

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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House Bill No. 1527

HOUSE BILL NO. 1527 - By: LIEBMANN of the House and BRANAN of the Senate.

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2001, Section 11-1401, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 319, O.S.L. 2008 (47 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 11-1401), which relates to unlawful acts on turnpikes; making certain act unlawful; and providing an effective date.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 11-1401, as amended by  
2 Section 5, Chapter 319, O.S.L. 2008 (47 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 11-1401), is amended to  
3 read as follows:
- 4 Section 11-1401. A. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter that part of a  
5 turnpike enclosed by fence except in a vehicle at authorized entrances.
- 6 B. It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to fail to pay the toll as  
7 prescribed by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.
- 8 C. It shall be unlawful for any person to cross a turnpike except at grade  
9 separations provided for cross traffic or through drainage structures under the turnpike.
- 10 D. It shall be unlawful for any person to travel a turnpike on foot except to leave or  
11 service a disabled vehicle, or for any person to hitchhike on a turnpike.
- 12 E. It shall be unlawful for any person to tear down, damage or remove any turnpike  
13 fence.

1 F. It shall be unlawful to drive, operate or ride any bicycle or other man-powered  
2 vehicle or means of transportation on a turnpike. The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority  
3 may prohibit any light, mechanically powered vehicle from entering the turnpike, or any  
4 other vehicle it determines would be injurious to the turnpike surfacing or would be a  
5 traffic hazard.

6 G. When any section of highway has been closed to traffic by the Oklahoma  
7 Turnpike Authority and traffic-control devices or barricades have been erected, it shall  
8 be unlawful for any person to drive any vehicle through, under, over, or around the  
9 traffic-control devices or barricades, or otherwise to enter the closed area.

10 H. Subsections A through ~~F~~ G of this section shall not apply to:

11 1. Officers, employees, agents or contractors of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority  
12 in performance of their duties;

13 2. Commissioned officers of the Department of Public Safety;

14 3. Emergency vehicle operators at the request of the Department of Public Safety;

15 or

16 4. Agents, employees or contractors of public utilities while actually engaged in  
17 work in furtherance of construction, maintenance or repair of such public utilities located  
18 on, above or below a turnpike.

19 ~~H.~~ I. It shall be unlawful for any vehicle, except:

20 1. Authorized emergency vehicles;

21 2. Vehicles owned by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, its agents or contractors;

1           3. Vehicles owned by public utilities, their agents, employees or contractors, while  
2 actually engaged in construction, maintenance or repair of such public utilities; and

3           4. Wrecker vehicles while performing services at the request of the Department of  
4 Public Safety,  
5 to cross the center dividing strip of a turnpike, or to travel on any lane of a turnpike in a  
6 direction contrary to the direction of traffic on such lane.

7           ~~I. J.~~ J. All vehicles traveling on a turnpike shall comply at all times with signs placed  
8 on the turnpike regulating traffic thereon.

9           ~~J. K.~~ K. No vehicle shall move from one lane to another unless the way is clear to do so  
10 and upon proper signaling.

11           ~~K. L.~~ L. Any person ~~guilty of violating~~ who violates any ~~provisions~~ provision of this  
12 section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and ~~upon conviction~~ shall be  
13 punished as provided in Section 17-101 of this title.

14           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

15           COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 02-12-09 - DO  
16 PASS, As Coauthored.