

and

Barrington of the Senate

An Act relating to Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation; amending 74 O.S. 2001, Sections 150.2, as last amended by Section 15, Chapter 461, O.S.L. 2003 and 150.7a (74 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 150.2), which relate to powers, duties and motor vehicle theft unit; modifying statutory reference; deleting requirement for establishment of certain unit within Bureau; deleting investigator qualifications requirement; modifying scope of vehicle theft investigators; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2001, Section 150.2, as last amended by Section 15, Chapter 461, O.S.L. 2003 (74 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 150.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 150.2 The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall have the power and duty to:

1. Maintain a nationally accredited scientific laboratory to assist all law enforcement agencies in the discovery and detection of criminal activity;
2. Maintain fingerprint and other identification files including criminal history records, juvenile identification files, and DNA profiles;
3. Establish, coordinate and maintain the automated fingerprinting identification system (AFIS) and the deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) laboratory;
4. Operate teletype, mobile and fixed radio or other communications systems;

5. Conduct schools and training programs for the agents, peace officers, and technicians of this state charged with the enforcement of law and order and the investigation and detection of crime;

6. Assist the Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, the Chief Medical Examiner, and all law enforcement officers and district attorneys when such assistance is requested, in accordance with the policy determined by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation Commission established in Section 150.3 of this title;

7. Investigate and detect criminal activity when directed to do so by the Governor;

8. Investigate, detect, institute and maintain actions involving vehicle theft pursuant to Section ~~150.7~~ 150.7a of this title or oil, gas or oil field equipment theft pursuant to Sections 152.2 through 152.9 of this title;

9. Investigate any criminal threat made to the physical safety of elected or appointed officials of this state or any political subdivision of the state and forward the results of that investigation to the Department of Public Safety, and provide security to foreign elected or appointed officials while they are in this state on official business;

10. Investigate and detect violations of the Oklahoma Computer Crimes Act; and

11. Investigate and enforce all laws relating to any crime listed as an exception to the definition of "nonviolent offense" as set forth in section 571 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes that occur on the turnpikes.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2001, 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 investigators shall~~

~~have the same qualifications as those required for an agent,~~
pursuant to Section 150.2 of this title, have the authority to
investigate, detect, institute, and maintain actions involving
vehicle theft.

B. ~~The vehicle theft unit or any~~ 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 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate