

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2907

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; authorizing
8 municipalities and political subdivisions to
9 designate parking for expectant mothers; providing
10 application procedures for parking placard; providing
11 guidelines for displaying parking placard;
12 prohibiting persons from parking in designated
13 parking spaces; providing requirements for parking
14 signage; allowing unlawfully parked vehicles subject
15 to tow; providing penalty; authorizing the Department
16 of Public Safety to adopt and promulgate rules;
17 providing for codification; and declaring an
18 emergency.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 15-141 of Title 47, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. Municipalities and political subdivisions of the state with
24 authority to regulate the standing or parking of vehicles may permit
the designation of specific parking spots to be reserved for
expectant mothers. Any parking spot designated as such shall be
required to have appropriate signage as prescribed by the Department
of Public Safety.

1 B. An expectant mother may apply for the temporary use of a
2 special parking placard of such size and design as the Department of
3 Public Safety shall specify on a form prescribed by the Department.
4 An expectant mother applying for a special parking placard shall
5 present a statement, certified by a physician licensed to practice
6 in this state, that she is pregnant at the time of the application.
7 A special parking placard shall become void immediately upon the end
8 of pregnancy by any means, shall not be displayed on any vehicle,
9 and shall be immediately returned to the Department of Public
10 Safety.

11 C. An expectant mother may use a special parking placard
12 obtained under subsection B of this section to park in areas
13 designated under subsection A of this section. When parking the
14 motor vehicle, the expectant mother parking placard shall be
15 prominently displayed in such a manner that it may be viewed from
16 the front and rear of the motor vehicle by hanging it from the front
17 windshield rearview mirror of a motor vehicle only when that motor
18 vehicle is utilizing a parking space reserved for expectant mothers.

19 D. An expectant mother parking placard may also be issued for
20 use in a motor vehicle in which an expectant mother is being
21 transported.

22 E. Except for persons parking vehicles lawfully displaying an
23 expectant mother parking placard when such vehicles are being
24 operated by or for the transportation of an expectant mother, no

1 person shall park a motor vehicle on public or private property
2 reserved for an expectant mother, which property has been so posted
3 in accordance with regulations of the Department of Public Safety.
4 Signage for parking spots reserved for expectant mothers shall
5 include the penalty and shall state that vehicles parked in
6 violation of this section shall be towed.

7 F. Any vehicle which is unlawfully parked in a designated
8 expectant mother parking area shall be subject to immediate tow by a
9 licensed tow truck operator at the request of the landowner or a
10 duly appointed agent of the landowner, at the request of the
11 expectant mother who is unable to lawfully gain access to the area
12 blocked by the unlawfully parked vehicle, or at the request of
13 appropriate law enforcement personnel. The owner of any vehicle
14 unlawfully parked in violation of this section shall pay any and all
15 reasonable and necessary costs associated with towing and storage of
16 the vehicle.

17 G. An operator of a vehicle displaying an expectant mother
18 parking placard shall not make use of the parking privileges
19 accorded to expectant mothers under this act unless the operator is
20 an expectant mother or unless the vehicle is being operated for the
21 transportation of an expectant mother.

22 H. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be
23 fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

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1 I. The Department shall have the power to adopt and promulgate
2 rules as may be necessary to implement and administer the provisions
3 of this section.

4 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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