

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1649

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 11-902, which relates to persons under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substance or combination thereof; modifying certain penalty; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 11-902, is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-902. A. It is unlawful and punishable as provided in this section for any person to drive, operate, or be in actual physical control of a motor vehicle within this state, whether upon public roads, highways, streets, turnpikes, other public places or upon any private road, street, alley or lane which provides access to one or more single or multi-family dwellings, who:

1. Has a blood or breath alcohol concentration, as defined in Section 756 of this title, of eight-hundredths (0.08) or more at the time of a test of such person's blood or breath administered within two (2) hours after the arrest of such person;

1        2. Is under the influence of alcohol;

2        3. Has any amount of a Schedule I chemical or controlled  
3 substance, as defined in Section 2-204 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma  
4 Statutes, or one of its metabolites or analogs in the person's  
5 blood, saliva, urine or any other bodily fluid at the time of a test  
6 of such person's blood, saliva, urine or any other bodily fluid  
7 administered within two (2) hours after the arrest of such person;

8        4. Is under the influence of any intoxicating substance other  
9 than alcohol which may render such person incapable of safely  
10 driving or operating a motor vehicle; or

11       5. Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any other  
12 intoxicating substance which may render such person incapable of  
13 safely driving or operating a motor vehicle.

14       B. The fact that any person charged with a violation of this  
15 section is or has been lawfully entitled to use alcohol or a  
16 controlled dangerous substance or any other intoxicating substance  
17 shall not constitute a defense against any charge of violating this  
18 section.

19       C. 1. Any person who is convicted of a violation of the  
20 provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor for the  
21 first offense and shall:

22           a. participate in an assessment and evaluation pursuant  
23           to subsection G of this section and shall follow all  
24           recommendations made in the assessment and evaluation,

- 1           b.    be punished by imprisonment in jail for not less than  
2                ten (10) days nor more than one (1) year, ~~and~~  
3           c.    be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars  
4                (\$1,000.00), and  
5           d.    be required to have an ignition interlock device or  
6                devices installed, as provided for in subparagraph n  
7                of paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 991a of  
8                Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for a minimum of  
9                ninety (90) days.

10           2.   Any person who, having been convicted of or having received  
11 deferred judgment for a violation of this section or a violation  
12 pursuant to the provisions of any law of this state or another state  
13 prohibiting the offenses provided in this section, Section 11-904 of  
14 this title or paragraph 4 of subsection A of Section 852.1 of Title  
15 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or having a prior conviction in a  
16 municipal criminal court of record for the violation of a municipal  
17 ordinance prohibiting the offense provided for in this section  
18 commits a subsequent violation of this section within ten (10) years  
19 of the date following the completion of the execution of said  
20 sentence or deferred judgment shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a  
21 felony and shall participate in an assessment and evaluation  
22 pursuant to subsection G of this section and shall be sentenced to:  
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- 1           a.    follow all recommendations made in the assessment and  
2                   evaluation for treatment at the defendant's expense,  
3                   or  
4           b.    placement in the custody of the Department of  
5                   Corrections for not less than one (1) year and not to  
6                   exceed five (5) years and a fine of not more than Two  
7                   Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), or  
8           c.    treatment, imprisonment and a fine within the  
9                   limitations prescribed in subparagraphs a and b of  
10                  this paragraph.

11           However, if the treatment in subsection G of this section does  
12   not include residential or inpatient treatment for a period of not  
13   less than five (5) days, the person shall serve a term of  
14   imprisonment of at least five (5) days.

15           3.   Any person who commits a violation of this section after  
16   having been convicted of a felony offense pursuant to the provisions  
17   of this section or a violation pursuant to the provisions of any law  
18   of this state or another state prohibiting the offenses provided for  
19   in this section, Section 11-904 of this title or paragraph 4 of  
20   subsection A of Section 852.1 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes  
21   shall be guilty of a felony and participate in an assessment and  
22   evaluation pursuant to subsection G of this section and shall be  
23   sentenced to:

- 1           a.    follow all recommendations made in the assessment and  
2                   evaluation for treatment at the defendant's expense,  
3                   two hundred forty (240) hours of community service and  
4                   use of an ignition interlock device, as provided by  
5                   subparagraph n of paragraph 1 of subsection A of  
6                   Section 991a of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or  
7           b.    placement in the custody of the Department of  
8                   Corrections for not less than one (1) year and not to  
9                   exceed ten (10) years and a fine of not more than Five  
10                  Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or  
11           c.    treatment, imprisonment and a fine within the  
12                  limitations prescribed in subparagraphs a and b of  
13                  this paragraph.

14           However, if the treatment in subsection G of this section does  
15           not include residential or inpatient treatment for a period of not  
16           less than ten (10) days, the person shall serve a term of  
17           imprisonment of at least ten (10) days.

