

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1372

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to personnel of the Department of
8 Public Safety; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 2-105,
as amended by Section 161, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012
(47 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 2-105), which relates to
9 the Highway Division and the Communications Division;
10 deleting certain ranks of positions within the
Communications Division; modifying certain
11 qualification requirements for certain commissioned
officer positions, applicants with prior military
12 service, and positions within the Communications
Division; clarifying language; providing an effective
13 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 2-105, as
17 amended by Section 161, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (47 O.S. Supp.
18 2013, Section 2-105), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 2-105. A. The Commissioner of Public Safety, subject
20 to the Oklahoma Personnel Act, shall appoint:

21 1. A Chief of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Division with the
22 rank of Colonel, Deputy Chiefs of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol
23 Division with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and subordinate
24 officers and employees of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Division,

1 including Majors, Captains, Lieutenants, and Highway Patrolmen with
2 the rank of Trooper, who shall comprise the Oklahoma Highway Patrol
3 Division of the Department of Public Safety; provided, any officer
4 appointed to a commissioned position prescribed in this paragraph
5 which is unclassified pursuant to Section 840-5.5 of Title 74 of the
6 Oklahoma Statutes shall have a right of return to the highest
7 previously held classified commissioned position within the Highway
8 Patrol Division of the Department of Public Safety without any loss
9 of rights, privileges or benefits immediately upon completion of the
10 duties in the unclassified commissioned position;

11 2. A Captain, Lieutenants, and Patrolmen who shall comprise the
12 Marine Enforcement Section of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Division
13 of the Department of Public Safety;

14 3. A Captain, Lieutenants, and Patrolmen, who shall comprise
15 the Capitol Patrol Section of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Division
16 of the Department of Public Safety; and

17 4. ~~A Director of the Communications Division with the rank of~~
18 ~~Captain,~~ Communications Coordinators ~~with the rank of First~~
19 ~~Lieutenant,~~ Communications Superintendents ~~with the rank of Second~~
20 ~~Lieutenant,~~ Communications Supervisors ~~with the rank of Sergeant,~~
21 Communications Dispatchers, Radio Technicians and Tower Maintenance
22 Officers ~~who~~ shall comprise the Communications Division of the
23 Department of Public Safety.

1 B. 1. The Commissioner, when appointing commissioned officers
2 and employees to the positions set out in subsection A of this
3 section, shall determine, in consultation with the Director of the
4 Office of Management and Enterprise Services, minimum qualifications
5 and shall select such officers and employees only after examinations
6 to determine their physical and mental qualifications for such
7 positions. The content of the examinations shall be prescribed by
8 the Commissioner, and all such appointees shall satisfactorily
9 complete a course of training in operations and procedures as
10 prescribed by the Commissioner.

11 2. No person shall be appointed to any position set out in
12 subsection A of this section unless the person is a citizen of the
13 United States of America, of good moral character, and:

14 a. for commissioned officer positions, shall be at least
15 ~~twenty-three (23)~~ twenty-one (21) years of age but
16 less than forty-six (46) years of age, and shall
17 possess:

18 (1) an associate's degree or a minimum of sixty-two
19 (62) successfully completed semester hours from a
20 an accredited college or university ~~which is~~
21 ~~recognized by and accepted by the American~~
22 ~~Association of Collegiate Registrars and~~
23 ~~Admissions Officers~~ as denoted in the Database of
24 Accredited Post-Secondary Institutions and

1 Programs provided by the U.S. Department of
2 Education and whose hours are transferable

3 between such recognized institutions, and

4 (2) ~~for any person appointed to the Oklahoma Highway~~
5 ~~Patrol Division on or after July 1, 2014:~~

