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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 448

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.
12 2011, Section 1-173.1, which relates to tank
13 vehicles; modifying scope of regulation; providing
14 exemptions for certain empty tanks; amending 47 O.S.
15 2011, Section 6-106, which relates to driver
16 licenses; requiring certain commercial license
17 holders to possess a medical examination certificate;
18 providing penalty; requiring certain review prior to
19 issuing commercial driver license; amending 47 O.S.
20 2011, Section 6-205.2, which relates to driver
21 licenses; prohibiting certain drivers from texting;
22 modifying punishment; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section
23 7-606, which relates to compulsory insurance;
24 modifying time period for certain notice; prohibiting
certain acts related to radar detectors; amending 47
O.S. 2011, Section 11-901c, which relates to
commercial vehicles; prohibiting certain drivers from
texting; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 12-417, which
relates to seat belt requirements; requiring certain
seat belts be worn in commercial vehicles; amending
47 O.S. 2011, Section 18-101, which relates to
traffic violations; modifying time period within
which certain abstract must be provided; modifying
exemption from report filing requirement; amending 47
O.S. 2011, Section 230.6, which relates to operation
of vehicles; expanding prohibition to include drivers
placed out-of-service; requiring satisfaction of
certain requirements and approval of certain

1 individuals prior to returning to service; increasing
2 range of punishments; providing for codification; and
3 declaring an emergency.
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5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

6 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1-173.1, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 1-173.1 Tank Vehicle.

9 Any commercial motor vehicle designed to transport any liquid or
10 gaseous materials within a tank or tanks having an individual rated
11 capacity of more than one hundred nineteen (119) gallons and an
12 aggregate rated capacity of one thousand (1,000) or more gallons
13 that is either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or
14 the chassis. A commercial motor vehicle transporting an empty
15 storage container tank, not designed for transportation, with a
16 rated capacity of one thousand (1,000) or more gallons that is
17 temporarily attached to a flatbed trailer is not considered a tank
18 vehicle. Such vehicles include but are not limited to cargo tanks
19 and portable tanks as defined by 49 C.F.R., Part 171. ~~Provided~~
20 ~~however, the term "tank vehicle" shall not include a portable tank~~
21 ~~having; provided, a commercial motor vehicle transporting an empty~~
22 storage container tank, not designed for transportation, with a
23 rated capacity of ~~under~~ one thousand (1,000) or more gallons that is
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1 temporarily attached to a flatbed trailer is not considered a tank
2 vehicle.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 6-106, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 6-106. A. 1. Every application for a driver license
6 or identification card shall be made by the applicant upon a form
7 furnished by the Department of Public Safety.

8 2. Every original, renewal, or replacement application for a
9 driver license or identification card made by a male applicant who
10 is at least sixteen (16) but less than twenty-six (26) years of age
11 shall include a statement that by submitting the application, the
12 applicant is consenting to registration with the Selective Service
13 System. The pertinent information from the application shall be
14 forwarded by the Department to the Data Management Center of the
15 Selective Service System in order to register the applicant as
16 required by law with the Selective Service System. Any applicant
17 refusing to sign the consent statement shall be denied a driver
18 license or identification card.

19 3. Every applicant for a driver license or identification card
20 shall provide to the Department at the time of application both
21 primary and secondary proofs of identity. The Department shall
22 promulgate rules prescribing forms of primary and secondary
23 identification acceptable for an original Oklahoma driver license.
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1 B. Every applicant for a driver license shall state upon the
2 application the following information:

3 1. Full name;

4 2. Date of birth;

5 3. Sex;

6 4. Residence address or mailing address and county of residence
7 to be displayed on the license;

8 5. Mailing address and residence address to be maintained by
9 the Department for the purpose of giving notice, if necessary, as
10 required by Section 2-116 of this title;

11 6. Medical information, as determined by the Department, which
12 shall assure the Department that the person is not prohibited from
13 being licensed as provided by paragraph 7 of subsection A of Section
14 6-103 of this title;

15 7. Whether the applicant is deaf or hard-of-hearing;

16 8. A brief description of the applicant, as determined by the
17 Department;

18 9. Whether the applicant has previously been licensed, and, if
19 so, when and by what state or country, and whether any license has
20 ever been suspended or revoked, or whether an application has ever
21 been refused, and, if so, the date of and reason for the suspension,
22 revocation or refusal;

1 10. Whether the applicant is an alien eligible to be considered
2 for licensure and is not prohibited from licensure pursuant to
3 paragraph 9 of subsection A of Section 6-103 of this title;

4 11. Whether the applicant has:

5 a. previously been licensed and, if so, when and by what
6 state or country, and

7 b. held more than one license at the same time during the
8 immediately preceding ten (10) years; and

9 12. Social security number.

