

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 70

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An Act relating to state officers and employees; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Sections 150.7a and 150.29 as amended by Section 1, Chapter 71, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 150.29), which relate to the motor vehicle theft unit and petty cash fund; deleting certain staffing requirements; increasing amounts in petty cash fund; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 150.7a, is amended to read as follows:

Section 150.7a A. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall establish a vehicle theft unit within the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. ~~The unit shall be comprised of one (1) crime data analyst, one (1) typist clerk, two (2) investigators and five (5) agents.~~ The investigators shall have ~~either~~ the same qualifications as those required for an agent ~~or~~ have had at least five (5) years' experience in conducting auto theft investigations for either a public or private investigating organization. ~~Such officers and employees shall be in addition to the number of positions now authorized by law.~~

B. The vehicle theft unit or any commissioned employee of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation may:

1. Conduct investigations of organized motor vehicle or heavy equipment theft rings;

2. Determine sources and outlets for stolen motor vehicles, motor vehicle parts or heavy equipment;

3. Investigate any theft of a motor vehicle, motor vehicle parts or heavy equipment for which the Agency receives notice;

4. Arrest or cause the arrest of any person when reasonable grounds exist to believe that such person has stolen a motor vehicle, motor vehicle parts or heavy equipment;

5. Coordinate the effort of this state to reduce motor vehicle theft with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies; or

6. Develop educational programs on detection and prevention of motor vehicle theft.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 150.29, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 71, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 150.29), is amended to read as follows:

Section 150.29 The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation is hereby given authority to create a petty cash fund not to exceed ~~One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)~~ Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each office of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, which may be expended for the purpose of providing change for cash payments for criminal history record checks and other Oklahoma Open Records Act search and copy fees.

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

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