

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 562

By: Alvord of the Senate

and

Miller and Ford of the
House

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An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending
21 O.S. 2021, Sections 1902 and 1903, which relate to
the Bus Passenger Safety Act; modifying scope of
certain definitions; adding definition; expanding
scope of unlawful acts; updating statutory language
and references; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1902, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 1902. As used in the Bus Passenger Safety Act:

1. "Bus" means a vehicle designed to carry passengers that is
part of a network of passenger vehicles for use by the public,
running on a regular schedule of routes, times, and fares;

2. "Bus transportation company" or "company" means any person
or governmental entity providing for-hire transport to passengers or

1 cargo by ~~bus~~ rolling stock transit vehicles upon the roads, streets,
2 highways, public or dedicated rights-of-way, and turnpikes of this
3 state;

4 3. "Deadly or dangerous weapon" includes all weapons listed in
5 Section 1287 of this title, and any other weapon capable of
6 inflicting serious bodily injury, except for a weapon carried for
7 lawful self-defense in compliance under the Oklahoma ~~Self-Defense~~
8 Self-Defense Act;

9 4. "Passenger" means any person served by the bus
10 transportation company; ~~and~~

11 5. "Rolling stock transit vehicles" include buses, vans, cars,
12 railcars, locomotives, trolley cars, ferry boats, and vehicles used
13 for transporting the public; and

14 6. "Terminal" means a bus station, stop, platform, or depot or
15 any facility operated or leased by or operated on behalf of a bus
16 transportation company. This term shall include a reasonable area
17 immediately adjacent to any designated stop along the route traveled
18 by any ~~bus~~ rolling stock transit vehicle operated by a bus
19 transportation company and parking lots or parking areas adjacent to
20 a terminal.

21 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1903, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 1903. A. No person shall by force or violence, or
24 threat of force or violence, seize or exercise control of any ~~bus~~

1 rolling stock transit vehicle. Any person violating this subsection
2 shall be guilty of a felony and shall, upon conviction, be punished
3 by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for
4 not more than twenty (20) years, or by a fine ~~of~~ not more than
5 Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), or by both such fine and
6 imprisonment.

7 B. ~~In addition, no~~ No person shall intimidate, threaten,
8 assault, or batter any driver, attendant, guard, or passenger of any
9 ~~bus with intent to violate subsection A of this section~~ rolling
10 stock transit vehicle or cause disruption to the provided service or
11 cause harm to any person. Any person violating this subsection
12 shall be guilty of a felony and shall, upon conviction, be punished
13 by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for
14 not more than ten (10) years, ~~or~~ by a fine ~~of~~ not more than Five
15 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

16 C. ~~In addition, any~~ Any person violating subsection A or B of
17 this section using a dangerous or deadly weapon shall be guilty of a
18 felony, and shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment in
19 the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than
20 twenty (20) years, ~~or~~ by a fine ~~of~~ not more than Twenty Thousand
21 Dollars (\$20,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

22 D. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm
23 into or within any ~~bus~~ rolling stock transit vehicle, terminal, or
24 other transportation facility, unless such action is determined to

1 have been in defensive force resulting from reasonable fear of
2 imminent peril of death or great bodily harm to himself or herself
3 or another. Such person shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a
4 felony punishable by a fine ~~of~~ not more than Five Thousand Dollars
5 (\$5,000.00) ~~or~~, by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of
6 Corrections for not more than five (5) years, or by both such fine
7 and imprisonment.

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

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