

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1109

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to law enforcement vehicles; amending
8 11 O.S. 2021, Section 34-106, which relates to
9 unmarked vehicles, and 47 O.S. 2021, Section 12-218,
10 which relates to lighting requirements for emergency
11 vehicles; prohibiting unmarked vehicles from use for
12 traffic enforcement; prohibiting certain signage or
13 markings on law enforcement vehicles; and declaring
14 an emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 34-106, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 34-106. The State of Oklahoma hereby declares and
19 states that the increased number of persons impersonating law
20 enforcement officers by making routine traffic stops while using
21 unmarked cars is a threat to the public health and safety of all the
22 citizens of the State of Oklahoma; therefore it shall be unlawful
23 for any municipal police department to use any vehicle which is not
24 clearly marked as a law enforcement vehicle for ~~routine~~ traffic
enforcement ~~except as provided in Section 12-218 of Title 47 of the~~
~~Oklahoma Statutes.~~ In addition to audible and visual signals

1 required on law enforcement vehicles, as provided in Section 12-218
2 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the peace officer operating
3 the law enforcement vehicle for routine traffic stops shall be
4 dressed in the official uniform including shoulder patches, badge,
5 and any other identifying insignias normally used by the employing
6 law enforcement agency.

7 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 12-218, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 12-218. A. Every authorized emergency vehicle shall,
10 in addition to any other equipment and distinctive markings required
11 by this title, be equipped with flashing red or blue lights or a
12 combination of flashing red and blue lights. The lights shall be
13 visible at five hundred (500) feet in normal sunlight.

14 B. A law enforcement vehicle when used as an authorized
15 emergency vehicle may but need not be equipped with alternately-
16 flashing red or blue lights specified herein. ~~An unmarked~~ Any
17 vehicle used as a law enforcement vehicle for ~~routine~~ traffic
18 enforcement shall be equipped with the following combination of
19 lights:

20 1. Three flashing red, blue, or a combination of red and blue
21 lights emitting the flashing lights to the front of the vehicle;

22 2. Two flashing white lights emitting the flashing white lights
23 to the front of the vehicle;

1 3. Flashing red, blue, white or any combination of red, blue or
2 white lights placed at and emitting the flashing lights from the
3 four corners of the vehicle so that they are visible for three
4 hundred sixty (360) degrees; and

5 4. One flashing red, blue, amber, or any combination of red,
6 blue, or amber lights emitting the flashing light to the rear of the
7 vehicle.

8 C. The use of the signal equipment described herein shall
9 impose upon drivers of other vehicles the obligation to yield right-
10 of-way and stop for authorized emergency vehicles, as prescribed in
11 Section 11-405 of this title.

12 D. No law enforcement vehicle shall be marked with graphics
13 that are the same or a similar color to the color of the vehicle.
14 All graphics or markings on law enforcement vehicles shall be in a
15 color or colors contrasting with the vehicle to which applied for
16 maximum visibility.

17 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
18 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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