

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 907

By: Barrington of the Senate

3 and

4 O'Donnell of the House

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6 An Act relating to texting and driving; amending
7 Section 2, Chapter 248, O.S.L. 2015 (47 O.S. Supp.
8 2015, Section 11-901d), which relates to text
9 messaging; modifying inclusions; and providing an
10 effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 248, O.S.L.
13 2015 (47 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 11-901d), is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 Section 11-901d. A. It shall be unlawful for any person to
16 operate a motor vehicle on any street or highway within this state
17 while using a hand-held electronic communication device to manually
18 compose, send or read an electronic text message while the motor
19 vehicle is in motion.

20 B. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection A of
21 this section shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not
22 more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

1 C. The Department of Public Safety shall not record or assess
2 points for violations of this section on any license holder's
3 traffic record maintained by the Department.

4 D. The provisions of subsection A of this section shall not
5 apply if the person is using the cellular telephone or electronic
6 communication device for the sole purpose of communicating with any
7 of the following regarding an imminent emergency situation:

- 8 1. An emergency response operator;
- 9 2. A hospital, physician's office or health clinic;
- 10 3. A provider of ambulance services;
- 11 4. A provider of firefighting services; or
- 12 5. A law enforcement agency.

13 E. Municipalities may enact and municipal police officers may
14 enforce ordinances prohibiting and penalizing conduct under the
15 provisions of this section. The provisions of such ordinances shall
16 be the same as provided for in this section; the enforcement
17 provisions of those ordinances shall not be more stringent than
18 those of this section; and the fine and court costs for municipal
19 ordinance violations shall be the same or a lesser amount as
20 provided for in this section.

21 F. For the purpose of this section:

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

1 2. "Compose", "send" or "read" with respect to a text message
2 means the manual entry, sending or retrieval of a text message to
3 communicate with any person or device;

4 3. "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 device that is
8 physically or electronically integrated into a motor vehicle ~~or~~, a
9 voice-operated global positioning or navigation system that is
10 affixed to a motor vehicle, an ignition interlock device that has
11 been installed on a motor vehicle, or a hands-free device that
12 allows the user to write, send or read a text message without the
13 use of either hand except to activate, deactivate or initiate a
14 feature or function; and

15 4. "Text message" includes a text-based message, instant
16 message, electronic message, photo, video or electronic mail.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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