

# An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1306

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An Act relating to crimes and punishments; creating the Blue Lives Matter in Oklahoma Act of 2017; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 701.9, which relates to penalties for first and second degree murder; modifying penalty for certain first degree murder convictions; updating language; providing for noncodification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Penalties for first and second degree murder

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Blue Lives Matter in Oklahoma Act of 2017".

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 701.9, is amended to read as follows:

Section 701.9 A. A person who is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to murder in the first degree shall be punished by death, by imprisonment for life without parole or by imprisonment for life. A person who is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to murder in the first degree, as described in subsection E of Section 701.7 of this title, shall be punished by death or by life without parole and absent an overwhelming amount of mitigating evidence shall not be entitled to or afforded the benefit of receiving imprisonment for life or deferment of the sentence.

B. A person who is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to murder in the second degree shall be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in ~~a state penal institution~~ the custody of the Department of Corrections for not less than ten (10) years nor more than life.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 2017.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 25th day of April, 2017.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Received by the Office of the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_

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