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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR

SENATE BILL 1212

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An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 156.1, which relates to state-owned motor vehicles; allowing the Adjutant General to use certain state-owned or state-leased vehicles for certain transportation; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 156.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 156.1. A. It shall be unlawful for any state official, officer or employee, except any essential employees approved by the Governor and those officers or employees authorized in subsection B of this section, to ride to or from the place of residence of the employee in a state-owned or state-leased automobile, truck or pickup, except in the performance of the official duty of the employee, or to use or permit the use of any such automobile, truck, ambulance or pickup for other personal or private purposes. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall

1 be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine ~~of~~ not  
2 more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or by imprisonment in the  
3 county jail for a period to not exceed thirty (30) days, or by both  
4 ~~said~~ fine and imprisonment, and in addition thereto, shall be  
5 discharged from state employment.

6 B. 1. Any state employee, other than the individuals provided  
7 for in paragraph 2 of this subsection and any employee of the  
8 Department of Public Safety who is an employee in the Driver License  
9 ~~Examining~~ Services Division or the Driver Compliance Division or a  
10 wrecker inspector or auditor of the Wrecker Services Division as  
11 provided for in paragraph 3 of this subsection, who receives  
12 emergency telephone calls regularly at the residence of the employee  
13 when the employee is not on duty and is regularly called upon to use  
14 a vehicle after normal work hours in response to such emergency  
15 calls, may be permitted to use a vehicle belonging to the state to  
16 provide transportation between the residence of the employee and the  
17 assigned place of employment, provided such distance does not exceed  
18 seventy-five (75) miles in any round trip or is within the county  
19 where the assigned place of employment is located. Provided  
20 further, an employee may be permitted to use a state-owned or state-  
21 leased vehicle to provide temporary transportation between a  
22 specific work location other than the assigned place of employment  
23 and the residence of the employee, if such use shall result in a  
24 monetary saving to the agency, and such authorization shall not be

1 subject to the distance or area restrictions provided for in this  
2 paragraph. Authorization for temporary use of a state-owned or  
3 state-leased vehicle for a specific project shall be in writing  
4 stating the justification for this use and the saving expected to  
5 result. Such authorization shall be valid for not to exceed sixty  
6 (60) days. Any state entity other than law enforcement that avails  
7 itself of this provision shall keep a monthly record of all  
8 participating employees, the number of emergency calls received and  
9 the number of times that a state vehicle was used in the performance  
10 of such emergency calls.

11 2. Any employee of the Department of Public Safety, ~~Oklahoma~~  
12 Department of Corrections, Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and  
13 Dangerous Drugs Control, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation,  
14 Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, Oklahoma Horse  
15 Racing Commission, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and  
16 Forestry, Office of the Inspector General within the Department of  
17 Human Services or Office of the State Fire Marshal, who is a law  
18 enforcement officer or criminalist, Public Information ~~officer~~  
19 Officer, Special Investigator or Assistant Director of the Oklahoma  
20 State Bureau of Investigation, the Adjutant General of the Oklahoma  
21 National Guard, CLEET-certified Investigator for a state board or  
22 any employee of a district attorney who is a law enforcement  
23 officer, may be permitted to use a state-owned or state-leased  
24 vehicle to provide transportation between the residence of the

1 employee and the assigned place of employment and between the  
2 residence and any location other than the assigned place of  
3 employment to which the employee travels in the performance of the  
4 official duty of the employee.

5 3. Any employee of the Department of Public Safety who is an  
6 employee in the Driver License ~~Examining~~ Services Division, an  
7 employee of the Driver Compliance Division, a wrecker inspector or  
8 auditor of the Wrecker Services Division, or a noncommissioned pilot  
9 may be permitted, as determined by the Commissioner, to use a state-  
10 owned or state-leased vehicle to provide transportation between the  
11 residence of the employee and the assigned place of employment and  
12 between the residence and any location other than the assigned place  
13 of employment to which the employee travels in the performance of  
14 the official duty of the employee.

15 4. The Director, department heads and other essential employees  
16 of the Department of Wildlife Conservation, as authorized by the  
17 Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission, may be permitted to use a  
18 state-owned or state-leased vehicle to provide transportation  
19 between the residence of the employee and the assigned place of  
20 employment and between the residence and any location other than the  
21 assigned place of employment to which the employee travels in the  
22 performance of the official duty of the employee.

23 5. The Director, department heads, emergency responders and  
24 other essential employees of the Department of Corrections, as

1 authorized by the Director, may be permitted to use a state-owned or  
2 state-leased vehicle to provide transportation between the residence  
3 of the employee and the assigned place of employment and between the  
4 residence and any location other than the assigned place of  
5 employment to which the employee travels in the performance of the  
6 official duty of the employee.

7 C. The principal administrator of the state agency with which  
8 the employee is employed shall so designate the status of the  
9 employee in writing or provide a copy of the temporary authorization  
10 to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
11 Speaker of the House of Representatives. Such employee status  
12 report shall also be provided to the ~~State~~ Fleet Manager of the  
13 Division of Fleet Management if the motor vehicle for emergency use  
14 is provided by said Division.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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