6 ~~(a) a bachelor's degree from a college or~~

7 ~~university which is recognized by and~~

8 ~~accepted by the American Association of~~

9 ~~Collegiate Registrars and Admissions~~

10 ~~Officers and whose hours are transferable~~

11 ~~between such recognized institutions, or~~

12 ~~(b) an associate's degree or a minimum of sixty-~~

13 ~~two (62) successfully completed semester~~

14 ~~hours from a college or university which is~~

15 ~~recognized by and accepted by the American~~

16 ~~Association of Collegiate Registrars and~~

17 ~~Admissions Officers and whose hours are~~

18 ~~transferable between such recognized~~

19 ~~institutions, and:~~

20 ~~i. at least two (2) years' experience as a~~

21 ~~law enforcement officer certified by~~

22 ~~the Council on Law Enforcement~~

23 ~~Education and Training (C.L.E.E.T.) or~~

24 ~~by the equivalent state agency in~~

~~another state or by any law enforcement
agency of the federal government, or
ii. at least two (2) years of honorable
military service in an active or
reserve component of the United States
Armed Forces.~~

~~Provided, such years of experience or service shall
have been consecutive and shall have been completed no
more than two (2) years prior to application for
appointment, or~~

shall have successfully completed thirty (30) semester
hours from an accredited college or university as
denoted in the Database of Accredited Post-Secondary
Institutions and Programs provided by the U.S.

Department of Education and whose hours are
transferable between such recognized institutions and
have received an honorable discharge after three (3)
years of active military or reserve military service,
or

(3) shall have successfully completed thirty (30)
semester hours from an accredited college or
university as denoted in the Database of
Accredited Post-Secondary Institutions and
Programs provided by the U.S. Department of

1 Education and whose hours are transferable
2 between such recognized institutions, and
3 received an honorable discharge with the minimum
4 rank of E5 in any active military or reserve
5 military service;

6 b. ~~for~~ applicants with prior military service shall
7 receive up to ten (10) semester hours for each year of
8 honorable service in any active military or reserve
9 military service up to a maximum of three (3) years or
10 thirty (30) semester hours, and

11 c. any such position in the Communications Division, a
12 person shall be at least twenty (20) years of age and
13 shall possess a high school diploma or General
14 Educational Development equivalency certificate; shall
15 possess either six (6) months of previous experience
16 as a dispatcher or fifteen (15) successfully completed
17 semester hours from ~~a~~ an accredited college or
18 university ~~which is recognized by and accepted by the~~
19 ~~American Association of Collegiate Registrars and~~
20 ~~Admissions Officers~~ as denoted in the Database of
21 Accredited Post-Secondary Institutions and Programs
22 provided by the U.S. Department of Education and whose
23 hours are transferable between such recognized
24 institutions.

1 3. No commissioned officer of the Department shall, while in
2 such position, be a candidate for any political office or take part
3 in or contribute any money or other thing of value, directly or
4 indirectly, to any political campaign or to any candidate for public
5 office. Anyone convicted of violating the provisions of this
6 paragraph shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as
7 provided by law.

8 4. The Commissioner or any employee of the Department shall not
9 be a candidate for any political office, or in any way be active or
10 participate in any political contest of any Primary, General, or
11 Special Election, except to cast a ballot. No commissioned officer
12 of the Department, while in the performance of the officer's
13 assigned duty of providing security and protection, shall be
14 considered as participating in a political campaign. The provisions
15 of this paragraph shall not be construed to preclude a commissioned
16 officer of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Division of the Department of
17 Public Safety from being a candidate for a position on a local board
18 of education.

19 5. Drunkenness or being under the influence of intoxicating
20 substances shall be sufficient grounds for the removal of any
21 commissioned officer of the Department, in and by the manner
22 provided for in this section.

23 C. 1. Upon initial appointment to the position of Cadet
24 Highway Patrolman or Probationary Communications Dispatcher, the

1 appointed employee shall be required to serve an initial
2 probationary period of twelve (12) months. The Commissioner may
3 extend the probationary period for up to three (3) additional months
4 provided that the employee and the Office of Management and
5 Enterprise Services are notified in writing as to such action and
6 the reasons ~~therefor~~ thereof. During such probationary period, the
7 employee may be terminated at any time and for any reason at the
8 discretion of the Commissioner. Retention in the service after
9 expiration of the initial probationary period shall entitle such
10 employee to be classified as a permanent employee and the employee
11 shall be so classified. No permanent employee may be discharged or
12 removed except as provided for in this section.

13 2. A commissioned officer of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol
14 Division may be promoted during the initial probationary period if
15 such officer satisfactorily completes all training requirements
16 prescribed by the Commissioner.

