

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

4 HOUSE BILL 2583

 By: McDaniel (Jeannie) and Cox

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.
9 2011, Section 12-417, which relates to the Oklahoma
10 Mandatory Seat Belt Use Act; modifying seat belt use
 requirement; and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 12-417, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 12-417. A. 1. Every operator and ~~front seat~~ every
17 passenger of a passenger car operated in this state shall wear a
18 properly adjusted and fastened safety seat belt system, required to
19 be installed in the motor vehicle when manufactured pursuant to 49
20 C.F.R., Section 571.208.

21 2. For the purposes of this section, "passenger car" shall mean
22 "vehicle" as defined in Section 1102 of this title. "Passenger car"
23 shall include the passenger compartment of pickups, vans, minivans,
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1 and sport utility vehicles. "Passenger car" shall not include
2 trucks, truck-tractors, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, or
3 motorized bicycles. "Passenger car" shall not include a vehicle
4 used primarily for farm use which is registered and licensed
5 pursuant to the provisions of Section 1134 of this title.

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

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

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

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

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

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 02/09/2012 -
18 DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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