

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 45

By: Wilkerson of the Senate

and

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An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending 21 O.S. 1991, Section 1167, which relates to removal of grave markers; making malicious intent element of certain crime; amending 21 O.S. 1991, Section 1171, which relates to peeping tom; modifying language; expanding elements of crime; stating misdemeanor penalty; prohibiting use of certain equipment in clandestine manner to commit offense; prohibiting distribution or publication of certain images; setting felony penalty; amending Section 2, Chapter 363, O.S.L. 1992, as amended by Section 339, Chapter 145, O.S.L. 1993 (21 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 1230.2), which relates to definitions for environmental offenses; modifying language; construing certain requirements not applicable to certain offenses; amending 21 O.S. 1991, Section 1738, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 137, O.S.L. 2000 (21 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 1738), which relates to seizure and forfeiture; authorizing seizure and forfeiture of certain vehicles, airplanes, vessels or equipment used in commission of certain offenses; deleting certain provision for other agencies to file forfeiture proceedings; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 1991, Section 1167, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1167. Every person who shall willfully ~~or~~ with malicious intent destroy, mutilate, deface, injure or remove any tomb, monument or gravestone, or other structure placed in any cemetery or private burying ground, or any fence, railing, or other work for the protection or ornament of any such cemetery or place of burial of any human being, or tomb, monument or gravestone, memento, or memorial, or other structure aforesaid, or of any lot within a cemetery, or shall willfully or with malicious intent destroy, cut, break, or injure any tree, shrub or plant, within the limits thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty

Dollars (\$50.00), nor more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 1991, Section 1171, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1171. A. Every person who hides, waits or otherwise loiters in the vicinity of any private dwelling house, apartment building ~~or~~, any other place of residence, or in the vicinity of any locker room, dressing room, restroom or any other place where a person has a right to a reasonable expectation of privacy, with the unlawful and willful intent to watch, gaze, or look upon ~~the occupants therein~~ any person in a clandestine manner, ~~is shall~~, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor. The violator shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a term of not more than one (1) year, or by a fine not to exceed Five thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

B. Every person who uses photographic, electronic or video equipment in a clandestine manner for any illegal, illegitimate, prurient, lewd or lascivious purpose with the unlawful and willful intent to view, watch, gaze or look upon any person without the knowledge and consent of such person when the person viewed is in a place where there is a right to a reasonable expectation of privacy, or who publishes or distributes any image obtained from such act, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony. The violator shall be punished by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for a term of not more than five (5) years, or by a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 363, O.S.L. 1992, as amended by Section 339, Chapter 145, O.S.L. 1993 (21 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 1230.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1230.2 A. As used in the Environmental Crimes Act:

1. "Waste" means at least twenty-eight (28) gallons or two hundred twenty (220) pounds, whether liquid or solid, of discarded or abandoned materials and by-products including but not limited to trash, refuse, garbage, biomedical waste, sewage, ash, sludge, deleterious substances, oil field wastes, commercial and industrial waste and chemical waste; and

2. "Hazardous waste" means:

- a. waste that is subject to regulation as a hazardous waste under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Title 42 U.S.C., Section 6901 et seq., and regulations adopted pursuant thereto,
- b. waste that is subject to regulation as a hazardous waste under the Oklahoma Hazardous Waste ~~Disposal~~ Management Act, or
- c. waste that is ignitable, corrosive, reactive or toxic as determined by testing for the characteristics of

ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity or toxicity as provided in 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 261.21 through 261.24.

B. The minimum quantity requirements in paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section shall not apply to chemical wastes used or intended for use in the manufacture of controlled substances in violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act and shall not apply to hazardous wastes in circumstances involving unlawful disposal or concealment of hazardous waste as prohibited in Sections 1230.6 and 1230.7 of this title.

