

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3374

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1217, as amended by Section 119, Chapter 486, O.S.L. 2025 (21 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1217), which relates to interfering, molesting, or assaulting firemen; expanding scope of crime to include obstruction of duties and emergency medical responders; making certain acts unlawful; providing penalties; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Section 701.12, which relates to aggravating circumstances in death penalty cases; modifying list to include firefighters and emergency medical responders; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1217, as amended by Section 119, Chapter 486, O.S.L. 2025 (21 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1217), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1217. Any person or persons acting in concert with each other who knowingly and willfully ~~interfere~~ interferes with, ~~molest~~ molests, obstructs, or ~~assault firemen~~ assaults any firefighter or emergency medical responder in the performance of ~~their~~ his or her official duties, or who knowingly and willfully ~~obstruct~~ obstructs, ~~interfere~~ interferes with, or ~~impede~~ impedes the progress of ~~firemen~~

1 of such personnel to reach the destination of a fire an emergency,
2 shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of a Class B4 felony
3 offense and shall be punished therefor by imprisonment in the State
4 Penitentiary custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of
5 not exceeding less than two (2) years nor more than ten (10) years
6 nor less than two (2) years.

7 B. Any person who knowingly and willfully commits an aggravated
8 assault or battery upon a firefighter or emergency medical responder
9 engaged in the performance of his or her official duties and thereby
10 causes serious bodily injury, as defined in Section 646 of this
11 title, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony punishable by
12 imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a
13 term of not more than life.

14 C. Any person who knowingly and willfully causes the death of a
15 firefighter or emergency medical responder engaged in the
16 performance of his or her official duties shall, upon conviction, be
17 guilty of murder in the first degree, as provided in Section 701.7
18 of this title, and such murder shall constitute an aggravating
19 circumstance pursuant to the provisions of Section 701.12 of this
20 title for purposes of sentencing.

21 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 701.12, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 701.12. Aggravating circumstances shall be:
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1 1. The defendant was previously convicted of a felony involving
2 the use or threat of violence to the person;

3 2. The defendant knowingly created a great risk of death to
4 more than one person;

5 3. The person committed the murder for remuneration or the
6 promise of remuneration or employed another to commit the murder for
7 remuneration or the promise of remuneration;

8 4. The murder was especially heinous, atrocious, or cruel;

9 5. The murder was committed for the purpose of avoiding or
10 preventing a lawful arrest or prosecution;

11 6. The murder was committed by a person while serving a
12 sentence of imprisonment on conviction of a felony;

13 7. The existence of a probability that the defendant would
14 commit criminal acts of violence that would constitute a continuing
15 threat to society; or

16 8. The victim of the murder was a peace officer as defined by
17 Section 99 of this title, ~~or~~ a correctional employee of an
18 institution under the control of the Department of Corrections, a
19 firefighter, or an emergency medical responder, and such person was
20 killed while in the performance of his or her official ~~duty~~ duties.

21 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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