17 D. 1. No permanent employee, as provided for in this section,
18 who is a commissioned officer of the Department, may be suspended
19 without pay or dismissed unless the employee has been notified in
20 writing by the Commissioner of such intended action and the reasons
21 ~~therefor~~ thereof. No such notice shall be given by the Commissioner
22 unless sworn charges or statements have been obtained to justify the
23 action.

1 2. Whenever such charges are preferred, the Commissioner may
2 suspend the accused pending the hearing and final determination of
3 such charges. If the charges are not sustained in whole or in part,
4 the accused shall be entitled to pay during the period of such
5 suspension. If the charges are sustained in whole or in part, the
6 accused shall not receive any pay for the period of such suspension.

7 3. Commissioned officers of the Department of Public Safety are
8 not entitled to appeal intra-agency transfer to the Oklahoma Merit
9 Protection Commission pursuant to the Oklahoma Personnel Act unless
10 transfer is in violation of Section 840-2.5 or 840-2.9 of Title 74
11 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

12 4. The Department of Public Safety shall follow the uniform
13 grievance procedure established and adopted by the Office of
14 Management and Enterprise Services for permanent classified
15 employees, except for those employees who are commissioned officers
16 of the Department. The Department of Public Safety shall establish
17 and adopt a proprietary grievance procedure for commissioned
18 officers of the Department which is otherwise in compliance with the
19 provisions of Section 840-6.2 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

20 E. 1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to purchase and
21 issue uniforms and necessary equipment for all commissioned officers
22 of the Highway Patrol Division of the Department. All uniforms and
23 equipment shall be used only in the performance of the official
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1 duties of such officers and shall remain the property of the
2 Department, except as provided in Section 2-150 of this title.

3 2. Each commissioned officer of the Highway Patrol Division of
4 the Department of Public Safety shall be entitled to reimbursement
5 of expenses pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act while
6 away from the assigned area of the officer as designated by the
7 Chief of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Division, when such expense is
8 incurred in the service of the state.

9 F. 1. The positions with the rank of Colonel and Lieutenant
10 Colonel of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Division shall be filled from
11 the body of commissioned officers of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol
12 Division and appointment to said position shall be based on
13 qualifications, previous record as a commissioned officer of the
14 Oklahoma Highway Patrol Division, length of service, years of
15 experience within the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Division or other
16 service as prescribed in this subsection, and efficiency of service
17 performed.

18 2. In addition to the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
19 subsection, the position of Chief of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol
20 Division shall be based on one of the following:

- 21 a. one (1) year of experience in any combination:
- 22 (1) as Commissioner of Public Safety,
 - 23 (2) as Assistant Commissioner of Public Safety, or
 - 24 (3) as Assistant Chief,

- 1 b. two (2) years of experience in any combination:
- 2 (1) as Deputy Chief or higher rank, or
- 3 (2) if the experience was prior to ~~the effective date~~
- 4 ~~of this act~~ April 21, 2006, as Major or higher
- 5 rank,
- 6 c. four (4) years of experience in any combination:
- 7 (1) as Major or higher rank, or
- 8 (2) if the experience was prior to ~~the effective date~~
- 9 ~~of this act~~ April 21, 2006, as Captain or higher
- 10 rank, or
- 11 d. six (6) years of experience in any combination:
- 12 (1) as Captain or higher rank, or
- 13 (2) if the experience was prior to ~~the effective date~~
- 14 ~~of this act~~ April 21, 2006, as First Lieutenant
- 15 or higher rank.

16 3. In addition to the requirements of paragraph 1 of this

17 subsection, the position of Deputy Chief of the Oklahoma Highway

18 Patrol Division shall be based on one of the following:

- 19 a. one (1) year of experience in any combination:
- 20 (1) as Commissioner of Public Safety,
- 21 (2) as Assistant Commissioner of Public Safety, or
- 22 (3) as Colonel,
- 23 b. two (2) years of experience in any combination:
- 24 (1) as Major or higher rank, or

1 (2) if the experience was prior to ~~the effective date~~
2 ~~of this act~~ April 21, 2006, as Captain or higher
3 rank, or

4 c. four (4) years of experience in any combination:

5 (1) as Captain or higher rank, or

6 (2) if the experience was prior to ~~the effective date~~
7 ~~of this act~~ April 21, 2006, as Highway Patrol
8 First Lieutenant or higher rank.

