

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1542

By: Virgin

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; requiring certain nondiscrimination and accommodation by taxicabs; requiring certain policy be adopted; requiring certain notification; requiring certain compliances; prohibiting certain charges; requiring certain opportunities to request certain type of vehicle; requiring direction to certain alternative service provider in certain circumstances; authorizing the Oklahoma Corporation Commission rulemaking and fine assessment authority; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8-105 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Every person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of operating a taxicab or taxicabs shall:

1. Adopt a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of destination, race, color, national origin, religious belief, religious affiliation, sex, disability, or age with respect to

1 passengers and potential passengers and notify all taxicab drivers
2 in their employ of such policy;

3 2. Require taxicab drivers in their employ to comply with all
4 applicable laws regarding nondiscrimination against passengers or
5 potential passengers on the basis of destination, race, color,
6 national origin, religious belief, religious affiliation, sex,
7 disability, or age;

8 3. Require taxicab drivers in their employ to comply with all
9 applicable laws relating to accommodation of service animals;

10 4. Not impose additional charges for providing services to
11 persons with physical disabilities because of those disabilities;
12 and

13 5. Provide passengers an opportunity to indicate whether they
14 require a wheelchair-accessible vehicle. If the person, firm, or
15 corporation cannot arrange a wheelchair-accessible prearranged ride
16 in any instance, it shall direct the passenger to an alternate
17 provider of wheelchair-accessible service, if available.

18 B. The Oklahoma Corporation Commission shall promulgate rules
19 as needed to implement the provisions of this act. The Commission
20 may assess fines for noncompliance with this act or with promulgated
21 rules.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.
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