

3 Senate Bill No. 1160

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1160 - By: Sykes of the Senate and Terrill of the  
5 House.

6 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2001,  
7 Section 6-110, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 394,  
8 O.S.L. 2005 (47 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 6-110), which  
9 relates to driver license examinations; deleting alternative  
10 method of testing; and providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 6-110, as  
13 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 394, O.S.L. 2005 (47 O.S. Supp.  
14 2008, Section 6-110), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 6-110. A. 1. The Department of Public Safety shall  
16 examine every applicant for an original Class A, B, C or D license  
17 and for any endorsements thereon, except as otherwise provided in  
18 Sections 6-101 through 6-309 of this title or as provided in  
19 paragraph 2 of this subsection or in subsection D of this section.  
20 The examination shall include a test of the applicant's:

- 21 a. eyesight,  
22 b. ability to read and understand highway signs  
23 regulating, warning and directing traffic,  
24 c. knowledge of the traffic laws of this state, and  
25 d. ability, by actual demonstration, to exercise ordinary  
26 and reasonable control in the operation of a motor

1           vehicle. The actual demonstration shall be conducted  
2           in the type of motor vehicle for the class of driver  
3           license being applied for.

4           Any licensee seeking to apply for a driver license of another  
5           class which is not covered by the licensee's current driver license  
6           shall be considered an applicant for an original license for that  
7           class.

8           2. The Department of Public Safety shall have the authority to  
9           waive the requirement of any part of the examination required in  
10          paragraph 1 of this subsection for those applicants who surrender a  
11          valid unexpired driver license issued by any state or country for  
12          the same type or types of vehicles, provided that the applicant's  
13          driving record meets the standards set by the Department of Public  
14          Safety.

15          3. All applicants requiring a hazardous materials endorsement  
16          shall be required, for the renewal of the endorsement, to  
17          successfully complete the examination and to submit to a security  
18          threat assessment performed by the Transportation Security  
19          Administration of the Department of Homeland Security as required by  
20          and pursuant to 49 C.F.R., Part 1572, which shall be used to  
21          determine whether the applicant is eligible for renewal of the  
22          endorsement pursuant to federal law and regulation.

1           4. The Department of Public Safety shall give the complete  
2 examination as provided for in this section within thirty (30) days  
3 from the date the application is received, and the examination shall  
4 be given at a location within one hundred (100) miles of the  
5 residence of the applicant. The Department shall make every effort  
6 to make the examination locations and times convenient for  
7 applicants. The Department shall consider giving the examination at  
8 various school sites if the district board of education for the  
9 district in which the site is located agrees and if economically  
10 feasible and practicable.

11           ~~5. The Department of Public Safety shall provide an alternative~~  
12 ~~method of testing for an applicant for a Class D driver license who~~  
13 ~~is eighteen (18) years of age or older and who can only understand~~  
14 ~~Spanish, subject to the availability of funds. The Department may~~  
15 ~~limit the number of testing sites where the examination in Spanish~~  
16 ~~may be administered.~~

17           B. Any person holding a valid Oklahoma Class D license and  
18 applying for a Class A, B or C commercial license shall be required  
19 to successfully complete all examinations as required for the  
20 specified class.

21           C. Except as provided in subsection E of Section 6-101 of this  
22 title, any person holding a valid Oklahoma Class A, B or C  
23 commercial license shall, upon time for renewal thereof, be entitled

1 to a Class D license without any type of testing or examination,  
2 except for any endorsements thereon as otherwise provided for by  
3 Section 6-110.1 of this title.

4 D. Any certified driver education instructor may administer the  
5 written portion of the Oklahoma driving examination as required for  
6 a driver education course.

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

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY,  
9 dated 2-17-09 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.