9 G. The Commissioner of Public Safety is hereby authorized to
10 send employees of the Department of Public Safety to schools such as
11 Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, Southern Police
12 Institute, the FBI National Academy, the Institute of Police
13 Technology and Management, or to any other schools of similar
14 training which would be conducive to improving the efficiency of the
15 Oklahoma Highway Patrol Division and the Department of Public
16 Safety. While an employee is attending a school, the Commissioner
17 is authorized to permit the employee to use a state-owned vehicle
18 and to use a fuel-purchasing card for any expenses related to the
19 operation of the vehicle. In addition, while an employee is
20 attending the FBI National Academy, a one-time expense allowance of
21 Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for uniforms, fees, travel, room
22 and board, and other related expenses shall be paid to the employee
23 by the Department; provided, the employee shall not be further
24 compensated through the State Travel Reimbursement Act, and, if any

1 other agency reimburses the employee for any expenses, the
2 reimbursement shall be given to the Department. All purchases made
3 by the employee with the expense allowance shall be considered
4 property of the employee.

5 H. 1. Any former commissioned officer of the Department whose
6 separation from the Department was at such officer's own request and
7 not a result of such officer's own actions contrary to the policy of
8 the Department or was not as a result of the retirement of that
9 officer from the Department may make application for reinstatement
10 as a commissioned officer of the division or section of the
11 Department in which such officer was previously employed, provided
12 such reinstated officer will be able to complete twenty (20) years
13 of credited service by the time the reinstated officer reaches
14 sixty-two (62) years of age. The Commissioner may waive the
15 requirements of possessing the number of semester hours or degree as
16 required in subsection B of this section for any former commissioned
17 officer making application for reinstatement as a commissioned
18 officer of the Department. The Commissioner may require the
19 applicant for reinstatement to attend selected courses of
20 instruction, as prescribed by the Commissioner.

21 2. In the event of future hostilities wherein the Congress of
22 the United States declares this nation in a state of war with a
23 foreign nation, including military service brought about by the
24 Vietnam War, any period of military service served by a commissioned

1 officer of the Department shall be considered as continued service
2 with such Department, provided such commissioned officer returns to
3 duty with the Department within sixty (60) days after release from
4 military service.

5 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 2-117, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 2-117. A. The Commissioner of Public Safety and each
8 officer of the Department of Public Safety, as designated and
9 commissioned by the Commissioner, are hereby declared to be peace
10 officers of the State of Oklahoma and shall be so deemed and taken
11 in all courts having jurisdiction of offenses against the laws of
12 the state. Such officers shall have the powers and authority now
13 and hereafter vested by law in other peace officers, including the
14 right and power of search and seizure, except the serving or
15 execution of civil process, and the right and power to investigate
16 and prevent crime and to enforce the criminal laws of this state.

17 B. ~~The~~ In addition to the powers and authority prescribed in
18 subsection A of this section, the officers of the Department shall
19 have the following authority, responsibilities, powers and duties:

20 1. To enforce the provisions of this title and any other law
21 regulating the operation of vehicles or the use of the highways,
22 including, but not limited to, the Motor Carriers Act of this state,
23 or any other laws of this state by the direction of the Governor;
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1 2. To arrest without writ, rule, order or process any person
2 detected by them in the act of violating any law of the state;

3 3. When the officer is in pursuit of a violator or suspected
4 violator and is unable to arrest such violator or suspected violator
5 within the limits of the jurisdiction of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol
6 Division, to continue in pursuit of such violator or suspected
7 violator into whatever part of the state may be reasonably necessary
8 to effect the apprehension and arrest of the same, and to arrest
9 such violator or suspected violator wherever the violator may be
10 overtaken;

11 4. To assist in the location of stolen property, including
12 livestock and poultry or the carcasses thereof, and to make any
13 inspection necessary of any truck, trailer or contents thereof in
14 connection therewith;

15 5. At all times to direct all traffic in conformance with law
16 and, in the event of a fire, or other emergency, or to expedite
17 traffic, or to insure safety, to direct traffic as conditions may
18 require, notwithstanding the provisions of law;

