

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 158 creates the Oklahoma Emergency Weather Response and Tracking Regulatory Act of 2025. The measure authorizes certain media outlets and institutions of higher learning to employ up to 5 professional severe weather trackers. Such an entity shall issue specific identification for such personnel, maintain a list of trackers hired by the entity, and maintain liability insurance worth at least \$1 million. Trackers shall be required to complete an emergency driving course administered by a law enforcement entity. Vehicles used for storm tracking shall display markings clearly identifying such vehicle as being utilized for severe weather tracking and identifying the employing entity. Such vehicles shall be authorized to disregard regulations governing direction of movement and turning during a severe weather event. Professional trackers found to be in violation of the provisions of this measure shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

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