

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1794

By: Worthen of the House

and

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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; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 6-117, as last amended by Section 7, Chapter 342, O.S.L. 2000 (47 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 6-117), which relates to records of the Department of Public Safety; adding requirement that the Department provide driving records to charitable organizations for certain screening; defining term; 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. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 6-117, as last amended by Section 7, Chapter 342, O.S.L. 2000 (47 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 6-117), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-117. A. The Department of Public Safety shall file every application for a driver license received by it and shall maintain suitable indexes containing, in alphabetical order:

1. All applications denied and on each thereof note the reasons for such denial;
2. All applications granted; and
3. The name of every person whose driving privilege has been suspended or revoked by the Department and after each such name note the reasons for such action. Any notation of suspension of a person's driving privilege for reason of nonpayment of a fine shall

be removed from the record after the person has paid the fine and the person's driving privilege reinstated as provided for by law.

B. The Department shall file all collision reports and abstracts of court records of convictions received by it pursuant to the laws of this state and maintain convenient records of such records and reports or make suitable notations in order that an individual record of a person showing the convictions of such person and the traffic collisions in which the person has been involved shall be readily ascertainable and available for the consideration of the Department of Public Safety upon any application for a driver license or renewal of a driver license and at other suitable times. Any abstract, index or other entry relating to a driving record according to the licensing authority in another state or a province of Canada may be posted upon the driving record of any resident of this state when notice thereof is received by documentation or by electronic transmission. The individual record of a person shall not include any collision reports and abstracts of court records involving a collision in which the person was not issued a citation or if a citation is issued and said person was not convicted.

C. The Commissioner and such officers of the Department as the Commissioner may designate are hereby authorized to prepare under the seal of the Department and deliver upon request a copy of any collision report on file with the Department, charging a fee of Seven Dollars (\$7.00). However, the Department shall not be required to furnish personal information from a driver record contrary to the provisions of the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, 18 United States Code, Sections 2721 through 2725.

D. The Department of Public Safety or any motor license agent upon request shall prepare and furnish a summary to any person of the driving record of any person subject to the provisions of the motor vehicle laws of this state. However, the Department shall not be required to furnish personal information from a driving record

contrary to the provisions of the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, 18 United States Code, Sections 2721 through 2725. Said summary shall include the enumeration of any motor vehicle collisions, reference to convictions for violations of motor vehicle laws, and any action taken against the person's privilege to operate a motor vehicle, as shown by the files of the Department for the three (3) years preceding the date of the request. For each summary furnished by the Department of Public Safety, the Department shall collect the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). For each summary furnished by a motor license agent, the agent shall collect the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), Eight Dollars (\$8.00) of which shall be paid to the Oklahoma Tax Commission for deposit in the General Revenue Fund in the State Treasury and Two Dollars (\$2.00) of which shall be retained by the motor license agent. Persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older shall not be required to pay a fee for their own driving record summary furnished by the Department or a motor license agent. The Department and motor license agents shall provide a driving record summary to a charitable organization for the purpose of screening a volunteer for that charitable organization at no cost. For purposes of this subsection, "charitable organization" means any organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3) and which is registered as a charitable organization with the Oklahoma Secretary of State and the Oklahoma Attorney General's office or any recognized veterans organization.

E. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Department of Public Safety to be designated the Department of Public Safety Revolving Fund. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all money received by the Department of Public Safety from sale of surplus property, insurance and other reimbursements

for damaged, lost or stolen property, for the services of Department personnel as approved by the Department if such personnel are representing the Department or are in any uniform of the Department, turnpike enforcement, reimbursement for supplies or facsimile or data transmissions or for contractual services or products not otherwise provided by law, fees and costs paid by subscribers to the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunications Systems, refund of federal gasoline tax, court-ordered forfeitures, reimbursements by federal, state and municipal government agencies for the use of Department of Public Safety airplanes, fees from users of the Robert R. Lester Law Enforcement Training Academy facilities, and federal funds unless otherwise provided by federal law or regulation. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Department of Public Safety for the operating expenses of the Department and for vehicles, equipment, personnel and other operating expenses for turnpike enforcement. The Director of State Finance shall provide a distinct numbering system for the identification and tracking of the expenditures of the various programs budgeted from the Revolving Fund. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

F. All monies received by the Commissioner of Public Safety and the officers and employees of the Department shall be remitted to the State Treasurer to be credited to the General Revenue Fund in the State Treasury except as otherwise provided for in this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2001.

Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of March, 2001.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2001.

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