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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; enacting the Oklahoma Transportation Network Company Services Act; providing regulation of transportation network companies, transportation network drivers and transportation network services; defining terms; excluding certain companies, drivers and services from certain definitions; prohibiting certain acts; requiring certain permitting; requiring certain permit issuances by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission; establishing certain fee amount; requiring the promulgation of rules; requiring certain in-state presence; providing certain fare-setting procedures; requiring certain information be provided to certain individuals; requiring certain electronic receipt; requiring compliance with certain insurance requirements; providing certain insurance requirements; establishing certain insurance coverage in certain circumstance; making determination related to satisfaction of financial responsibility requirements; requiring certain disclosures; allowing for certain liability insurance exclusions; requiring certain notifications; requiring certain disclosures; requiring the exchange of certain information; requiring certain policies related to use of drugs and alcohol; requiring certain complaint process; requiring certain recordkeeping; requiring certain application information; requiring certain background check; requiring certain research; disqualifying certain individuals from acting as transportation network drivers; requiring vehicles meet certain standards; prohibiting certain actions; requiring certain policy related to cash payments; requiring adherence to certain nondiscrimination policy; requiring certain accommodations for the physically disabled; requiring retention of certain records;

1 prohibiting the disclosure of certain information;
2 providing exceptions; exempting transportation
3 network companies and transportation network drivers
4 from political subdivision regulation and oversight;
5 providing for codification; and providing an
6 effective date.

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

8 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1010 of Title 47, unless there
10 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
12 Transportation Network Company Services Act".

13 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1011 of Title 47, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 As used in the Oklahoma Transportation Network Company Services
17 Act:

18 1. "Transportation network company (TNC)" means an entity
19 licensed pursuant to this act and operating in Oklahoma that uses a
20 digital network or a software application service to connect
21 passengers to transportation network services provided by
22 transportation network company drivers. A TNC shall not be deemed
23 to own, control, operate or manage the vehicles used by TNC drivers.
24 A TNC is not a taxicab association or a for-hire vehicle owner;

1 2. "Transportation network company driver (TNC driver)" means
2 an individual who operates a motor vehicle that is:

- 3 a. owned, leased or otherwise authorized for use by the
4 individual,
- 5 b. not a taxicab or motor carrier of persons, and
- 6 c. used to provide transportation Network Company
7 Services; and

8 3. "Transportation network company services (TNC services)"
9 means transportation of a passenger between points chosen by the
10 passenger and prearranged with a TNC driver through the use of a TNC
11 digital network or software application. TNC services shall begin
12 when a TNC Driver accepts a request for transportation received
13 through the TNC's digital network or software application service,
14 continue while the TNC driver transports the passenger in the TNC
15 driver's vehicle, and end when the passenger exits the TNC driver's
16 vehicle. TNC service is not taxicab, for-hire vehicle or street-
17 hail service.

18 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1012 of Title 47, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 TNCs or TNC drivers shall not be considered motor carriers of
22 persons as defined in Section 230.23 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma
23 Statutes, nor shall TNCs or TNC drivers be considered to provide
24 taxicab or for-hire vehicle service.

1 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1013 of Title 47, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. A person shall not operate a TNC in Oklahoma without first
5 having obtained a permit from the Corporation Commission.

6 B. The Corporation Commission shall issue a permit to each
7 applicant that meets the requirements for a TNC set forth in this
8 act, and pays to the Corporation Commission an annual permit fee of
9 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

10 C. The Oklahoma Corporation Commission shall promulgate rules
11 as needed to implement the provisions of this act.

12 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1014 of Title 47, unless there
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 TNCs shall maintain an agent for service of process in the State
16 of Oklahoma.

17 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1015 of Title 47, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 TNCs may determine and charge a fare for the services provided
21 to passengers; provided, that if a fare is charged the TNC shall
22 disclose to passengers the fare-calculation method on its website or
23 within the software application service. The TNC shall also provide
24 passengers with the applicable rates being charged and the option to

1 receive an estimated fare before the passenger enters the TNC
2 driver's vehicle.

3 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1016 of Title 47, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A TNC's software application or website shall display a picture
7 of the TNC driver and the license plate number of the motor vehicle
8 utilized for providing the TNC service before the passenger enters
9 the TNC driver's vehicle.

10 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1017 of Title 47, unless there
12 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 Within a reasonable period of time following the completion of a
14 trip, the TNC shall transmit an electronic receipt to the passenger
15 that lists:

- 16 1. The origin and destination of the trip;
- 17 2. The total time and distance of the trip; and
- 18 3. An itemization of the total fare paid, if any.

19 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1018 of Title 47, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. On or before November 1, 2015, and thereafter, TNCs and TNC
23 drivers shall comply with the automobile liability insurance
24 requirements of this section.

