

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1109

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AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

Section 34-106. The State of Oklahoma hereby declares and states that the increased number of persons impersonating law enforcement officers by making routine traffic stops while using unmarked cars is a threat to the public health and safety of all the citizens of the State of Oklahoma; therefore it shall be unlawful for any municipal police department to use any vehicle which is not 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;  
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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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