

EHB 1527

THE STATE SENATE  
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ENGROSSED

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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1527 - By: Liebmann and Tibbs of the House and Branam 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:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 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), is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-1401. A. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter that part of a turnpike enclosed by fence except in a vehicle at authorized entrances.

B. It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to fail to pay the toll as prescribed by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.

C. It shall be unlawful for any person to cross a turnpike except at grade separations provided for cross traffic or through drainage structures under the turnpike.

D. It shall be unlawful for any person to travel a turnpike on foot except to leave or service a disabled vehicle, or for any person to hitchhike on a turnpike.

1 E. It shall be unlawful for any person to tear down, damage or  
2 remove any turnpike fence.

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

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

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

- 17 1. Officers, employees, agents or contractors of the Oklahoma  
18 Turnpike Authority in performance of their duties;
- 19 2. Commissioned officers of the Department of Public Safety;
- 20 3. Emergency vehicle operators at the request of the Department  
21 of Public Safety; or
- 22 4. Agents, employees or contractors of public utilities while  
23 actually engaged in work in furtherance of construction, maintenance

1 or repair of such public utilities located on, above or below a  
2 turnpike.

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

4 1. Authorized emergency vehicles;

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

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

10 4. Wrecker vehicles while performing services at the request of  
11 the Department of Public Safety,

12 to cross the center dividing strip of a turnpike, or to travel on  
13 any lane of a turnpike in a direction contrary to the direction of  
14 traffic on such lane.

15 ~~F.~~ J. All vehicles traveling on a turnpike shall comply at all  
16 times with signs placed on the turnpike regulating traffic thereon.

17 ~~G.~~ K. No vehicle shall move from one lane to another unless the  
18 way is clear to do so and upon proper signaling.

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

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

1 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, dated 3-31-09 - DO  
2 PASS.