10 No person shall request the Department to use the social security
11 number of that person as the driver license number. Upon renewal or
12 replacement of any driver license issued after the effective date of
13 this act, the licensee shall advise the Department or the motor
14 license agent if the present driver license number of the licensee
15 is the social security number of the licensee. If the driver
16 license number is the social security number, the Department or the
17 motor license agent shall change the driver license number to a
18 computer-generated alphanumeric identification.

19 C. 1. In addition to the requirements of subsections A and B
20 of this section, every applicant for a commercial driver license
21 with who is subject to the requirements of 49 C.F.R., Part 391, and
22 is applying for an original, renewal, or replacement license, and
23 every person who, upon the effective date of this act, is currently
24 the holder of a commercial driver license and is subject to the

1 requirements of 49 C.F.R., Part 391, and who does not apply for a
2 renewal or replacement license prior to January 30, 2014, shall
3 submit to the Department and maintain with the Department a current
4 approved medical examination certificate signed by a licensed
5 physician authorized to perform and approve medical examination
6 certifications. The Department shall adopt rules regarding
7 procedures for maintaining medical examination certificates pursuant
8 to the requirements in 49 C.F.R., Parts 383 and 384. Any commercial
9 driver licensee subject to the requirements of this paragraph who
10 fails to maintain on file with the Department a current, approved
11 medical examination certificate shall have the driving privileges of
12 the person downgraded to a Class D driver license by the Department.

13 2. If the applicant is applying for an original commercial
14 driver license in Oklahoma or is transferring a commercial driver
15 license from another state to Oklahoma, the Department shall review
16 the driving record of the applicant in other states for the
17 immediately preceding ten (10) years, unless the record review has
18 already been performed by the Department. As a result of the
19 review, if it is determined by the Department that the applicant is
20 subject to a period of disqualification as prescribed by Section 6-
21 205.2 of this title which has not yet been imposed, the Department
22 shall impose the period of disqualification and the applicant shall
23 serve the period of disqualification before a commercial driver
24 license is issued to the applicant; provided, nothing in this

1 paragraph shall be construed to prevent the issuance of a Class D
2 driver license to the applicant.

3 3. If the applicant has or is applying for a hazardous material
4 endorsement, the applicant shall submit to a security threat
5 assessment performed by the Transportation Security Administration
6 of the Department of Homeland Security as required by and pursuant
7 to 49 C.F.R., Part 1572, which shall be used to determine whether
8 the applicant is eligible for the endorsement pursuant to federal
9 law and regulation.

10 4. The Department of Public Safety shall notify each commercial
11 driving school of the passage of this section, and each commercial
12 driving school shall notify prospective students of its school of
13 the hazardous material endorsement requirement.

14 ~~D. Upon the effective date of this act and in~~ In addition to
15 the requirements of subsections A and B of this section, every
16 applicant shall be given an option on the application for issuance
17 of a driver license or identification card or renewal pursuant to
18 Section 6-115 of this title to provide an emergency contact person.
19 The emergency contact information requested may include full name,
20 address, and phone number. The emergency contact information shall
21 be maintained by the Department and shall be used by the Department
22 and law enforcement for emergency purposes only. A person listed as
23 an emergency contact may request to be removed at any time. Any
24 update to a change of name, address, or phone number may be made by

1 the applicant listing the emergency contact person or by the person
2 listed as the emergency contact.

3 E. Whenever application is received from a person previously
4 licensed in another jurisdiction, the Department shall request a
5 copy of the driving record from the other jurisdiction and,
6 effective September 1, 2005, from all other jurisdictions in which
7 the person was licensed within the immediately previous ten (10)
8 years. When received, the driving record shall become a part of the
9 driving record of the person in this state with the same force and
10 effect as though entered on the driver's record in this state in the
11 original instance.

