

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 HOUSE BILL 4107

By: Ford

6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to outdoor warning sirens; defining  
8 terms; providing for offense; providing penalties;  
9 providing exemptions; providing for codification; and  
10 providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1796 of Title 21, unless there  
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. As used in this section:

17 1. "Authorized person" means an individual acting within the  
18 scope of his or her official duties who has received express  
19 authorization from a city, county, or state emergency management  
20 agency, law enforcement agency, or other appropriate governmental  
21 authority to operate, test, or maintain an outdoor warning siren;  
22 and

23 2. "Outdoor warning siren" means any audible emergency warning  
24 device operated or maintained by a governmental entity or emergency

1 management agency for the purpose of alerting the public to  
2 emergency conditions, including but not limited to, tornadoes,  
3 severe weather, hazardous material releases, or civil emergencies.

4 B. It shall be unlawful for any person to:

5 1. Willfully or knowingly activate, attempt to activate, or  
6 cause to be activated an outdoor warning siren without proper  
7 authorization; and

8 2. Tamper with, alter, damage, disable, or interfere with any  
9 component of an outdoor warning siren system, including but not  
10 limited to wiring, activation controls, or communication systems,  
11 with the intent to cause unauthorized activation or to impair the  
12 system's function.

13 C. Any person convicted of violating this section shall be  
14 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed One  
15 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), imprisonment in the county jail for a  
16 term not to exceed one (1) year, or by both such fine and  
17 imprisonment.

18 D. If the unauthorized activation causes a false emergency  
19 response or public panic, the offense shall be classified as a  
20 felony, punishable by a fine not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars  
21 (\$5,000.00), or by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of  
22 Corrections for a term not to exceed five (5) years, or by both such  
23 fine and imprisonment.

24 E. This section shall not apply to:

1        1. Employees, agents, or contractors of a governmental entity  
2 or emergency management authority within the scope of his or her  
3 official duties; or

4        2. Any person conducting routine testing or maintenance of  
5 outdoor warning sirens under the supervision or written authority of  
6 the jurisdiction responsible for the system.

7        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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