

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1527

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.
8 2001, Section 11-1401, as amended by Section 5,
9 Chapter 319, O.S.L. 2008 (47 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section
10 11-1401), which relates to unlawful acts on
11 turnpikes; making certain act unlawful; and providing
12 an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 11-1401, as
15 amended by Section 5, Chapter 319, O.S.L. 2008 (47 O.S. Supp. 2008,
16 Section 11-1401), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 3. Emergency vehicle operators at the request of the Department
24 of Public Safety; or

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

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

6 1. Authorized emergency vehicles;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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