12 F. Whenever the Department receives a request for a driving
13 record from another licensing jurisdiction, the record shall be
14 forwarded without charge.

15 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 6-205.2, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 6-205.2 A. As used in this section, "conviction"
18 means:

- 19 1. A nonvacated adjudication of guilt;
- 20 2. A determination that a person has violated or failed to
21 comply with this section in any court or by the Department of Public
22 Safety following an administrative determination;
- 23 3. A nonvacated forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to
24 secure a person's appearance in court;

- 1 4. A plea of guilty or nolo contendere accepted by the court;
- 2 5. The payment of any fine or court costs; or
- 3 6. A violation of a condition of release without bail,
- 4 regardless of whether or not the penalty is rebated, suspended or
- 5 probated.

6 B. The Department of Public Safety shall disqualify any person
7 from operating a Class A, B or C commercial motor vehicle for a
8 period of not less than one (1) year upon receiving a record of
9 conviction of any of the following disqualifying offenses, when the
10 conviction has become final:

11 1. Driving, operating or being in actual physical control of a
12 Class A, B or C commercial motor vehicle while having a blood or
13 breath alcohol concentration, as defined in Section 756 of this
14 title, or as defined by the state in which the arrest occurred, of
15 four-hundredths (0.04) or more;

16 2. Refusing to submit to a test for determination of alcohol
17 concentration, as required by Section 751 of this title, or as
18 required by the state in which the arrest occurred, while operating
19 a Class A, B or C commercial motor vehicle, or if the person is the
20 holder of a commercial driver license, committing the offense while
21 operating any vehicle;

22 3. Driving or being in actual physical control of a Class A, B
23 or C commercial motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol
24 or any other intoxicating substance or the combined influence of

1 alcohol and any other intoxicating substance, or if the person is
2 the holder of a commercial driver license, committing the offense
3 while operating any vehicle. Provided, the Department shall not
4 additionally disqualify, pursuant to this subsection, if the
5 person's driving privilege has been disqualified in this state
6 because of a test result or test refusal pursuant to paragraph 1 or
7 2 of this subsection as a result of the same violation arising from
8 the same incident;

9 4. Knowingly leaving the scene of a collision which occurs
10 while operating a Class A, B or C commercial motor vehicle, or if
11 the person is the holder of a commercial driver license, committing
12 the offense while operating any vehicle;

13 5. Any felony during the commission of which a Class A, B or C
14 commercial motor vehicle is used, except a felony involving the
15 manufacture, distribution or dispensation of a controlled dangerous
16 substance, or if the person is the holder of a commercial driver
17 license, committing the offense while operating any vehicle;

18 6. Operating a commercial motor vehicle while the commercial
19 driving privilege is revoked, suspended, canceled, denied, or
20 disqualified; or

21 7. Manslaughter homicide, or negligent homicide occurring as a
22 direct result of negligent operation of a commercial motor vehicle,
23 or, if the person is the holder of a commercial driver license,
24 committing the offense while operating any vehicle.

1 C. The Department of Public Safety shall disqualify any person
2 from operating a Class A, B or C commercial motor vehicle for a
3 period of not less than three (3) years upon receiving a record of
4 conviction of any of the disqualifying offenses described in
5 subsection B of this section, committed in connection with the
6 operation of a motor vehicle which is required to be placarded for
7 hazardous materials under 49 C.F.R., Part 172, subpart F, when the
8 conviction has become final.

9 D. The Department of Public Safety shall disqualify any person
10 from operating a Class A, B or C commercial motor vehicle for life
11 upon receiving a record of conviction in any court of any of the
12 disqualifying offenses described in subsection B of this section
13 after a former conviction of any of the following disqualifying
14 offenses, when the second conviction has become final.

15 The Department of Public Safety may promulgate rules
16 establishing conditions under which a disqualification for life
17 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection may be reduced to a
18 period of not less than ten (10) years provided a previous lifetime
19 disqualification has not been reduced.

