ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1304

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An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2001, Section 6-303, as last amended by Section 9, Chapter 390, O.S.L. 2004 (47 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 6-303), which relates to driving while license is canceled, denied, suspended or revoked; prohibiting waiver of certain fine; amending 47 O.S. 2001, Sections 11-902, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 548, O.S.L. 2004 and 11-902a (47 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 11-902), which relate to persons under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substance; modifying requirements for ignition interlock device; requiring installation for certain period of time; specifying that Department of Public Safety shall not require installment of device on certain vehicles; providing for exceptions; requiring written permission; requiring compliance with certain laws; expanding scope of prohibited acts; and providing for an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 6-303, as last amended by Section 9, Chapter 390, O.S.L. 2004 (47 O.S. Supp. 2004, 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 license for the class of vehicle being operated 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. <u>Any fine imposed pursuant to this subsection shall not be waived by the court.</u>

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, shall extend the period of such suspension or revocation for an additional three-month period of time. The additional orders of suspension or revocation shall be dated and become effective the day following the date terminating the prior order of suspension or revocation.

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 revocation, pursuant to paragraph 1,

2, or 3 of subsection A of Section 6-205.1 of this title, shall extend the period of such revocation for an additional four-month period of time. The additional orders of revocation shall be dated and become effective the day following the date terminating the prior order of 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. 2001, Section 11-902, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 548, O.S.L. 2004 (47 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 11-902), is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-902. A. It is unlawful and punishable as provided in this section for any person to drive, operate, or be in actual physical control of a motor vehicle within this state, whether upon public roads, highways, streets, turnpikes, other public places or upon any private road, street, alley or lane which provides access to one or more single or multi-family dwellings, who:

1. Has a blood or breath alcohol concentration, as defined in Section 756 of this title, of eight-hundredths (0.08) or more at the time of a test of such person’s blood or breath administered within two (2) hours after the arrest of such person;

2. Is under the influence of alcohol;

3. Is under the influence of any intoxicating substance other than alcohol which may render such person incapable of safely driving or operating a motor vehicle; or

4. Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any other intoxicating substance which may render such person incapable of safely driving or operating a motor vehicle.

B. The fact that any person charged with a violation of this section is or has been lawfully entitled to use alcohol or a controlled dangerous substance or any other intoxicating substance shall not constitute a defense against any charge of violating this section.

C. 1. Any person who is convicted of a violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor for the first offense and shall participate in an assessment and evaluation by an assessment agency or assessment personnel certified by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services pursuant to Section 3-460 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes and shall follow all recommendations made in the assessment and evaluation and be punished by imprisonment in jail for not less than ten (10) days nor more than one (1) year. Any person convicted of a violation for a first offense shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00).

2. Any person who, within ten (10) years after a previous conviction of a violation of this section or a violation pursuant to the provisions of any law of another state prohibiting the offense provided in subsection A of this section, is convicted of a second offense pursuant to the provisions of this section or has a prior conviction in a municipal criminal court of record for the violation of a municipal ordinance prohibiting the offense provided for in subsection A of this section and within ten (10) years of such municipal conviction is convicted pursuant to the provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of a felony and shall participate in an assessment and evaluation by an assessment agency or assessment personnel certified by the Department of Mental Health and Substance

Abuse Services pursuant to Section 3-460 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes and shall be sentenced to:

a. follow all recommendations made in the assessment and evaluation with a minimum of twenty-eight (28) days of treatment followed by thirty (30) days of aftercare at the defendant's expense, or

b. placement in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not less than one (1) year and not to exceed five (5) years and a fine of not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500.00), or

c. treatment, imprisonment and a fine within the limitations prescribed in subparagraphs a and b of this paragraph.

However, if the treatment in subparagraph a of this paragraph does not include residential or inpatient treatment for a period of not less than five (5) days, the person shall serve a term of imprisonment of at least five (5) days.

3. Any person who is convicted of a second felony offense pursuant to the provisions of this section shall participate in an assessment and evaluation by an assessment agency or assessment personnel certified by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services pursuant to Section 3-460 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes and shall be sentenced to:

a. follow all recommendations made in the assessment and evaluation at the defendant's expense with a minimum of twenty-eight (28) days of residential or inpatient treatment followed by ninety (90) days of aftercare at the defendant's expense, two hundred forty (240) hours of community service following the aftercare and use of an ignition interlock device, or

b. placement in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not less than one (1) year and not to

exceed seven (7) years and a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00), or

c. treatment, imprisonment and a fine within the limitations prescribed in subparagraphs a and b of this paragraph.