18           4.    Any person who commits a violation of this section after  
19           having been twice convicted of a felony offense pursuant to the  
20           provisions of this section or a violation pursuant to the provisions  
21           of any law of this state or another state prohibiting the offenses  
22           provided for in this section, Section 11-904 of this title or  
23           paragraph 4 of subsection A of Section 852.1 of Title 21 of the  
24           Oklahoma Statutes shall be guilty of a felony and participate in an

1 assessment and evaluation pursuant to subsection G of this section  
2 and shall be sentenced to:

- 3 a. follow all recommendations made in the assessment and  
4 evaluation for treatment at the defendant's expense,  
5 followed by not less than one (1) year of supervision  
6 and periodic testing at the defendant's expense, four  
7 hundred eighty (480) hours of community service, and  
8 use of an ignition interlock device, as provided by  
9 subparagraph n of paragraph 1 of subsection A of  
10 Section 991a of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for  
11 a minimum of thirty (30) days, or  
12 b. placement in the custody of the Department of  
13 Corrections for not less than one (1) year and not to  
14 exceed twenty (20) years and a fine of not more than  
15 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or  
16 c. treatment, imprisonment and a fine within the  
17 limitations prescribed in subparagraphs a and b of  
18 this paragraph.

19 However, if the person does not undergo residential or inpatient  
20 treatment pursuant to subsection G of this section the person shall  
21 serve a term of imprisonment of at least ten (10) days.

22 5. Any person who, after a previous conviction of a violation  
23 of murder in the second degree or manslaughter in the first degree  
24 in which the death was caused as a result of driving under the

1 influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substance, is convicted  
2 of a violation of this section shall be guilty of a felony and shall  
3 be punished by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of  
4 Corrections for not less than five (5) years and not to exceed  
5 twenty (20) years, and a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars  
6 (\$10,000.00).

7 6. Provided, however, a conviction from another state shall not  
8 be used to enhance punishment pursuant to the provisions of this  
9 subsection if that conviction is based on a blood or breath alcohol  
10 concentration of less than eight-hundredths (0.08).

11 7. In any case in which a defendant is charged with driving  
12 under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substance  
13 offense within any municipality with a municipal court other than a  
14 court of record, the charge shall be presented to the county's  
15 district attorney and filed with the district court of the county  
16 within which the municipality is located.

17 D. Any person who is convicted of a violation of driving under  
18 the influence with a blood or breath alcohol concentration of  
19 fifteen-hundredths (0.15) or more pursuant to this section shall be  
20 deemed guilty of aggravated driving under the influence. A person  
21 convicted of aggravated driving under the influence shall  
22 participate in an assessment and evaluation pursuant to subsection G  
23 of this section and shall comply with all recommendations for  
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1 treatment. Such person shall be sentenced as provided in paragraph  
2 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 of subsection C of this section and to:

3 1. Not less than one (1) year of supervision and periodic  
4 testing at the defendant's expense; and

5 2. An ignition interlock device or devices, as provided by  
6 subparagraph n of paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 991a of  
7 Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for a minimum of ninety (90)  
8 days.

9 E. When a person is sentenced to imprisonment in the custody of  
10 the Department of Corrections, the person shall be processed through  
11 the Lexington Assessment and Reception Center or at a place  
12 determined by the Director of the Department of Corrections. The  
13 Department of Corrections shall classify and assign the person to  
14 one or more of the following:

15 1. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
16 pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 612 of Title 57  
17 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

18 2. A correctional facility operated by the Department of  
19 Corrections with assignment to substance abuse treatment.

20 Successful completion of a Department-of-Corrections-approved  
21 substance abuse treatment program shall satisfy the recommendation  
22 for a ten-hour or twenty-four-hour alcohol and drug substance abuse  
23 course or treatment program or both. Successful completion of an  
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1 approved Department of Corrections substance abuse treatment program  
2 may precede or follow the required assessment.

3 F. The Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to  
4 reinstate any suspended or revoked driving privilege when the person  
5 meets the statutory requirements which affect the existing driving  
6 privilege.

7 G. Any person who is found guilty of a violation of the  
8 provisions of this section shall be ordered to participate in an  
9 alcohol and drug substance abuse evaluation and assessment program  
10 offered by a certified assessment agency or certified assessor for  
11 the purpose of evaluating and assessing the receptivity to treatment  
12 and prognosis of the person and shall follow all recommendations  
13 made in the assessment and evaluation for treatment. The court  
14 shall order the person to reimburse the agency or assessor for the  
15 evaluation and assessment. Payment shall be remitted by the  
16 defendant or on behalf of the defendant by any third party;  
17 provided, no state-appropriated funds are utilized. The fee for an  
18 evaluation and assessment shall be the amount provided in subsection  
19 C of Section 3-460 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes. The  
20 evaluation and assessment shall be conducted at a certified  
21 assessment agency, the office of a certified assessor or at another  
22 location as ordered by the court. The agency or assessor shall,  
23 within seventy-two (72) hours from the time the person is evaluated  
24 and assessed, submit a written report to the court for the purpose