20 E. The Department of Public Safety shall disqualify any person
21 from operating a Class A, B or C commercial motor vehicle for life
22 upon receiving a record of conviction for any felony related to the
23 manufacture, distribution or dispensation of a controlled dangerous
24 substance in the commission of which a Class A, B or C commercial

1 motor vehicle is used, or if the person is the holder of a
2 commercial driver license, committing the offense while operating
3 any vehicle, when the conviction has become final.

4 F. The Department of Public Safety shall disqualify any person
5 from operating a Class A, B or C commercial motor vehicle for sixty
6 (60) days upon receiving a record of a second conviction of the
7 person for a serious traffic offense arising out of separate
8 transactions or occurrences within a three-year period, when the
9 convictions have become final. The Department of Public Safety
10 shall disqualify any person from operating a Class A, B or C
11 commercial motor vehicle for one hundred twenty (120) days upon
12 receiving a record of a third conviction of a person for a serious
13 traffic offense arising out of separate transactions or occurrences
14 within a three-year period, when the convictions have become final;
15 provided, the one-hundred-twenty-day period shall run in addition to
16 and shall not run concurrently with any other period
17 disqualification imposed pursuant to this subsection. As used in
18 this subsection, "serious traffic offense" shall mean any of the
19 following offenses committed while operating a commercial motor
20 vehicle:

- 21 1. Speeding fifteen (15) miles per hour or more over the limit;
- 22 2. Reckless driving;
- 23 3. Any traffic offense committed that results in or in
24 conjunction with a motor vehicle collision resulting in a fatality;

- 1 4. Erratic or unsafe lane changes;
- 2 5. Following too ~~elose~~ closely;
- 3 6. Failure to obtain a commercial driver license;
- 4 7. Failure to have in possession of the person a commercial
- 5 driver license; ~~or~~

6 8. Failure to have:

- 7 a. the proper class of commercial driver license for the
- 8 class of vehicle being operated,
- 9 b. the proper endorsement or endorsements for the type of
- 10 vehicle being operated, including but not limited to,
- 11 passengers or type of cargo being transported, or
- 12 c. both proper class and proper endorsement, as provided
- 13 in subparagraphs a and b of this paragraph; or

14 9. Operating a commercial motor vehicle while using a cellular
15 telephone or electronic communication device to write, send or read
16 a text-based communication while the commercial motor vehicle is in
17 motion.

18 G. Upon the receipt of a person's record of conviction of
19 violating a lawful out-of-service order, ~~except as provided in~~
20 ~~subsection H of this section~~, when the conviction becomes final, the
21 Department shall disqualify the driving privilege of the person as
22 follows:

- 23 1. ~~The~~ For a first conviction shall result in a ninety-day
24 disqualification for violating an out-of-service order:

1 a. except as provided in subparagraph b of this
2 paragraph, the period of disqualification shall be for
3 ninety (90) days, or

4 b. while transporting hazardous materials required to be
5 placarded under the Hazardous Materials Transportation
6 Act, 49 P. app. 180-1813, or while operating a motor
7 vehicle designed for transport of sixteen (16) or more
8 passengers, including the driver, the period of
9 disqualification shall be for one (1) year;

10 2. ~~The~~ For a second conviction within ten (10) years shall
11 ~~result in a one-year disqualification for violating an out-of-~~
12 ~~service order:~~

13 a. except as provided in subparagraph b of this
14 paragraph, the period of disqualification shall be for
15 one (1) year, or

16 b. while transporting hazardous materials required to be
17 placarded under the Hazardous Materials Transportation
18 Act, 49 P. app. 180-1813, or while operating a motor
19 vehicle designed for transport of sixteen (16) or more
20 passengers, including the driver, the period of
21 disqualification shall be for three (3) years; and

22 3. ~~The~~ For a third or subsequent conviction within ten (10)
23 ~~years shall result in a three-year~~ for violating an out-of-service
24 order, the period of disqualification shall be for three (3) years.