19 6. To require satisfactory proof of ownership of the contents
20 of any motor vehicle, including livestock, poultry or the carcasses
21 thereof. In the event that the proof of ownership is not
22 satisfactory, it shall be the duty of the officer to take the motor
23 vehicle, driver, and the contents of the motor vehicle into custody
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1 and deliver the same to the sheriff of the county wherein the cargo,
2 motor vehicle and driver are taken into custody;

3 7. When on duty, upon reasonable belief that any vehicle is
4 being operated in violation of any provisions of this title, or any
5 other law regulating the operation of vehicles, to require the
6 driver thereof to stop and exhibit his or her driver license and the
7 certificate of registration issued for the vehicle, if required to
8 be carried in the vehicle pursuant to paragraph 3 of subsection A of
9 Section 1113 of this title, and submit to an inspection of such
10 vehicle, the license plates and certificate of registration thereon,
11 if applicable, or to any inspection and test of the equipment of
12 such vehicle;

13 8. To inspect any vehicle of a type required to be registered
14 hereunder in any public garage or repair shop or in any place where
15 such vehicles are held for sale or wrecking, for the purpose of
16 locating stolen vehicles and investigating the title and
17 registration thereof;

18 9. To serve all warrants relating to the enforcement of the
19 laws regulating the operation of vehicles or the use of the highways
20 and bench warrants issued for nonpayment of fines and costs for
21 moving traffic violations;

22 10. To investigate and report traffic collisions on all
23 interstate and defense highways and on all highways outside of
24 incorporated municipalities, and may investigate traffic collisions

1 within any incorporated municipality upon request of the local law
2 enforcement agency, and to secure testimony of witnesses or of
3 persons involved;

4 11. To investigate reported thefts of motor vehicles, trailers
5 and semitrailers;

6 12. To stop and inspect any motor vehicle or trailer for such
7 mechanical tests as may be prescribed by the Commissioner to
8 determine the roadworthiness of the vehicle. Any vehicle which may
9 be found to be unsafe for use on the highways may be ordered removed
10 from said highway until such alterations or repairs have been made
11 that will render said vehicle serviceable for use on the highway;

12 13. To stop and inspect the contents of all motor vehicles to
13 ascertain whether or not the provisions of all general laws are
14 being observed;

15 14. To enforce the laws of the state relating to the
16 registration and licensing of motor vehicles;

17 15. To enforce the laws relating to the operation and use of
18 vehicles on the highway;

19 16. To enforce and prevent, on the roads of the state highway
20 system, the violation of the laws relating to the size, weight, and
21 speed of commercial motor vehicles and all laws designed for the
22 protection of the highway pavements and structures on such highways;

23 17. To investigate and report to the Corporation Commission and
24 the Oklahoma Tax Commission violation of their rules and the laws

governing the transportation of persons and property by motor transportation companies and all other motor carriers for hire;

18. To investigate and report violations of all laws relating to the collection of excise taxes on motor vehicle fuels;

19. To regulate the movement of traffic on the roads of the state highway system;

20. Whenever possible, to determine persons causing or responsible for the breaking, damaging, or destruction of any improved surfaced roadway, structure, sign, marker, guardrail, or any other appurtenance constructed or maintained by the Department of Transportation, and to arrest persons responsible ~~therefor~~ thereof and to bring them before the proper officials for prosecution;

21. To investigate incidents involving an employee of the Department, when such incidents are related to the performance of the duties of the employee; and

22. To initiate or assist in manhunts and fugitive apprehensions.

C. Whenever any person is arrested by a patrol officer for a traffic violation the provisions of Sections 16-101 through 16-114 of this title shall apply.

D. 1. Except as provided in this subsection, the powers and duties conferred on the Commissioner and officers of the Department of Public Safety shall not limit the powers and duties of sheriffs

1 or other peace officers of the state or any political subdivision of
2 the state.

