

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 445

By: Hicks

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An Act relating to motor vehicles; directing law enforcement officers to have certain vehicles inspected; requiring certain repair; providing for penalties; authorizing certain rule promulgation; allowing the Commissioner of Public Safety to enact standard for repairs; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 862 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Commissioner of Public Safety, members of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, and such other officers and employees of the Department of Public Safety as the Commissioner may designate, and any sheriff, duly appointed deputy sheriff, and police officers of regularly constituted police departments, may at any time upon observation that a vehicle is unsafe or not equipped as required by law, or that its equipment is not in proper adjustment or repair,

1 require the driver of such vehicle to stop and submit such vehicle  
2 to an inspection as may be appropriate.

3 B. In the event such vehicle is found to be in an unsafe  
4 condition, or any required part or equipment is not present or is  
5 not in proper repair and adjustment, the officer shall give a  
6 written notice to the driver and shall send a copy thereof to the  
7 Department of Public Safety. The notice shall require that such  
8 vehicle be placed in safe condition and its equipment in proper  
9 repair and adjustment, specifying the particulars with reference  
10 thereto and that a certificate of inspection and approval must be  
11 obtained within thirty (30) calendar days.

12 C. Any person who fails to provide the Department of Public  
13 Safety with the certification of inspection and approval as provided  
14 in subsection B of this section, shall be subject to a fine not more  
15 than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense. Second or  
16 subsequent offenses for the same vehicle shall be subject to a fine  
17 not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

18 D. The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to  
19 promulgate rules to effectuate the provisions of this section.

20 E. The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to enact a  
21 standard for vehicle repairs.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.  
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