1 H. ~~Upon the receipt of a person's record of conviction of~~
2 ~~violating a lawful out-of-service order while transporting hazardous~~
3 ~~materials required to be placarded under the Hazardous Materials~~
4 ~~Transportation Act (49 P. app. 1801-1813), or while operating motor~~
5 ~~vehicles designed for transport of more than fifteen passengers,~~
6 ~~including the driver, when the conviction becomes final, the~~
7 ~~Department shall disqualify the driving privilege of the person as~~
8 ~~follows:~~

9 1. ~~The first conviction shall result in a one year~~
10 ~~disqualification; and~~

11 2. ~~The second or subsequent conviction within ten (10) years~~
12 ~~shall result in a three-year disqualification.~~

13 ~~F.~~ Upon determination by the Department that fraudulent
14 information was used to apply for or obtain a Class A, B or C driver
15 license, the Department shall disqualify the driving privilege of
16 the applicant or licensee for a period of sixty (60) days.

17 ~~F.~~ I. Any person who drives a Class A, B or C commercial motor
18 vehicle on any public roads, streets, highways, turnpikes or any
19 other public place of this state at a time when the person has been
20 disqualified or when the privilege to do so is canceled, denied,
21 suspended or revoked shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon
22 conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Hundred
23 Dollars (\$100.00) and not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00),
24 or by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or by both such

1 fine and imprisonment. Each act of driving as prohibited shall
2 constitute a separate offense.

3 ~~K.~~ J. Upon the receipt of the record of a conviction of a
4 person of a railroad highway grade crossing offense in a commercial
5 motor vehicle, pursuant to Sections 11-701 or 11-702 of this title
6 or Section 11-1115 of this title, or upon receipt of an equivalent
7 conviction from any state, when the conviction becomes final, the
8 Department shall disqualify the driving privileges of the person
9 convicted as follows:

10 1. The first conviction shall result in disqualification for
11 sixty (60) days;

12 2. The second conviction within three (3) years shall result in
13 disqualification for one hundred twenty (120) days; and

14 3. The third or subsequent conviction within three (3) years
15 shall result in disqualification for one (1) year.

16 ~~L.~~ K. The Department, upon receipt of a written notice of
17 immediate disqualification issued by the Federal Motor Carrier
18 Safety Administration under 49 CFR 383.52, shall immediately
19 disqualify the person's commercial driving privilege for the period
20 of time specified on the written notice.

21 ~~M.~~ L. The periods of disqualification as defined by this
22 section shall not be modified. A person may not be granted driving
23 privileges to operate a Class A, B or C commercial vehicle until the
24 disqualification is reinstated.

1 ~~N.~~ M. When any record of conviction, as specified in this
2 section, is received by the Department and pertains to a nonresident
3 operator of a Class A, B or C commercial motor vehicle, or if the
4 nonresident operator is the holder of a commercial driver license, a
5 record of the conviction pertaining to the nonresident operator of
6 any vehicle, the Department shall not disqualify the person and
7 shall report the conviction to the licensing jurisdiction in which
8 the license of the nonresident to operate the commercial vehicle was
9 issued.

10 ~~Θ.~~ N. Any person who is disqualified from driving under the
11 provisions of this section shall have the right of appeal, as
12 provided in Section 6-211 of this title.

13 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 7-606, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 7-606. A. 1. An owner or operator who fails to comply
16 with the Compulsory Insurance Law, or who fails to produce for
17 inspection a valid and current security verification form or
18 equivalent form which has been issued by the Department of Public
19 Safety upon request of any peace officer, representative of the
20 Department of Public Safety or other authorized person, shall be
21 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a
22 fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), or
23 imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days, or by both such
24 fine and imprisonment, and in addition thereto, shall be subject to

1 suspension of the driving privilege of the person in accordance with
2 Section 7-605 of this title. Upon issuing a citation under this
3 paragraph, the law enforcement officer issuing the citation may
4 seize the vehicle being operated by the person and cause the vehicle
5 to be towed and stored as provided by subsection B of Section 955 of
6 this title, if the officer has probable cause to believe that the
7 vehicle is not insured as required by the Compulsory Insurance Law
8 of this state. If the operator of the vehicle produces what appears
9 to be a valid security verification form and the officer is unable
10 to confirm compliance through the online verification system or
11 noncompliance by a subsequent investigation, the officer shall be
12 prohibited from seizing the vehicle and causing such vehicle to be
13 towed and stored. Further, no vehicle shall be seized and towed
14 under the provisions of this paragraph if said vehicle is displaying
15 a temporary license plate that has not expired pursuant to the
16 provisions of Sections 1137.1 and 1137.3 of this title.

