

SB 966

1 THE STATE SENATE
2 Monday, February 18, 2002

3 Senate Bill No. 966
4 As Amended

5 SENATE BILL NO. 966 - By: CAIN of the Senate and TYLER of the House.

6 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2001,
7 Section 6-110, which relates to examination of applicants;
8 requiring examination to test applicant's ability to
9 interpret highway signs which are displayed in international
10 symbols; requiring the Department of Public Safety to
11 provide alternative method of testing certain persons;
12 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 6-110, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 6-110. A. 1. The Department of Public Safety shall
17 examine every applicant for an original Class A, B, C or D license
18 and for any endorsements thereon, except as otherwise provided in
19 Sections 6-101 through 6-309 of this title or as provided in
20 paragraph 2 of this subsection or in subsection D of this section.
21 Such examination shall include a test of the applicant's:

- 22 a. eyesight,
- 23 b. ability to ~~read~~ interpret and understand highway signs
24 regulating, warning and directing traffic which are
25 displayed in international symbols,
- 26 c. knowledge of the traffic laws of this state, and

1 d. ability, by actual demonstration, to exercise ordinary
2 and reasonable control in the operation of a motor
3 vehicle. The actual demonstration shall be conducted
4 in the type of motor vehicle for the class of driver
5 license being applied for.

6 Any licensee seeking to apply for a driver license of another
7 class which is not covered by the licensee's current driver license
8 shall be considered an applicant for an original license for that
9 class.

10 2. The Department of Public Safety shall have the authority to
11 waive the requirement of any part of the examination required in
12 paragraph 1 of this subsection for those applicants who surrender a
13 valid unexpired driver license issued by any state or country for
14 the same type or types of vehicles, provided that the applicant's
15 driving record meets the standards set by the Department of Public
16 Safety.

17 3. All applicants requiring a hazardous materials endorsement
18 shall be required to successfully complete the examination for the
19 renewal of such endorsement.

20 4. The Department of Public Safety shall give the complete
21 examination as provided for in this section within thirty (30) days
22 from the date the application is received, and the examination shall
23 be given at a location within one hundred (100) miles of the

1 residence of the applicant. The Department shall make every effort
2 to make the examination locations and times convenient for
3 applicants. The Department shall consider giving the examination at
4 various school sites if the district board of education for the
5 district in which the site is located agrees and if economically
6 feasible and practicable.

7 5. The Department of Public Safety shall provide an alternative
8 method of testing for an applicant eighteen (18) years of age or
9 older who can only read Spanish. The Department may limit the
10 **number** of testing sites where the examination in Spanish may be
11 administered.

12 B. Any person holding a valid Oklahoma Class D license and
13 applying for a Class A, B or C commercial license shall be required
14 to successfully complete all examinations as required for the
15 specified class.

16 C. Except as provided in subsection E of Section 6-101 of this
17 title, any person holding a valid Oklahoma Class A, B or C
18 commercial license shall, upon time for renewal thereof, be entitled
19 to a Class D license without any type of testing or examination,
20 except for any endorsements thereon as otherwise provided for by
21 Section 6-110.1 of this title.

22 D. Under the direction of the Department of Public Safety, any
23 certified driver education instructor may administer the written

1 portion of the Oklahoma driving examination as required for a driver
2 education course or Class D license. The required driving skills
3 portion of the Oklahoma driving examination may be given by such
4 certified driver education instructor to a student who has
5 successfully completed one of the following:

6 1. A prescribed secondary school driver education course, as
7 defined by Section 19-113 et seq. of Title 70 of the Oklahoma
8 Statutes;

9 2. A driver education course, certified by the Department of
10 Public Safety, from a parochial, private or other nonpublic
11 secondary school; or

12 3. A commercial driver training course, as defined by Sections
13 801 through 808 of this title.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2002.

15 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
16 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY AFFAIRS &
20 PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 2-11-02 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.