

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1082

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A Resolution encouraging the Commissioner of Public Safety to promote enforcement of Compulsory Insurance law; encouraging presentation of higher penalties for certain crimes; encouraging the use of technology to assist the enforcement of Compulsory Insurance law; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's Compulsory Insurance law was enacted in 1983 to require every owner of a motor vehicle to maintain at all times security for the payment of loss resulting from damage sustained by any person arising out of the ownership, maintenance, operation or use of a motor vehicle; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that between 25% to 35% of motor vehicles on Oklahoma streets and highways are uninsured in spite of laws requiring compulsory insurance; and

WHEREAS, a concerted effort of educating all law enforcement officers of the need for enforcement to become a priority of the Director of the Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers and tag agents need to understand that every insurance policy written in Oklahoma costs more because of the vehicles that are being operated without insurance; and

WHEREAS, it costs everyone more if they choose to look the other way and not issue citations when justified or tags are issued without the necessary information; and

WHEREAS, new cost-effective, reliable technologies should be considered that reduce the number of uninsured motorists, protect

the privacy of motor vehicle owners, safeguard the security and integrity of insurance companies, provide information that is accurate and current, and be capable of being audited by an independent auditor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Commissioner of Public Safety is encouraged to establish Oklahoma's Compulsory Insurance law as a priority for law enforcement.

THAT the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Insurance Commissioner examine and present to the Legislature proposals for higher penalties for noncompliance with the Compulsory Insurance law and severe penalties for the theft or fraudulent use of security verification cards.

THAT the Director of the Department of Public Safety in conjunction with the Insurance Commissioner, the Oklahoma Tax Commission, and the Department of Central Services are encouraged to gather information on new technologies that are being developed that will assist in verifying whether owners of motor vehicles have met the criteria of Oklahoma's Compulsory Insurance law.

THAT copies of this resolution be presented to Commissioner of Public Safety Kevin Ward, Insurance Commissioner Kim Holland, members of the Oklahoma Tax Commission, and the Director of the Department of Central Services Colonel John Richard.

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