3 2. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol Division shall have primary law
4 enforcement authority respecting traffic-related offenses upon the
5 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, and may have
6 special law enforcement authority on those portions of the federal-
7 aid primary highways and the state highway system which are located
8 within the boundaries and on the outskirts of a municipality, and
9 designated by the Commissioner of Public Safety for such special law
10 enforcement authority. As used in this subsection "outskirts of a
11 municipality" means and shall be determined by presence of the
12 following factors:

- 13 a. low land use density,
- 14 b. absence of any school or residential subdivision
15 requiring direct ingress or egress from the highway,
16 and
- 17 c. a scarcity of retail or commercial business abutting
18 the highway.

19 3. The Commissioner may designate any portion of the National
20 System of Interstate and Defense Highways, and those portions of the
21 federal-aid primary highways and the state highway system which are
22 located within the boundaries of and on the outskirts of a
23 municipality for special traffic-related enforcement by the Oklahoma
24 Highway Patrol Division and issue a written notice to any other law

1 enforcement agency affected thereby. Upon receipt of such notice,
2 the affected law enforcement agency shall not regulate traffic nor
3 enforce traffic-related statutes or ordinances upon such designated
4 portion of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways or
5 such designated portions of the federal-aid primary highways and the
6 state highway system without prior coordination and written approval
7 of the Commissioner.

8 E. 1. Any of the following persons may request the
9 Commissioner to investigate the traffic-related enforcement
10 practices of a municipal law enforcement agency whose jurisdiction
11 includes portions of the federal-aid primary highways, the state
12 highway system, or both located within the boundaries of and on the
13 outskirts of the municipality:

- 14 a. the district attorney in whose jurisdiction the
15 municipality is located,
- 16 b. a majority of the county commissioners, by resolution,
17 of the county in which the municipality is located,
- 18 c. the State Auditor and Inspector,
- 19 d. the State Attorney General, or
- 20 e. a state legislator in whose district the municipality
21 is located.

22 2. The request shall state that the requesting party believes
23 the enforcement practices are being conducted:
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1 a. within the boundaries of and on the outskirts of the
2 municipality, and

3 b. for the purpose of generating more than fifty percent
4 (50%) of the revenue needed for the operation of the
5 municipality.

6 3. Upon receipt of a request pursuant to this subsection, the
7 Commissioner may investigate the traffic-related enforcement
8 practices of the municipal law enforcement agency and the receipts
9 and expenditures of the municipality. The law enforcement agency,
10 the municipality, and the requesting party shall cooperate fully
11 with the Commissioner in such an investigation. Upon the completion
12 of the investigation, the Commissioner shall submit a report of the
13 results of the investigation to the Attorney General, who shall make
14 a determination within sixty (60) days of receipt of the report as
15 to whether the enforcement practices of the municipal law
16 enforcement agency are being conducted as provided in subparagraphs
17 a and b of paragraph 2 of this subsection. Upon a determination
18 that the enforcement practices are not being conducted in such a
19 manner, the Attorney General shall notify the Commissioner in
20 writing, and the Commissioner shall take no action to make a
21 designation as provided in paragraph 3 of subsection D of this
22 section. Upon a determination that the enforcement practices are
23 being conducted as provided in subparagraphs a and b of paragraph 2
24 of this subsection, the Attorney General shall notify the

1 Commissioner in writing, and the Commissioner shall make the
2 designation of special traffic-related enforcement as provided in
3 paragraph 3 of subsection D of this section, which shall stay in
4 force for such time as determined by the Commissioner. The
5 Department of Public Safety shall adopt rules to uniformly implement
6 the procedures for initiating, investigating and reporting to the
7 Attorney General the results of a request under the provisions of
8 this subsection and the criteria for determining the length of time
9 the designation of special traffic-related enforcement shall be in
10 force.

11 F. Nothing in this section shall limit a member of the Oklahoma
12 Highway Patrol Division from requesting assistance from any other
13 law enforcement agency nor limit officers of such agency from
14 rendering the requested assistance. The officer and the law
15 enforcement agency responding to the request of the member of the
16 Oklahoma Highway Patrol Division or sheriff's department shall have
17 the same rights and immunities as are possessed by the Oklahoma
18 Highway Patrol Division.

19 G. No state official shall have any power, right, or authority
20 to command, order, or direct any commissioned law enforcement
21 officer of the Department of Public Safety to perform any duty or
22 service contrary to the provisions of this title or any other laws
23 of this state.

24 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

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

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