## 1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017) 3 HOUSE BILL 1822 By: Kannady 4 5 6 AS INTRODUCED 7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 6-211, which relates to district court appeals of driver license cancelations, denials, 8 suspensions, and revocations; eliminating reference 9 to certain administrative hearings and appeals process; clarifying timeline for filing of appeals; 10 amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 6-212.3, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 393, O.S.L. 2013 (47 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 6-212.3), which relates to 11 ignition interlock devices; requiring certain 12 periodic reporting by device providers; requiring revocation and suspension of driving privileges for 1.3 interlock violations; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 754, which relates to temporary driving privileges 14 and administrative driver license revocation proceedings; eliminating certain administrative 15 hearings and associated reports and processes; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 754.1, as last amended 16 by Section 4, Chapter 393, O.S.L. 2013 (47 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 754.1) and 755, which relate to 17 modifications of driver license revocations or denials; modifying references; eliminating 18 administrative level application prerequisite for certain district court modification request; and 19 providing an effective date. 20 21 22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 23 SECTION 1. 47 O.S. 2011, Section 6-211, is AMENDATORY 24 amended to read as follows:

Section 6-211. A. Any person denied driving privileges, or whose driving privilege has been canceled, denied, suspended or revoked by the Department, except where such cancellation, denial, suspension or revocation is mandatory, under the provisions of Section 6-205 of this title, or disqualified by the Department, under the provisions of Section 6-205.2 or 761 of this title, shall have the right of appeal to the district court as hereinafter provided. Proceedings before the district court shall be exempt from the provisions of the Oklahoma Pleading and Discovery codes, except that the appeal shall be by petition, without responsive pleadings. The district court is hereby vested with original jurisdiction to hear said petition.

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- B. A person whose driving privilege is denied, canceled, revoked or suspended due to inability to meet standards prescribed by law, or due to an out-of-state conviction or violation, or due to an excessive point accumulation on the traffic record, or for an unlawful license issued, may appeal in the county in which the person resides.
- C. Any person whose driving privilege is canceled, denied, suspended or revoked may appeal to the district court in the county in which the offense was committed upon which the Department based its order.
- D. A person whose driving privilege is revoked or denied or who is denied a hearing pursuant to Section 753 or 754 of this title may

appeal to the district court in the county in which the arrest occurred relating to the test refusal or test result, as shown by the records of the Department.

- E. The petition shall be filed within thirty (30) days after the order has been served upon the person, except a petition relating to an implied consent revocation shall be filed within thirty (30) days after the Department gives notice to the person that the revocation is sustained as provided in Section 754 of this title. It shall be the duty of the district court to enter an order setting the matter for hearing not less than fifteen (15) days and not more than thirty (30) days from the date the petition is filed. A certified copy of petition and order for hearing shall be served forthwith by the clerk of the court upon the Commissioner of Public Safety by certified mail at the Department of Public Safety, Oklahoma.
- F. At a hearing on a revocation by the Department pursuant to the implied consent laws as provided in Sections 6-205.1, 753 and 754 of this title, the court shall not consider the merits of the revocation action unless a written request for an administrative hearing was timely submitted to the Department and the person actually exercised the opportunity to appear as provided in Section 754 of this title and the Department entered an order sustaining the revocation.

G. Upon a hearing relating to a revocation or disqualification pursuant to a conviction for an offense enumerated in Section 6-205, 761, or 6-205.2 or 761 of this title, the court shall not consider the propriety or merits of the revocation or disqualification action, except to correct the identity of the person convicted as shown by records of the Department.

H. In the event the Department declines to modify, as provided in Section 754.1 of this title, a revocation order issued pursuant to Section 753, Section 754, paragraph 2 of subsection A of Section 6-205 or Section 6-205.1 of this title, which is subject to modification pursuant to Section 11-906.4 of this title or Section 6-205.1 of this title, a

G. A petition for modification may be included with the appeal or separately filed at any time, and the district court may, in its discretion, modify the revocation as provided for in Section 755 of this title; provided, any modification under this subsection shall apply to Class D motor vehicles only.