17 2. An owner other than an owner of an antique or a classic
18 automobile as defined by the Oklahoma Tax Commission who files an
19 affidavit that a vehicle shall not be driven upon the public
20 highways or public streets, pursuant to Section 7-607 of this title,
21 who drives or permits the driving of the vehicle upon the public
22 highways or public streets, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and
23 upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not more than
24 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or imprisonment for not more than

1 thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and in
2 addition thereto, shall be subject to suspension of the driving
3 privilege of the person in accordance with Section 7-605 of this
4 title.

5 B. A sentence imposed for any violation of the Compulsory
6 Insurance Law may be suspended or deferred in whole or in part by
7 the court.

8 C. Any person producing proof in court that a current security
9 verification form or equivalent form which has been issued by the
10 Department of Public Safety reflecting liability coverage for the
11 person was in force at the time of the alleged offense shall be
12 entitled to dismissal of the charge. If proof of security
13 verification is presented to the court by no later than the business
14 day preceding the first scheduled court appearance date, the
15 dismissal shall be without payment of court costs. The court may
16 access information from the online verification system to confirm
17 liability coverage. The court shall not dismiss the fine unless
18 proof that liability coverage for the person was in force at the
19 time of the alleged offense is presented to the court.

20 D. Upon conviction, or bond forfeiture ~~or deferral of sentence,~~
21 the court clerk shall forward an abstract to the Department of
22 Public Safety within ~~ten (10)~~ five (5) days reflecting the action
23 taken by the court.

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1 E. For purposes of this section, "court" means any court in
2 this state.

3 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-808.1 of Title 47, unless
5 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 It shall be unlawful for any person to:

7 1. Possess, operate or use a radar detector while operating or
8 as a passenger in a commercial motor vehicle;

9 2. Operate a commercial motor vehicle in which a radar detector
10 is installed or present; or

11 3. Install or have installed a radar detector in a commercial
12 motor vehicle.

13 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-901c, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 11-901c. A. It shall be unlawful for any person to
16 operate a commercial motor vehicle or for a public transit driver to
17 operate a motor vehicle on any street or highway within this state
18 while using a cellular telephone or electronic communication device
19 to write, send, or read a text-based communication while the motor
20 vehicle is in motion.

21 B. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection A of
22 this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor
23 punishable by a fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

24 C. As used in this section:

1 1. "Cellular telephone" means an analog or digital wireless
2 telephone authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to
3 operate in the frequency bandwidth reserved for cellular telephones;

4 2. "Electronic communication device" means an electronic device
5 that permits the user to manually transmit a communication of
6 written text by means other than through an oral transfer or wire
7 communication. This term does not include a voice-activated global
8 positioning or navigation system that is affixed to a motor vehicle;
9 and

10 3. "Public transit driver" means:

11 a. any operator of a public transit vehicle owned and
12 operated by the State of Oklahoma, any public trust
13 authority, county, municipality, town or city within
14 this state,

15 b. any operator of a school bus or multi-passenger motor
16 vehicle owned and approved to operate by the State
17 Department of Education or any school district within
18 this state, or

19 c. any operator, conductor or driver of a locomotive
20 engine, railway car or train of cars; and

21 4. "Write, send, or read a text-based communication", also
22 known as texting, means manually entering alphanumeric text into,
23 sending text, or reading text from, an electronic device, and
24 includes, but is not limited to, short message service (SMS), e-

1 mailing, instant messaging (IM), a command or request to access a
2 World Wide Web page, or engaging in any other form of electronic
3 text retrieval or entry, for present or future communication. As
4 used in this paragraph, texting does not include:

5 a. using voice commands to select or enter a telephone
6 number, an extension number, or voicemail retrieval
7 codes and commands into an electronic device for the
8 purpose of initiating or receiving a phone call,

9 b. inputting, selecting, or reading information on a
10 global positioning system or navigation system, or

11 c. using a device capable of performing multiple
12 functions for a purpose that is not otherwise
13 prohibited in this part, including, but not limited
14 to, fleet management systems, dispatching devices,
15 smart phones, citizens band radios, and music players.

