

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1160

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.  
8 2001, Section 6-110, as last amended by Section 2,  
9 Chapter 394, O.S.L. 2005 (47 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section  
10 6-110), which relates to driver license examinations;  
11 deleting alternative method of testing; 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 6-110, as  
15 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 394, O.S.L. 2005 (47 O.S. Supp.  
16 2008, Section 6-110), is amended to read as follows:

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

- 22 a. eyesight,  
23 b. ability to read and understand highway signs  
24 regulating, warning and directing traffic,

- 1 c. knowledge of the traffic laws of this state, and  
2 d. ability, by actual demonstration, to exercise ordinary  
3 and reasonable control in the operation of a motor  
4 vehicle. The actual demonstration shall be conducted  
5 in the type of motor vehicle for the class of driver  
6 license being applied for.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 C. Except as provided in subsection E of Section 6-101 of this  
24 title, any person holding a valid Oklahoma Class A, B or C

1 commercial license shall, upon time for renewal thereof, be entitled  
2 to a Class D license without any type of testing or examination,  
3 except for any endorsements thereon as otherwise provided for by  
4 Section 6-110.1 of this title.

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

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

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