

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1794

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An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 6-303, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 97, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 6-303), which relates to driving without a driver license; modifying penalties under certain circumstances; requiring portion of fine monies be deposited in certain fund; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 6-303, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 97, O.S.L. 1993 (47 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 6-303), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-303. A. No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon the public roads, streets, highways, turnpikes or other public place of this state without having first procured a ~~driver's~~ driver license from the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety except as herein specifically exempted.

Any violation of the provisions of this subsection shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) plus costs or by imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

B. Any person who drives a motor vehicle on any public roads, streets, highways, turnpikes or other public place of this state at a time when his privilege to do so is canceled, denied, suspended or revoked or at a time when he is disqualified from so doing shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a

fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each act of driving on the highways as prohibited shall constitute a separate offense.

C. Any person who drives a motor vehicle on any public roads, streets, highways, turnpikes or other public roads of this state at a time when the driving privilege of that person is canceled, denied, suspended or revoked, pursuant to paragraph 1, 2, or 3 of subsection A of Section 6-205.1 of this title, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each act of driving on the highways as prohibited shall constitute a separate offense. Fifty percent (50%) of any fine imposed under this subsection shall be remitted by the court to the State Treasurer to be deposited in the Department of Public Safety Revolving Fund to be used for the purpose of increasing public awareness regarding the consequences of driving under revocation or suspension.

D. The Department upon receiving a record of conviction of an offense committed by any person whose license or privilege to operate motor vehicles is under suspension or revocation or who is disqualified from operating a motor vehicle, shall extend the period of such disqualification, suspension or revocation for an additional three-month period of time. The additional orders of suspension, disqualification or revocation shall be dated and become effective the day following the date terminating the prior order of suspension, disqualification or revocation.

~~D.~~ E. The Department upon receiving a record of conviction of an offense committed by any person whose license or privilege to operate motor vehicles is under suspension or revocation or who is

disqualified from operating a motor vehicle, pursuant to paragraph 1, 2, or 3 of subsection A of Section 6-205.1 of this title, shall extend the period of such disqualification, suspension or revocation for an additional four-month period of time. The additional orders of suspension, disqualification or revocation shall be dated and become effective the day following the date terminating the prior order of suspension, disqualification or revocation.

F. It shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not less than seven (7) days, nor more than six (6) months or by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment for any person to apply for a renewal or a replacement license to operate a motor vehicle while his license, permit or other evidence of driving privilege is in the custody of a law enforcement officer or the Department. A notice regarding this offense and the penalty therefor shall be included on the same form containing the notice of revocation issued by the officer.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2001.

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