

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 562

By: Alvord of the Senate

and

Miller and Ford of the
House

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.

SUBJECT: Bus Passenger Safety Act

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

3. "Deadly or dangerous weapon" includes all weapons listed in Section 1287 of this title, and any other weapon capable of inflicting serious bodily injury, except for a weapon carried for

lawful self-defense in compliance under the Oklahoma ~~Self-Defense~~
Self-Defense Act;

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

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

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

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

Section 1903. A. No person shall by force or violence, or threat of force or violence, seize or exercise control of any ~~bus~~ rolling stock transit vehicle. Any person violating this subsection shall be guilty of a felony and shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than twenty (20) years, or by a fine ~~of~~ not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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

C. ~~In addition, any~~ Any person violating subsection A or B of this section using a dangerous or deadly weapon shall be guilty of a

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

D. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm into or within any ~~bus~~ rolling stock transit vehicle, terminal, or other transportation facility, unless such action is determined to have been in defensive force resulting from reasonable fear of imminent peril of death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another. Such person shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony punishable by a fine ~~of~~ not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) ~~or~~, by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than five (5) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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

Passed the Senate the 15th day of May, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 6th day of May, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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