C. The term hazardous waste shall not include the handling, hauling, storage and disposition of salt water, mineral brines, waste oil and other deleterious substances produced from or obtained or used in connection with the drilling, development, producing and processing of oil and gas, including reclaiming of oil from tank bottoms located on leases and tank farms located outside the boundaries of a refinery.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 1991, Section 1738, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 137, O.S.L. 2000 (21 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 1738), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1738. A. Any commissioned peace officer of this state is authorized to seize any vehicle owned by or registered to the defendant used in the commission of any armed robbery offense defined in Section 801 of this title, or any vehicle owned by or registered to the defendant when such vehicle is used to facilitate the intentional discharge of any kind of firearm in violation of Section 652 of this title, or any vehicle, airplane, vessel, vehicles or parts of vehicles whose numbers have been removed, altered or obliterated so as to prevent determination of the true identity or ownership of said property and parts of vehicles which probable cause indicates are stolen but whose true ownership cannot be determined, or any vehicle owned by or registered to the defendant used in violation of the Trademark Anti-Counterfeiting Act, or any equipment owned by or registered to the defendant which is used in the attempt or commission of any act of burglary in the first or second degree, motor vehicle theft, unauthorized use of a vehicle, obliteration of distinguishing numbers on vehicles or criminal possession of vehicles with altered, removed or obliterated numbers as defined by Sections 1431, 1435, 1716, 1719 and 1720 of this title or Sections 4-104 and 4-107 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or any equipment owned by or registered to the defendant used in violation of the Trademark Anti-Counterfeiting Act, or any vehicle, airplane, vessel or equipment owned by or registered to the defendant used in the commission of any arson offense defined in Section 1401, 1402, 1403, 1404 or 1405 of this title. Said property may be held as evidence until a forfeiture has been declared or a release ordered. Forfeiture actions under this section may be brought by the district attorney in the proper county of venue as petitioner; provided, in the event the district attorney elects not to file such action, or fails to file such action within ninety (90) days of the date of the seizure of such equipment, ~~a forfeiture action may be brought by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI), the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs~~

~~Control (BNDDC), or the Department of Public Safety as petitioner~~  
the property shall be returned to the owner.

B. In addition to the property described in subsection A of this section, the following property is also subject to forfeiture pursuant to this section:

1. Property used in the commission of theft of livestock or in any manner to facilitate the theft of livestock;

2. The proceeds gained from the commission of theft of livestock;

3. Personal property acquired with proceeds gained from the commission of theft of livestock;

4. All conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles or vessels, and horses or dogs which are used to transport or in any manner to facilitate the transportation for the purpose of the commission of theft of livestock; and

5. Any items having a counterfeit mark and all property that is owned by or registered to the defendant that is employed or used in connection with any violation of the Trademark Anti-Counterfeiting Act.

C. Notice of seizure and intended forfeiture proceeding shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the district court for the county wherein such property is seized and shall be given all owners and parties in interest.

D. Notice shall be given according to one of the following methods:

1. Upon each owner or party in interest whose right, title, or interest is of record in the Oklahoma Tax Commission or with the county clerk for filings under the Uniform Commercial Code, served in the manner of service of process in civil cases prescribed by Section 2004 of Title 12 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

2. Upon each owner or party in interest whose name and address is known, served in the manner of service of process in civil cases prescribed by Section 2004 of Title 12 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

3. Upon all other owners, whose addresses are unknown, but who are believed to have an interest in the property by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the seizure was made.

E. Within sixty (60) days after the mailing or publication of the notice, the owner of the property and any other party in interest or claimant may file a verified answer and claim to the property described in the notice of seizure and of the intended forfeiture proceeding.

F. If at the end of sixty (60) days after the notice has been mailed or published there is no verified answer on file, the court

shall hear evidence upon the fact of the unlawful use and may order the property forfeited to the state, if such fact is proven.

G. If a verified answer is filed, the forfeiture proceeding shall be set for hearing.

H. At the hearing the petitioner shall prove by clear and convincing evidence that property was used in the attempt or commission of an act specified in subsection A of this section or is property described in subsection B of this section with knowledge by the owner of the property.

I. The claimant of any right, title, or interest in the property may prove the lien, mortgage, or conditional sales contract to be bona fide and that the right, title, or interest created by the document was created without any knowledge or reason to believe that the property was being, or was to be, used for the purpose charged.

J. In the event of such proof, the court may order the property released to the bona fide or innocent owner, lien holder, mortgagee, or vendor if the amount due such person is equal to, or in excess of, the value of the property as of the date of the seizure, it being the intention of this section to forfeit only the right, title, or interest of the purchaser, except for items bearing a counterfeit mark or used exclusively to manufacture a counterfeit mark.