1 B. The following automobile liability insurance requirements
2 shall apply during the time that a TNC driver is logged into the
3 TNC's digital network and available to receive requests for
4 transportation but is not providing TNC services:

5 1. Automobile liability insurance that meets the minimum
6 liability insurance limits, as defined by Section 7-103 of Title 47
7 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

8 2. Automobile liability insurance in the amounts required in
9 paragraph 1 of this subsection shall be maintained by the TNC and
10 provide coverage in the event a participating TNC driver's own
11 automobile liability policy excludes coverage according to its
12 policy terms or does not provide coverage of at least the limits
13 required in paragraph 1 of this subsection.

14 C. 1. The following automobile liability insurance
15 requirements shall apply while a TNC driver is providing TNC
16 services:

- 17 a. primary automobile liability insurance that recognizes
18 the TNC driver's provision of TNC services, and
19 b. automobile liability insurance of at least One Million
20 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for death, personal injury and
21 property damage;

22 2. The coverage requirements of this subsection may be
23 satisfied by any of the following:
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- a. automobile liability insurance maintained by the TNC driver,
- b. automobile liability insurance maintained by the TNC, or
- c. any combination of subparagraphs a and b of this paragraph.

D. In every instance where insurance maintained by a TNC driver to fulfill the insurance requirements of this section has lapsed, failed to provide the required coverage, denied a claim for the required coverage or otherwise ceased to exist, insurance maintained by the TNC shall provide the coverage required by this section beginning with the first dollar of a claim.

E. Insurance required by this section may be placed with an insurer authorized to do business in the state or with a surplus lines insurer eligible under Section 1100 et seq. of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

F. Insurance required by this section shall be deemed to satisfy the financial responsibility requirement for a motor vehicle under Section 7-101 et seq. of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1019 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. TNCs shall disclose in writing to TNC drivers the following
2 before they are allowed to accept a request for TNC services on the
3 TNC's digital network:

4 1. The insurance coverage and limits of liability that the TNC
5 provides while the TNC driver uses a personal vehicle in connection
6 with a TNC's digital network; and

7 2. That the TNC driver's own insurance policy may not provide
8 coverage while the TNC driver uses a vehicle in connection with a
9 TNC's digital network depending on its terms.

10 B. Insurers that write automobile liability insurance in
11 Oklahoma may exclude any and all coverage and the duty to defend
12 afforded under the owner's insurance policy for any loss or injury
13 that occurs while an insured vehicle provides or is available to
14 provide TNC services, provided such exclusion is expressly set forth
15 in the policy and approved for sale in Oklahoma. This right to
16 exclude coverage and the duty to indemnify and defend may apply to
17 any coverage included in an automobile liability insurance policy
18 including, but not limited to:

- 19 1. Liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage;
- 20 2. Uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage;
- 21 3. Medical payments coverage;
- 22 4. Comprehensive physical damage coverage; and
- 23 5. Collision physical damage coverage,
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1 provided the insurer notifies an insured after a loss that the
2 insurer has no duty to defend or indemnify any person or
3 organization for liability for a loss that is properly excluded
4 pursuant to the terms of the applicable primary or excess insurance
5 policy.

6 C. Insurers that write automobile liability insurance in
7 Oklahoma must disclose on their application for insurance, in a
8 prominent place, whether or not the insurance policy provides
9 coverage while an insured vehicle provides or is available to
10 provide TNC services. If an automobile liability insurance policy
11 contains an exclusion for TNC services, the insurer or its agent
12 must disclose in writing the exact language of such exclusion to the
13 applicant during the application process.

14 D. In a claims coverage investigation, TNCs and any insurer
15 providing coverage under Section 9 of this act shall cooperate to
16 facilitate the exchange of information, including the precise times
17 that a TNC driver logged on and off of the TNC's digital network in
18 the twenty-four-hour period immediately preceding the accident and
19 disclose to one another a clear description of the coverage,
20 exclusions and limits provided under any insurance policy each party
21 issued or maintained.

22 SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1020 of Title 47, unless there
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. TNCs shall implement a zero-tolerance policy on the use of
2 drugs or alcohol while a TNC driver is providing TNC services or is
3 logged into the TNC's digital network but is not providing TNC
4 services, and shall provide notice of this policy on its website, as
5 well as procedures to report a complaint about a driver with whom a
6 passenger was matched and whom the passenger reasonably suspects was
7 under the influence of drugs or alcohol during the course of the
8 trip.

9 B. Upon receipt of such passenger complaint alleging a
10 violation of the zero-tolerance policy, the TNC shall immediately
11 suspend such TNC driver's access to the TNC's digital platform, and
12 shall conduct an investigation into the reported incident. The
13 suspension shall last the duration of the investigation.

14 C. TNCs shall maintain records relevant to the enforcement of
15 this requirement for a period of at least two (2) years from the
16 date that a passenger complaint is received by the TNC.