1 of assisting the court in its sentencing determination. The court  
2 shall, as a condition of any sentence imposed, including deferred  
3 and suspended sentences, require the person to participate in and  
4 successfully complete all recommendations from the evaluation, such  
5 as an alcohol and substance abuse treatment program pursuant to  
6 Section 3-452 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes. If such report  
7 indicates that the evaluation and assessment shows that the  
8 defendant would benefit from a ten-hour or twenty-four-hour alcohol  
9 and drug substance abuse course or a treatment program or both, the  
10 court shall, as a condition of any sentence imposed, including  
11 deferred and suspended sentences, require the person to follow all  
12 recommendations identified by the evaluation and assessment and  
13 ordered by the court. No person, agency or facility operating an  
14 evaluation and assessment program certified by the Department of  
15 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall solicit or refer  
16 any person evaluated and assessed pursuant to this section for any  
17 treatment program or substance abuse service in which such person,  
18 agency or facility has a vested interest; however, this provision  
19 shall not be construed to prohibit the court from ordering  
20 participation in or any person from voluntarily utilizing a  
21 treatment program or substance abuse service offered by such person,  
22 agency or facility. If a person is sentenced to imprisonment in the  
23 custody of the Department of Corrections and the court has received  
24 a written evaluation report pursuant to the provisions of this

1 subsection, the report shall be furnished to the Department of  
2 Corrections with the judgment and sentence. Any evaluation and  
3 assessment report submitted to the court pursuant to the provisions  
4 of this subsection shall be handled in a manner which will keep such  
5 report confidential from the general public's review. Nothing  
6 contained in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the  
7 court from ordering judgment and sentence in the event the defendant  
8 fails or refuses to comply with an order of the court to obtain the  
9 evaluation and assessment required by this subsection. If the  
10 defendant fails or refuses to comply with an order of the court to  
11 obtain the evaluation and assessment, the Department of Public  
12 Safety shall not reinstate driving privileges until the defendant  
13 has complied in full with such order. Nothing contained in this  
14 subsection shall be construed to prohibit the court from ordering  
15 judgment and sentence and any other sanction authorized by law for  
16 failure or refusal to comply with an order of the court.

17 H. Any person who is found guilty of a violation of the  
18 provisions of this section shall be required by the court to attend  
19 a victims impact panel program, as defined in subsection H of  
20 Section 991a of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, if such a program  
21 is offered in the county where the judgment is rendered, and to pay  
22 a fee of Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00), as set by the governing  
23 authority of the program and approved by the court, to the program  
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1 to offset the cost of participation by the defendant, if in the  
2 opinion of the court the defendant has the ability to pay such fee.

3 I. Any person who is found guilty of a felony violation of the  
4 provisions of this section shall be required to submit to electronic  
5 monitoring as authorized and defined by Section 991a of Title 22 of  
6 the Oklahoma Statutes.

7 J. Any person who is found guilty of a violation of the  
8 provisions of this section who has been sentenced by the court to  
9 perform any type of community service shall not be permitted to pay  
10 a fine in lieu of performing the community service.

11 K. When a person is found guilty of a violation of the  
12 provisions of this section, the court shall order, in addition to  
13 any other penalty, the defendant to pay a one-hundred-dollar  
14 assessment to be deposited in the Drug Abuse Education and Treatment  
15 Revolving Fund created in Section 2-503.2 of Title 63 of the  
16 Oklahoma Statutes, upon collection.

17 L. 1. When a person is eighteen (18) years of age or older,  
18 and is the driver, operator, or person in physical control of a  
19 vehicle, and is convicted of violating any provision of this section  
20 while transporting or having in the motor vehicle any child less  
21 than eighteen (18) years of age, the fine shall be enhanced to  
22 double the amount of the fine imposed for the underlying driving  
23 under the influence (DUI) violation which shall be in addition to  
24 any other penalties allowed by this section.

1        2. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the prosecution of  
2 a person pursuant to Section 852.1 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma  
3 Statutes who is in violation of any provision of this section or  
4 Section 11-904 of this title.

5        M. Any plea of guilty, nolo contendere or finding of guilt for  
6 a violation of this section or a violation pursuant to the  
7 provisions of any law of this state or another state prohibiting the  
8 offenses provided for in this section, Section 11-904 of this title,  
9 or paragraph 4 of subsection A of Section 852.1 of Title 21 of the  
10 Oklahoma Statutes, shall constitute a conviction of the offense for  
11 the purpose of this section; provided, any deferred judgment shall  
12 only be considered to constitute a conviction for a period of ten  
13 (10) years following the completion of any court-imposed  
14 probationary term.

15        N. If qualified by knowledge, skill, experience, training or  
16 education, a witness shall be allowed to testify in the form of an  
17 opinion or otherwise solely on the issue of impairment, but not on  
18 the issue of specific alcohol concentration level, relating to the  
19 following:

20        1. The results of any standardized field sobriety test  
21 including, but not limited to, the horizontal gaze nystagmus (HGN)  
22 test administered by a person who has completed training in  
23 standardized field sobriety testing; or  
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1        2. Whether a person was under the influence of one or more  
2 impairing substances and the category of such impairing substance or  
3 substances. A witness who has received training and holds a current  
4 certification as a drug recognition expert shall be qualified to  
5 give the testimony in any case in which such testimony may be  
6 relevant.

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

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