I. H. The court shall take testimony and examine the facts and circumstances, including all of the records on file in the office of the Department of Public Safety relative to the offense committed and the driving record of the person, and determine from the facts, circumstances, and records whether or not the petitioner is entitled to driving privileges or shall be subject to the order of denial, cancellation, suspension or revocation issued by the Department.

The court may also determine whether or not, from the person's previous driving record, the order was for a longer period of time than such facts and circumstances warranted. In case the court finds that the order was not justified, the court may sustain the appeal, vacate the order of the Department and direct that driving privileges be restored to the petitioner, if otherwise eligible. The court may, in case it determines the order was justified, but that the period of the suspension or revocation was excessive, enter an order modifying the same as provided by law.

J. I. The testimony of any hearing pursuant to this section shall be taken by the court stenographer and preserved for the purpose of appeal and, in case the Department files notice of appeal from the order of the court as provided herein, the court shall order and direct the court clerk to prepare and furnish a complete transcript of all pleadings and proceedings, together with a complete transcript taken at said hearing at no cost to the Department, except the cost of transcribing.

K. J. In order to stay or supersede any order of the Department, the petitioner may execute and file a cash appeal bond in the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) with the clerk of the court, to be approved by the court clerk. A certified copy of the bond shall be served along with the notice of hearing and petition.

The bond shall be to the State of Oklahoma and conditioned that the petitioner will prosecute the appeal with due diligence and during pendency of the appeal abide by and not violate any of the laws of this state or any other state in the operation of a motor vehicle, and that the petitioner will abide by and perform the final judgment of the court therein, and in case the appeal is finally denied the appellant will pay all court costs incurred in the appeal in the district court. If the petitioner is convicted of a traffic offense during the pendency of the appeal or fails to prosecute the appeal with due diligence, the bond may be forfeited to the court fund upon application by the Department and after hearing before the court in which the appeal is pending.

E. K. After filing and approval of the appeal bond and the furnishing thereof to the Department as hereby provided, the Department shall restore driving privileges to the person if otherwise eligible, and the person shall be permitted to operate a motor vehicle pending the appeal, under terms and conditions as prescribed in the bond which shall include the installation of an ignition interlock device on every motor vehicle operated by the person, pursuant to Section 754.1 or 755 of this title, if the person was denied modification pursuant to any provision of paragraph 2 of subsection A of Section 6-205 or Section 6-205.1, 753 or 754 of this title; provided, however, if the order of the Department is sustained in final judgment, the court shall, in such

final judgment, enter an order extending the period of suspension or revocation for such time as the petitioner was permitted to operate motor vehicles under the provisions of an appeal bond, and the court shall also in such final judgment direct and require the immediate surrender of any driver license or licenses to the Department.

M. L. An appeal may be taken by the person or by the Department from the order or judgment of the district court to the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma as otherwise provided by law.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 6-212.3, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 393, O.S.L. 2013 (47 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 6-212.3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-212.3 A. Whenever the records of the Department of Public Safety reflect the revocation of the driving privilege of a person as provided in subsection A of Section 6-205.1 of this title, the Department shall require the installation of an ignition interlock device, at the expense of the person, as provided in subsection D of this section, after the mandatory period of revocation, as prescribed by Section 6-205.1 of this title, for the following period, as applicable:

1. For a first revocation and if the person refused to submit to a test or tests, or had a blood or breath alcohol concentration of fifteen hundredths (0.15) or more, for a period of one and one-half  $(1\ 1/2)$  years following the mandatory period of revocation or

until the driving privileges of the person are reinstated, whichever is longer;