16 D. This act shall not apply to railroads and railroad operating
17 employees regulated by the Federal Railroad Administration.

18 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 12-417, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 12-417. A. 1. Every operator and front seat passenger
21 of a Class A commercial motor vehicle, Class B commercial motor
22 vehicle, Class C commercial motor vehicle or a passenger ear vehicle
23 operated in this state shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened

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1 safety seat belt system, required to be installed in the motor
2 vehicle when manufactured pursuant to 49 C.F.R., Section 571.208.

3 2. For the purposes of this section, "passenger ~~car~~ vehicle"
4 shall mean "~~vehicle~~" ~~as defined in Section 1102 of this title.~~
5 "~~Passenger car~~" shall include the passenger compartment of pickups,
6 vans, minivans, and sport utility vehicles. "~~Passenger car~~" a Class
7 D motor vehicle, but shall not include trucks, truck-tractors,
8 recreational vehicles, motorcycles, or motorized bicycles.
9 "~~Passenger car~~" shall not include, or a vehicle used primarily for
10 farm use which is registered and licensed pursuant to the provisions
11 of Section 1134 of this title.

12 B. The Commissioner of Public Safety, upon application from a
13 person who, for medical reasons, is unable to wear a safety seat
14 belt system supported by written attestation of such fact from a
15 physician licensed pursuant to Section 495 of Title 59 of the
16 Oklahoma Statutes, may issue to the person an exemption from the
17 provisions of this section. The exemption shall be in the form of a
18 restriction appearing on the driver license of the person and shall
19 remain in effect until the expiration date of the driver license.
20 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the person
21 from applying for another exemption as provided for in this section.
22 The issuance of an attestation by a physician and the subsequent
23 issuance of an exemption by the Commissioner, in good faith, shall
24 not give rise to, nor shall the physician and the state thereby

1 incur, any liability whatsoever in damages or otherwise, to any
2 person injured by reason of failure of the person to wear a safety
3 seat belt system.

4 C. This section shall not apply to an operator of a motor
5 vehicle while performing official duties as a route carrier of the
6 U.S. Postal Service.

7 D. The Department of Public Safety shall not record or assess
8 points for violations of this section on any license holder's
9 traffic record maintained by the Department.

10 E. Fine and court costs for violating the provisions of this
11 section shall not exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).

12 F. Municipalities may enact and municipal police officers may
13 enforce ordinances prohibiting and penalizing conduct under
14 provisions of this section, but the provisions of those ordinances
15 shall be the same as provided for in this section, and the
16 enforcement provisions under those ordinances shall not be more
17 stringent than those of this section.

18 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 18-101, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 18-101. A. Every magistrate or judge of a court shall
21 keep or cause to be kept a record of every traffic complaint,
22 traffic citation, or other legal form of traffic charge deposited
23 with or presented to the court or its traffic-violations bureau, and
24 shall keep a record of every official action by the court or its

1 traffic-violations bureau, including, but not limited to, a record
2 of every conviction, forfeiture of bail, judgment of acquittal, and
3 the amount of fine or forfeiture resulting from every traffic
4 complaint, citation or other legal form of traffic charge deposited
5 with or presented to the court or traffic-violations bureau.

6 B. Within ~~ten (10)~~ five (5) days after:

7 1. The conviction of any person holding a Class D driver
8 license; or

9 2. The conviction, as defined in subsection A of Section 6-
10 205.2 of this title, of any person holding a Class A, B or C driver
11 license; or

12 3. The forfeiture of bail of a person;
13 upon a charge of violating any law regulating the operation of
14 vehicles on highways every magistrate of the court or clerk of the
15 court of record, in which the conviction was had or bail was
16 forfeited, shall prepare and immediately forward to the Department
17 of Public Safety an abstract of the record covering the case in
18 which the person was convicted or forfeited bail, which shall be
19 certified by the person required to prepare the abstract to be true
20 and correct.

