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THE STATE SENATE
Thursday, March 20, 2003

ENGROSSED

House Bill No. 1782

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1782 - By: LAMONS of the House and HELTON of the Senate.

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2001, Sections 11-1001 and 11-1002, which relate to stopping, standing and parking; providing for removal of vehicles and cargos from the roadway under certain circumstances; providing exception; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 11-1001, is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-1001. ~~(a)~~ A. Upon any highway outside of a business or residence district no person shall stop, park or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, upon the paved or main-traveled part of the highway when it is practicable to stop, park or so leave such vehicle off such part of said highway, but in every event an unobstructed width of the highway opposite a standing vehicle shall be left for the free passage of other vehicles and a clear view of such stopped vehicles shall be available from a distance of two hundred (200) feet in each direction upon such highway.

~~(b) This section shall not apply to the driver of any vehicle which is disabled while on the paved or main-traveled portion of a~~

1 ~~highway in such manner and to such extent that it is impossible to~~
2 ~~avoid stopping and temporarily leaving such disabled vehicle in such~~
3 ~~position~~

4 B. 1. The owner or operator of a vehicle or its cargo which
5 obstructs the regular flow of traffic shall make every reasonable
6 effort to remove the obstructing vehicle or cargo from the roadway
7 so the regular flow of traffic is not blocked. This subsection
8 shall not apply to collisions resulting in the injury or death of
9 any person.

10 2. This subsection shall not apply to vehicles transporting
11 "hazardous materials" as defined in paragraph 5 of Section 230.3 of
12 this title.

13 3. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to relieve any
14 person from complying with Section 10-103 of this title.

15 4. a. Until January 1, 2004, any person violating this
16 subsection shall be issued a written warning of the
17 violation.

18 b. Beginning January 1, 2004, any person violating this
19 subsection shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a
20 misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided for in
21 Section 17-101 of this title.

22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 11-1002, is
23 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 11-1002. ~~(a)~~ A. Whenever any police officer finds a
2 vehicle standing upon a highway in violation of any of the
3 provisions of subsection A of Section 11-1001 of this title, such
4 officer is hereby authorized to move such vehicle, or require the
5 driver or other person in charge of the vehicle to move the same, to
6 a position off the paved or main-traveled part of such highway.

7 B. 1. Law enforcement officers, using reasonable care, may
8 remove from the roadway to the nearest safe place any disabled or
9 damaged vehicle or cargo as described in subsection B of Section 11-
10 1001 of this title.

11 2. Absent a showing of gross negligence, the law enforcement
12 officer, the employing agency, or any person acting under the
13 direction of the law enforcement officer is not liable for damage to
14 a vehicle or damage or loss to any portion of the contents or cargo
15 of the vehicle when carrying out the provisions of this subsection.

16 ~~(b)~~ C. Whenever any police officer finds a vehicle unattended
17 upon any bridge or causeway or in any underpass where such vehicle
18 constitutes an obstruction to traffic, such officer is hereby
19 authorized to provide for the removal of such vehicle to the nearest
20 garage or other place of safety.

21 ~~(e)~~ D. When any vehicle is left standing or abandoned upon a
22 highway in violation of this section and at such a place or in such
23 manner as to interfere or prevent the maintenance of said highway,

1 the Oklahoma Department of ~~Highways~~ Transportation, Oklahoma
2 Transportation Authority or their authorized agents may remove such
3 vehicle or request the driver or other persons in charge thereof to
4 move the same to some place of safety off the highway without charge
5 to the owner of the vehicle.

6 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2003.

7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY AFFAIRS &
8 PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 3-17-03 - DO PASS.