- 2. For a second revocation, for a period of four (4) years following the mandatory period of revocation or until the driving privileges of the person are reinstated, whichever is longer; or
- 3. For a third or subsequent revocation, for a period of five (5) years following the mandatory period of revocation or until the driving privileges of the person are reinstated, whichever is longer.
- B. Whenever the records of the Department of Public Safety reflect a person is classified as an excessive user of alcohol or of a combination of alcohol and any other intoxicating substance, and inimical to public safety, in accordance with rules promulgated by the Department, the person shall, upon request for reinstatement of driving privileges from revocation or suspension based upon the conviction or the status as an excessive user, provide proof of installation of an ignition interlock device approved by the Board of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence, at the expense of the person, as provided in subsection D of this section.
- C. The Department shall require, as a condition of reinstatement, the device to be installed upon any vehicle owned or leased, as reflected on the vehicle registration, by an employer of the person for use by the person, except when the employer requests the ignition interlock device not be installed. The request shall

be in writing and notarized on the official letterhead of the employer and provided by the person to the Department; provided, a request shall not be accepted by the Department under the following circumstances:

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- 1. When the person is self-employed or owns part or all of the company or corporation, or exercises control over some part of the business which owns or leases the vehicle;
- 2. When the person is employed by a relative who is within the first degree of consanguinity or who resides in the same household; or
- 3. When the person has had a prior revocation pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection A of Section 6-205 of this title or to Section 753 or 754 of this title.

The person shall comply with all provisions of law and rule regarding ignition interlock devices.

D. 1. The requirements of subsection A or B, as applicable, of this section shall be a prerequisite and condition for reinstatement of driving privileges, in addition to other conditions for driving privilege reinstatement provided by law or by rule of the Department. Upon request and eligibility, the Department shall issue a restricted driver license to the person, upon payment of a restricted driver license fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and all other appropriate fees by the person. The restricted driver license and the driving record of the person shall indicate by an

appropriate restriction that the person is only authorized to operate a vehicle upon which an ignition interlock is installed. If the person is operating a motor vehicle owned or leased by an employer who has not given permission for an ignition interlock device to be installed, the employer shall provide the person with a letter, on official letterhead of the employer, which the person shall carry in his or her immediate possession at all times when operating a motor vehicle and shall display for examination and inspection upon demand of a peace officer.

- 2. The restricted driver license fee authorized by this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer to be credited to the Department of Public Safety Restricted Revolving Fund. All monies accruing to the credit of the Department of Public Safety Restricted Revolving Fund from restricted driver license fees shall be budgeted and expended solely for the purpose of administering the provisions of this section.
- 3. The installation of an ignition interlock device, as required by this subsection, shall not be construed to authorize the person to drive unless the person is otherwise eligible to drive.
- E. Installation of an ignition interlock device pursuant to subsection A or B of this section shall run concurrently with a court order, if any, for installation of an ignition interlock device, or devices pursuant to the same conviction.

F. The person shall pay the monthly maintenance fee, not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per month, for each ignition interlock device installed pursuant to this section. The person shall comply with all provisions of law regarding ignition interlock devices.

- G. The ignition interlock device provider shall make available report to the Department regular reports monthly of violations, if any, for each ignition interlock device installed pursuant to this section.
- H. Pursuant to Section 6-113 of this title, the Department may shall revoke or suspend the driving privileges of the person for reports from the provider which indicate attempts by the person to operate a motor vehicle when the person is under the influence of alcohol.
- I. The Department shall promulgate rules necessary to implement and administer this section.
- SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 754, is amended to read as follows:
  - Section 754. A. Any arrested person who is under twenty-one (21) years of age and has any measurable quantity of alcohol in the person's blood or breath, or any person twenty-one (21) years of age or older whose alcohol concentration is eight-hundredths (0.08) or more as shown by a breath test administered according to the provisions of this title, or any arrested person who has refused to

submit to a breath or blood test, shall immediately surrender his or her driver license, permit or other evidence of driving privilege to the arresting law enforcement officer. The officer shall seize any driver license, permit, or other evidence of driving privilege surrendered by or found on the arrested person during a search.

