~~his~~ reckless disregard for the safety of others.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

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