17 SECTION 12. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1021 of Title 47, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. Prior to permitting an individual to act as a TNC driver on
21 its digital platform, the TNC shall:

22 1. Require the individual to submit an application to the TNC,
23 which includes information regarding his or her address, age, driver
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1 license, driving history, motor vehicle registration, automobile
2 liability insurance, and other information required by the TNC;

3 2. Conduct, or have a third party conduct, a local and national
4 criminal background check for each applicant that shall include a
5 check of:

6 a. the Multi-State/Multi-Jurisdiction Criminal Records
7 Locator or other similar commercial nationwide
8 database with validation through a primary source
9 search, and

10 b. the National Sex Offender Registry database; and

11 3. Obtain and review a driving history research report for such
12 individual.

13 B. TNCs shall not permit an individual to act as a TNC driver
14 on its digital platform who:

15 1. Has had more than three moving violations in the prior
16 three-year period, or one major violation, including but not limited
17 to attempting to evade the police, reckless driving, or driving on a
18 suspended or revoked license, in the prior three-year period;

19 2. Has been convicted, within the past seven (7) years, of
20 driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, fraud, sexual
21 offenses, use of a motor vehicle to commit a felony, a crime
22 involving property damage, theft, acts of violence, or acts of
23 terror;

24 3. Is a match in the National Sex Offender Registry database;

1 4. Does not possess a valid driver license;

2 5. Does not possess proof of registration for the motor
3 vehicle(s) used to provide TNC services;

4 6. Does not possess proof of automobile liability insurance for
5 the motor vehicle(s) used to provide TNC services; or

6 7. Is not at least nineteen (19) years of age.

7 SECTION 13. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1022 of Title 47, unless there
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 TNCs shall require that any motor vehicle(s) that a TNC driver
11 will use to provide TNC services meets the equipment standards
12 required of private motor vehicles under Section 12-101 et seq. of
13 Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

14 SECTION 14. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1023 of Title 47, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A TNC driver shall exclusively accept rides booked through a
18 TNC's digital network or software application service and shall not
19 solicit or accept street hails.

20 SECTION 15. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1024 of Title 47, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 TNCs shall adopt a policy prohibiting solicitation or acceptance
24 of cash payments from passengers and notify TNC drivers of such

1 policy. TNC drivers shall not solicit or accept cash payments from
2 passengers. Any payment for TNC services shall be made only
3 electronically using the TNC's digital network or software
4 application.

5 SECTION 16. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1025 of Title 47, unless there
7 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 A. TNCs shall adopt a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis
9 of destination, race, color, national origin, religious belief,
10 religious affiliation, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, or
11 gender identity with respect to passengers and potential passengers
12 and notify TNC drivers of such policy.

13 B. TNC drivers shall comply with all applicable laws regarding
14 nondiscrimination against passengers or potential passengers on the
15 basis of destination, race, color, national origin, religious
16 belief, religious affiliation, sex, disability, age, sexual
17 orientation, or gender identity.

18 C. TNC drivers shall comply with all applicable laws relating
19 to accommodation of service animals.

20 D. TNCs shall not impose additional charges for providing
21 services to persons with physical disabilities because of those
22 disabilities.

23 E. TNCs shall provide passengers an opportunity to indicate
24 whether they require a wheelchair-accessible vehicle. If a TNC

1 cannot arrange wheelchair-accessible TNC service in any instance, it
2 shall direct the passenger to an alternate provider of wheelchair-
3 accessible service, if available.

4 SECTION 17. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1026 of Title 47, unless there
6 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 TNCs shall maintain:

8 1. Individual trip records for at least one (1) year from the
9 date each trip was provided; and

10 2. TNC driver records at least until the one-year anniversary
11 of the date on which a TNC driver's activation on the TNC digital
12 network has ended.

13 SECTION 18. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1027 of Title 47, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 TNCs shall not disclose a passenger's personally identifiable
17 information to a third party unless:

18 1. The passenger consents;

19 2. Disclosure is required by a legal obligation; or

20 3. Disclosure is required to protect or defend the terms of use
21 of the service or to investigate violations of those terms.

22 In addition, a TNC shall be permitted to share a passenger's name
23 and telephone number with the TNC driver providing TNC services to
24 such passenger in order to facilitate correct identification of the

1 passenger by the TNC driver, or to facilitate communication between
2 the passenger and the driver.

3 SECTION 19. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1028 of Title 47, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, TNCs and TNC drivers
7 are governed exclusively by the Oklahoma Transportation Network
8 Company Services Act and any rules promulgated by the Oklahoma
9 Corporation Commission consistent with the Oklahoma Transportation
10 Network Company Services Act. Neither a TNC nor a TNC driver shall
11 be subject to regulation or oversight by political subdivisions of
12 the state, and no political subdivision of the state may impose a
13 tax on, or require a license for, a TNC or a TNC driver or subject a
14 TNC to the political subdivision's rate requirement, entry
15 requirement, operational requirement or other requirements.

16 SECTION 20. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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