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- If the evidence of driving privilege surrendered to or seized by the officer has not expired and otherwise appears valid, the officer shall issue to the arrested person a dated receipt for that driver license, permit, or other evidence of driving privilege on a form prescribed by the Department of Public Safety. This receipt shall be recognized as a driver license and shall authorize the arrested person to operate a motor vehicle for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. The receipt form shall contain and constitute a notice of revocation of driving privilege by the Department effective in thirty (30) days. The evidence of driving privilege and a copy of the receipt form issued to the arrested person shall be attached to the sworn report of the officer and shall be submitted by mail or in person to the Department within seventy-two (72) hours of the issuance of the receipt. The failure of the officer to timely file this report shall not affect the authority of the Department to revoke the driving privilege of the arrested person.
- C. Upon receipt of a written blood or breath test report reflecting that the arrested person, if under twenty-one (21) years

of age, had any measurable quantity of alcohol in the person's blood or breath, or, if the arrested person is twenty-one (21) years of age or older, a blood or breath alcohol concentration of eight-hundredths (0.08) or more, accompanied by a sworn report from a law enforcement officer that the officer had reasonable grounds to believe the arrested person had been operating or was in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol as prohibited by law, the Department shall revoke or deny the driving privilege of the arrested person for a period as provided by Section 6-205.1 of this title. Revocation or denial of the driving privilege of the arrested person shall become effective thirty (30) days after the arrested person is given written notice thereof by the officer as provided in this section or by the Department as provided in Section 2-116 of this title.

D. Upon the written request of a person whose driving privilege has been revoked or denied by notice given in accordance with this section or Section 2-116 of this title, the Department shall grant the person an opportunity to be heard if the request is received by the Department within fifteen (15) days after the notice. The sworn report of the officer, together with the results of any test or tests, shall be deemed true, absent any facial deficiency, should the requesting person fail to appear at the scheduled hearing. A timely request shall stay the order of the Department until the disposition of the hearing unless the person is under cancellation,

denial, suspension or revocation for some other reason. The

Department may issue a temporary driving permit pending disposition

of the hearing, if the person is otherwise eligible. If the hearing
request is not timely filed, the revocation or denial shall be
sustained.

E. 1. At any hearing held relevant to this section, a report of the findings of the laboratory of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the medical examiner's report of investigation or autopsy report, or a laboratory report from a forensic laboratory operated by the State of Oklahoma or any political subdivision thereof, which has been made available to the person by the Commissioner or an authorized representative at least five (5) days prior to the hearing, with reference to all or part of the evidence submitted, when certified as correct by the persons making the report shall be received as evidence of the facts and findings stated, if relevant and otherwise admissible in evidence. If the report is deemed relevant by either party, the court shall admit the report without the testimony of the person making the report, unless the court, pursuant to this subsection, orders the person to appear.

2. When any alleged controlled dangerous substance has been submitted to the laboratory of the OSBI for analysis, and the analysis shows that the submitted material is a controlled dangerous substance, the distribution of which constitutes a felony under the laws of this state, no portion of the substance shall be released to

any other person or laboratory absent an order of a district court.

The defendant shall additionally be required to submit to the court

a procedure for transfer and analysis of the subject material to

ensure the integrity of the sample and to prevent the material from

being used in any illegal manner.

3. The court, upon motion of either party, shall order the attendance of any person preparing a report submitted as evidence in the hearing when it appears there is a substantial likelihood that material evidence not contained in the report may be produced by the testimony of any person having prepared a report. The hearing shall be held and, if sustained, an order issued not less than five (5) days prior to the time when the testimony shall be required.

4. If within five (5) days prior to the hearing or during a hearing, a motion is made pursuant to this section requiring a person having prepared a report to testify, the court may hear a report or other evidence but shall continue the hearing until such time notice of the motion and hearing is given to the person making the report, the motion is heard, and, if sustained, the testimony ordered can be given.

