

# An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1597

By: George and Wolfley of the  
House

and

Weaver of the Senate

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; defining terms; making certain acts unlawful; providing penalties; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Crimes and punishments

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 540D of Title 21, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1. "First responder" shall include a peace officer as defined in Section 99 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, a correctional or probation and parole officer, and an emergency medical technician or emergency medical care provider; and

2. "Harass" means to willfully engage in a course of conduct directed at a first responder which intentionally distracts the first responder from performing his or her official duties and serves no legitimate purpose.

B. It shall be unlawful for a person, after receiving a verbal warning not to approach from a person he or she knows or reasonably should know is a first responder, who is engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty, to knowingly and willfully violate such warning and approach or remain within twenty-five (25) feet of the first responder with the intent to:

1. Impede or interfere with the ability of the first responder to perform such duty;

2. Threaten the first responder with physical harm; or

3. Harass the first responder.

C. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed one (1) year, or by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of March, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 7th day of May, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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