However, if the treatment in subparagraph a of this paragraph does not include residential or inpatient treatment for a period of not less than ten (10) days, the person shall serve a term of imprisonment of at least ten (10) days.

4. Any person who is convicted of a third or subsequent felony offense pursuant to the provisions of this section shall participate in an assessment and evaluation by an assessment agency or assessment personnel certified by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services pursuant to Section 3-460 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes and shall be sentenced to:

a. follow all recommendations made in the assessment and evaluation at the defendant's expense with a minimum of twenty-eight (28) days residential or inpatient treatment followed by not less than one (1) year of supervision, periodic testing, and aftercare at the defendant's expense, four hundred eighty (480) hours of community service following the period of aftercare, and use of an ignition interlock device for a minimum of thirty (30) days, or

b. placement in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not less than one (1) year and not to exceed ten (10) years and a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00), or

c. treatment, imprisonment and a fine within the limitations prescribed in subparagraphs a and b of this paragraph.

However, if the person does not undergo residential or inpatient treatment pursuant to subparagraph a of this paragraph the person shall serve a term of imprisonment of at least ten (10) days.

5. Any person who, within ten (10) years after a previous conviction of a violation of murder in the second degree or manslaughter in the first degree in which the death was caused as a result of driving under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substance, is convicted of a violation of this section shall be deemed guilty of a felony.

6. Provided, however, a conviction from another state shall not be used to enhance punishment pursuant to the provisions of this subsection if that conviction is based on a blood or breath alcohol concentration of less than eight-hundredths (0.08).

7. In any case in which a defendant is charged with a second or subsequent driving under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substance offense within any municipality with a municipal court other than a court of record, the charge shall be presented to the county's district attorney and filed with the district court of the county within which the municipality is located.

D. Any person who is convicted of a violation of driving under the influence with a blood or breath alcohol concentration of fifteen-hundredths (0.15) or more shall be deemed guilty of aggravated driving under the influence. A person convicted of aggravated driving under the influence shall participate in an assessment and evaluation by an assessment agency or assessment personnel certified by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services pursuant to Section 3-460 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes and shall comply with all recommendations and shall be punished by mandatory residential or inpatient treatment for a minimum of twenty-eight (28) days followed by not less than one (1) year of supervision, periodic testing, and aftercare at the

defendant's expense, four hundred eighty (480) hours of community service following the period of aftercare, and an ignition interlock device for a minimum of thirty (30) days. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the defendant from being charged or punished as provided in paragraph 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 of subsection C of this section.

E. When a person is sentenced to imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections, the person shall be processed through the Lexington Assessment and Reception Center or at a place determined by the Director of the Department of Corrections. The Department of Corrections shall classify and assign the person to one or more of the following:

1. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 612 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

2. A correctional facility operated by the Department of Corrections with assignment to substance abuse treatment.

F. The Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to reinstate any suspended or revoked driving privilege when the person meets the statutory requirements which affect the existing driving privilege.

G. Any person who is found guilty of a violation of the provisions of this section shall be ordered to participate in, prior to sentencing, an alcohol and drug substance abuse evaluation and assessment program offered by a certified assessment agency or certified assessor for the purpose of evaluating and assessing the receptivity to treatment and prognosis of the person. The court shall order the person to reimburse the agency or assessor for the evaluation and assessment. The fee for an evaluation and assessment shall be the amount provided in subsection C of Section 3-460 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes. The evaluation and assessment shall be conducted at a certified assessment agency, the office of a

certified assessor or at another location as ordered by the court. The agency or assessor shall, within seventy-two (72) hours from the time the person is evaluated and assessed, submit a written report to the court for the purpose of assisting the court in its final sentencing determination. If such report indicates that the evaluation and assessment shows that the defendant would benefit from a ten-hour or twenty-four-hour alcohol and drug substance abuse course or a treatment program or both, the court shall, as a condition of any sentence imposed, including deferred and suspended sentences, require the person to follow all recommendations identified by the evaluation and assessment and ordered by the court. No person, agency or facility operating an evaluation and assessment program certified by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall solicit or refer any person evaluated and assessed pursuant to this section for any treatment program or substance abuse service in which such person, agency or facility has a vested interest; however, this provision shall not be construed to prohibit the court from ordering participation in or any person from voluntarily utilizing a treatment program or substance abuse service offered by such person, agency or facility. If a person is sentenced to imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections and the court has received a written evaluation report pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, the report shall be furnished to the Department of Corrections with the judgment and sentence. Any evaluation and assessment report submitted to the court pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be handled in a manner which will keep such report confidential from the general public's review. Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the court from ordering judgment and sentence in the event the defendant fails or refuses to comply with an order of the court to obtain the evaluation and assessment required by this subsection. If the defendant fails or refuses to