21 C. A report shall not be made of any conviction:

22 1. Involving the illegal parking or standing of a vehicle;

23 2. Rendered by a nonlawyer judge, unless, within a period not
24 to exceed the preceding reporting period for Mandatory Continuing

1 Legal Education, the judge has completed courses held for municipal
2 judges which have been approved by the Oklahoma Bar Association
3 Mandatory Legal Education Commission for at least six (6) hours of
4 continuing judicial education credit, and the Department of Public
5 Safety receives verification of such attendance, from the judge. In
6 the case of attendance of a continuing judicial education course,
7 verification may be made by a statement of attendance signed by the
8 course registration personnel; or

9 3. Involving any offense for which the offender is eligible for
10 participation in an approved drug court program. However, if the
11 offender does not successfully complete the drug court program, the
12 abstract of the record shall be forwarded as provided in subsection
13 B of this section, or if the offender has a prior felony conviction,
14 the abstract of the record shall be forwarded as provided in Section
15 471.9 of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

16 D. The abstract shall be made upon a form furnished by the
17 Department and shall include:

18 1. The name, address, sex, and date of birth of the person
19 charged;

20 2. The traffic citation number;

21 3. The driver license number, if any, of the person charged,
22 and the state or jurisdiction from which the license is issued;

23 4. The license plate number, make, and model of the vehicle
24 involved;

1 5. The nature and date of the offense, the date of hearing, the
2 plea, the judgment, or, if bail was forfeited, the amount of the
3 fine or forfeiture; and

4 6. The name of the court and whether it is a municipal or
5 district court.

6 E. Every court of record shall also forward a like report to
7 the Department upon the conviction of any person of manslaughter or
8 other felony in the commission of which a vehicle was used.

9 F. The failure, refusal or neglect of any judicial officer to
10 comply with any of the requirements of this section shall constitute
11 misconduct in office and shall be ground for removal.

12 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 230.6, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 230.6 A. No person prohibited from operating a
15 commercial vehicle shall operate such commercial motor vehicle, nor
16 shall any person authorize or require a person who has been
17 prohibited from such operation of a motor vehicle to operate a
18 commercial motor vehicle.

19 B. No person shall operate, authorize to operate, or require
20 the operation of any vehicle or the use of any container ~~that~~ when
21 the person has been placed out-of-service or the vehicle or
22 container has been marked ~~out of service~~ out-of-service until all
23 requirements of the out-of-service order of the person have been met
24 or all required corrections for the vehicle or container have been

1 made, ~~except;~~ provided, upon approval of the Department ~~such,~~ the
2 vehicle or container may be moved to another location for the
3 purpose of repair or correction.

4 C. No person shall remove an out-of-service marking from a
5 transport vehicle or container unless all required corrections have
6 been made and the vehicle or container has been inspected and
7 approved by an authorized officer, employee, or agent of the
8 Department. No person shall return to duty unless all requirements
9 of the out-of-service order have been met and the person has been
10 approved to return to duty by an authorized officer, employee or
11 agent of the Department.

12 D. No employer shall knowingly allow, require, permit or
13 authorize an employee to operate a commercial motor vehicle:

14 1. During any period in which the employee:

- 15 a. has had driving privileges to operate a commercial
16 motor vehicle suspended, revoked, canceled, denied or
17 disqualified,
- 18 b. has had driving privileges to operate a commercial
19 motor vehicle disqualified for life,
- 20 c. is not licensed to operate a commercial motor vehicle,
21 or
- 22 d. has more than one commercial driver license;

23 2. During any period in which the employee, the commercial
24 motor vehicle which the employee is operating, the motor carrier

1 business or operation, or the employer is subject to an out-of-
2 service order; or

3 3. In violation of a federal, state, or local law, regulation,
4 or ordinance pertaining to railroad-highway grade crossings.

5 E. An employer who is determined by the Commissioner to have
6 committed a violation of subsection D of this section shall be
7 subject to an administrative penalty of not less than ~~Two Thousand~~
8 ~~Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00)~~ Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty
9 Dollars (\$2,750.00) nor more than ~~Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)~~
10 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

11 F. An employee who is determined by the Commissioner to have
12 committed a violation of any provision of this section shall be
13 subject to an administrative penalty of not less than ~~One Thousand~~
14 ~~One Hundred Dollars (\$1,100.00)~~ Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
15 (\$2,500.00) nor more than ~~Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars~~
16 ~~(\$2,750.00)~~ Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

17 SECTION 10. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
18 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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