F. The hearing before the Commissioner of Public Safety or a designated hearing officer shall be conducted in the county of arrest or may be conducted by telephone conference call. The hearing may be recorded and its scope shall cover the issues of whether the officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person had

been operating or was in actual physical control of a vehicle upon
the public roads, highways, streets, turnpikes or other public place
of this state while under the influence of alcohol, any other
intoxicating substance, or the combined influence of alcohol and any
other intoxicating substance as prohibited by law, and whether the
person was placed under arrest.

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- 1. If the revocation or denial is based upon a breath or blood test result and a sworn report from a law enforcement officer, the scope of the hearing shall also cover the issues as to whether:
  - a. if timely requested by the person, the person was not denied a breath or blood test,
  - b. the specimen was obtained from the person within two

    (2) hours of the arrest of the person.
  - the person, if under twenty-one (21) years of age, was advised that driving privileges would be revoked or denied if the test result reflected the presence of any measurable quantity of alcohol,
  - d. the person, if twenty-one (21) years of age or older,
    was advised that driving privileges would be revoked
    or denied if the test result reflected an alcohol
    concentration of eight-hundredths (0.08) or more, and
  - e. the test result in fact reflects the alcohol concentration.

2. If the revocation or denial is based upon the refusal of the person to submit to a breath or blood test, reflected in a sworn report by a law enforcement officer, the scope of the hearing shall also include whether:

- a. the person refused to submit to the test or tests, and
- b. the person was informed that driving privileges would

  be revoked or denied if the person refused to submit

  to the test or tests.
- G. After the hearing, the Commissioner of Public Safety or a designated hearing officer shall order the revocation or denial either rescinded or sustained.
- SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 754.1, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 393, O.S.L. 2013 (47 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 754.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 754.1 A. The Department of Public Safety, prior to an administrative appeal hearing, pursuant to Section 6-211 of this title, for a revocation or denial arising under the provisions of Sections 751 through 754 or Section 761 of this title or under the provisions of Section 6-205.1 of this title, may modify the revocation or denial when it is determined by the Department that no other adequate means of transportation exists for the person whose driving privilege has been revoked or denied; provided, any modification under this paragraph shall apply to Class D motor vehicles only.

B. As a prerequisite and condition of any modification, the person shall be required to have installed an ignition interlock device approved by the Board of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence, at the person's own expense, upon every motor vehicle operated by the person. The Department shall require, as a condition of modification, the device to be installed upon any vehicle owned or leased, as reflected on the vehicle registration, by an employer of the person for use by the person, except when the employer requests the ignition interlock device not be installed. The request shall be in writing and notarized on the official letterhead of the employer and provided by the person to the Department; provided, a request shall not be accepted by the Department under the following circumstances:

- 1. When the person is self-employed or owns part or all of the company or corporation, or exercises control over some part of the business which owns or leases the vehicle;
- 2. When the person is employed by a relative who either is within the first degree of consanguinity or who resides in the same household; or
- 3. When the person has had a prior revocation pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection A of Section 6-205 of this title or to Section 753 or 754 of this title.

The person shall comply with all provisions of law and rule regarding ignition interlock devices.

C. Upon the issuance of a modification order pursuant to this section or Section 755 of this title, or under the provisions of paragraph 1, 2, or 3 of subsection A or paragraph 1, 2, or 3 of subsection B of Section 6-205.1 of this title, for a violation of this title, the person shall pay a modification fee of One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00) to the Department. For each modification fee collected pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall be remitted to the State Treasurer to be credited to the General Revenue Fund in the State Treasury and Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) shall be remitted to the State Treasurer to be credited to the Department of Public Safety Restricted Revolving Fund. All monies accruing to the credit of the Department of Public Safety Restricted Revolving Fund from modification fees shall be budgeted and expended solely for the purpose of administering the provisions of this section and Section 755 of this title.

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- D. The Board of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence shall promulgate such rules as are necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this subsection relating to ignition interlock devices and the providers of such devices.
- SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 755, is amended to read as follows:
- Section 755. If the revocation or denial is sustained, the person whose license or permit to drive or nonresident operating

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        SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.
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