

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

POLICY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION

FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 562

By: Alvord of the Senate

and

Miller and Ford of the  
House

POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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  
cargo by ~~bus~~ rolling stock transit vehicles upon the roads, streets,

1 highways, public or dedicated rights-of-way, and turnpikes of this  
2 state;

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

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

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

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

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

22 Section 1903. A. No person shall by force or violence, or  
23 threat of force or violence, seize or exercise control of any ~~bus~~  
24 rolling stock transit vehicle. Any person violating this subsection

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

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

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

21 D. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm  
22 into or within any ~~bus~~ rolling stock transit vehicle, terminal, or  
23 other transportation facility, unless such action is determined to  
24 have been in defensive force resulting from reasonable fear of

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

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

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