K. If the amount due to such person is less than the value of the property, or if no bona fide claim is established, the property may be forfeited to the state and may be sold pursuant to judgment of the court, as on sale upon execution, and as provided in Section 2-508 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, except as otherwise provided for by law and for property bearing a counterfeit mark which shall be destroyed.

L. Property taken or detained pursuant to this section shall not be repleviable, but shall be deemed to be in the custody of the petitioner or in the custody of the law enforcement agency as provided in the Trademark Anti-Counterfeiting Act. Except for property required to be destroyed pursuant to the Trademark Anti-Counterfeiting Act, the petitioner shall release said property to the owner of the property if it is determined that the owner had no knowledge of the illegal use of the property or if there is insufficient evidence to sustain the burden of showing illegal use of such property. If the owner of the property stipulates to the forfeiture and waives the hearing, the petitioner may determine if the value of the property is equal to or less than the outstanding lien. If such lien exceeds the value of the property, the property may be released to the lien holder. Property which has not been released by the petitioner shall be subject to the orders and decrees of the court or the official having jurisdiction thereof.

M. The petitioner, or the law enforcement agency holding property pursuant to the Trademark Anti-Counterfeiting Act, shall not be held civilly liable for having custody of the seized property

or proceeding with a forfeiture action as provided for in this section.

N. Attorney fees shall not be assessed against the state or the petitioner for any actions or proceeding pursuant to Section 1701 et seq. of this title.

O. The proceeds of the sale of any property shall be distributed as follows, in the order indicated:

1. To the bona fide or innocent purchaser, conditional sales vendor, or mortgagee of the property, if any, up to the amount of such person's interest in the property, when the court declaring the forfeiture orders a distribution to such person;

2. To the payment of the actual reasonable expenses of preserving the property;

3. To the victim of the crime to compensate said victim for any loss incurred as a result of the act for which such property was forfeited; and

4. The balance to a revolving fund in the office of the county treasurer of the county wherein the property was seized, to be distributed as follows: one-third (1/3) to the investigating law enforcement agency; one-third (1/3) of said fund to be used and maintained as a revolving fund by the district attorney for the victim-witness fund, a reward fund or the evidence fund; and one-third (1/3) to go to the jail maintenance fund, with a yearly accounting to the board of county commissioners in whose county the fund is established. If the petitioner is not the district attorney, then the one-third (1/3) which would have been designated to that office shall be distributed to the petitioner. Monies distributed to the jail maintenance fund shall be used to pay costs for the storage of such property if such property is ordered released to a bona fide or innocent owner, lien holder, mortgagee, or vendor and if such funds are available in said fund.

P. Monies distributed into the revolving fund in the office of the county treasurer from forfeitures initiated under this section by the district attorney shall be limited to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) at any one time in counties with population in excess of three hundred thousand (300,000) and Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) at any one time in counties with population less than three hundred thousand (300,000). Any amount in excess of these figures shall be placed in the general fund of the county.

Q. If the court finds that the property was not used in the attempt or commission of an act specified in subsection A of this section and was not property subject to forfeiture pursuant to subsection B of this section and is not property bearing a counterfeit mark, the court shall order the property released to the owner as ~~his~~ the right, title, or interest appears on record in the Tax Commission as of the seizure.

R. No vehicle, airplane, or vessel used by a person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as a common carrier shall be

forfeited pursuant to the provisions of this section unless it shall be proven that the owner or other person in charge of such conveyance was a consenting party or privy to the attempt or commission of an act specified in subsection A or B of this section. No property shall be forfeited pursuant to the provisions of this section by reason of any act or omission established by the owner thereof to have been committed or omitted without the knowledge or consent of such owner, and by any person other than such owner while such property was unlawfully in the possession of a person other than the owner in violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any state.

S. Whenever any property is forfeited pursuant to this section, the district court having jurisdiction of the proceeding may order that the forfeited property may be retained for its official use by the state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency which seized the property.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2001.

SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 22nd day of May, 2001.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of May, 2001.

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