comply with an order of the court to obtain the evaluation and assessment, the Department of Public Safety shall not reinstate driving privileges until the defendant has complied in full with such order. Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the court from ordering judgment and sentence and any other sanction authorized by law for failure or refusal to comply with an order of the court.

H. Any person who is found guilty of a violation of the provisions of this section may be required by the court to attend a victims impact panel program, if such a program is offered in the county where the judgment is rendered, and to pay a fee, not less than Fifteen Dollars ($15.00) nor more than Twenty-five Dollars ($25.00) as set by the governing authority of the program and approved by the court, to the program to offset the cost of participation by the defendant, if in the opinion of the court the defendant has the ability to pay such fee.

I. Any person who is found guilty of a second or subsequent violation of the provisions of this section~~,~~ shall ~~be ordered by the court to~~ have installed, ~~after the conclusion of the mandatory revocation period pursuant to Section 6-205.1 of this title, on every motor vehicle owned by the person and on the vehicle regularly operated by the person, if such vehicle is not owned by the person pursuant to Sections 754.1 and 755 of this title, an ignition interlock device approved by the Department of Public Safety at the person's own expense for a period of not less than six (6) months nor more than three (3) years. The person shall~~ as a prerequisite and condition of reinstatement pursuant to subsection F of this section, an ignition interlock device approved by the Board of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence at the expense of the person upon every motor vehicle operated by the person for a period of twelve (12) months. The Department of Public Safety shall not require as a condition of reinstatement that the ignition interlock device be

installed on any vehicle owned or leased by an employer of the person, except when the person is self-employed, employed by relatives within the first degree of consanguinity, or who resides in the same household, without the written permission of the employer to install the ignition interlock device on any vehicle to be operated by the person during the course of employment. The permission to install the ignition interlock device shall be in writing on the official letterhead of the employer. The person shall comply with all provisions of law regarding ignition interlock devices and pay the monthly maintenance fee for each ignition interlock device installed pursuant to this subsection. ~~The installation of an ignition interlock device, as required by this subsection, shall not be construed to authorize the person to drive unless the person is otherwise eligible to drive.~~

J. Any person who is found guilty of a felony violation of the provisions of this section may be required to submit to electronic monitoring as authorized and defined by Section 991a of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

K. Any person who, within ten (10) years after a previous conviction of a violation of this section or a violation pursuant to the provisions of law of another state prohibiting the offense provided in subsection A of this section or a violation of a municipal ordinance prohibiting the offense provided in subsection A of this section, pleads guilty or nolo contendere or is convicted of a violation of this section shall not be required to undergo the alcohol and drug substance evaluation program required by subsection G of this section. The court shall, as a condition of any sentence imposed, including deferred and suspended sentences, require the person to participate in and successfully complete all recommendations from the evaluation, such as an alcohol and drug substance abuse treatment program pursuant to Section 3-452 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes.

L. Any person who is found guilty of a violation of the provisions of this section who has been sentenced by the court to perform any type of community service shall not be permitted to pay a fine in lieu of performing the community service.

M. When a person is found guilty of a violation of the provisions of this section, the court shall order, in addition to any other penalty, the defendant to pay a one-hundred-dollar assessment to be deposited in the Drug Abuse Education and Treatment Revolving Fund created in Section 2-503.2 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, upon collection.

N. In any case in which a person is convicted of violating the provisions of this section and who was transporting in the motor vehicle a child fifteen (15) years of age or younger, the fine shall be enhanced to double the amount of the whole sum otherwise prescribed.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 11-902a, is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-902a. A. No person shall knowingly authorize or permit a motor vehicle owned or under the control of that person which is not equipped with an ignition interlock device to be driven upon any street or highway of this state by any person who is required to have an ignition interlock device installed upon the vehicle of that person.

B. No person, who is required to have an ignition interlock device installed upon the vehicle of that person, shall knowingly or willfully attempt to disable, disconnect, or wire around the ignition interlock device.

C. A violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of March, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate