

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 4484

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 156.1, as last amended by Section 55, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2024 (47 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 156.1), which relates to the use of state-owned or state-leased motor vehicles; authorizing certain employees of the Corporation Commission to drive certain vehicles; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 156.1, as last amended by Section 55, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2024 (47 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 156.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 156.1. A. It shall be unlawful for any state official, officer or employee, except any essential employees approved by the Governor and those officers or employees authorized in subsection B of this section, to ride to or from the place of residence of the employee in a state-owned or state-leased automobile, truck or pickup, except in the performance of the official duty of the employee, or to use or permit the use of any such automobile, truck, ambulance or pickup for other personal or private purposes. Any

1 person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall  
2 be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not  
3 more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment in the  
4 county jail for a period to not exceed thirty (30) days, or by both  
5 said fine and imprisonment, and in addition thereto, shall be  
6 discharged from state employment.

7       B. 1. Any state employee, other than the individuals provided  
8 for in paragraph 2 of this subsection and any employee of the  
9 Department of Public Safety who is a wrecker inspector or auditor of  
10 the Wrecker Services Division as provided for in paragraph 3 of this  
11 subsection, who receives emergency telephone calls regularly at the  
12 residence of the employee when the employee is not on duty and is  
13 regularly called upon to use a vehicle after normal work hours in  
14 response to such emergency calls, may be permitted to use a vehicle  
15 belonging to the state to provide transportation between the  
16 residence of the employee and the assigned place of employment,  
17 provided such distance does not exceed seventy-five (75) miles in  
18 any round trip or is within the county where the assigned place of  
19 employment is located. Provided further, an employee may be  
20 permitted to use a state-owned or state-leased vehicle to provide  
21 temporary transportation between a specific work location other than  
22 the assigned place of employment and the residence of the employee,  
23 if such use shall result in a monetary saving to the agency, and  
24 such authorization shall not be subject to the distance or area

1 restrictions provided for in this paragraph. Authorization for  
2 temporary use of a state-owned or state-leased vehicle for a  
3 specific project shall be in writing stating the justification for  
4 this use and the saving expected to result. Such authorization  
5 shall be valid for not to exceed sixty (60) days. Any state entity  
6 other than law enforcement that avails itself of this provision  
7 shall keep a monthly record of all participating employees, the  
8 number of emergency calls received and the number of times that a  
9 state vehicle was used in the performance of such emergency calls.

10 2. Any employee of the Department of Public Safety, Oklahoma  
11 Department of Corrections, Office of the Attorney General, Oklahoma  
12 State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, Oklahoma  
13 State Bureau of Investigation, Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement  
14 Commission, Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission, Oklahoma Department of  
15 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, Office of the Inspector General  
16 within the Department of Human Services or Office of the State Fire  
17 Marshal, who is a law enforcement officer or criminalist, Public  
18 Information officer, Special Investigator or Assistant Director of  
19 the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the Executive Director  
20 of CLEET, CLEET-certified Investigator for a state board or any  
21 employee of a district attorney who is a law enforcement officer,  
22 may be permitted to use a state-owned or state-leased vehicle to  
23 provide transportation between the residence of the employee and the  
24 assigned place of employment and between the residence and any

1 location other than the assigned place of employment to which the  
2 employee travels in the performance of the official duty of the  
3 employee.

4 3. Any employee of the Department of Public Safety who is a  
5 wrecker inspector or auditor of the Wrecker Services Division, or a  
6 noncommissioned pilot, may be permitted, as determined by the  
7 Commissioner, to use a state-owned or state-leased vehicle to  
8 provide transportation between the residence of the employee and the  
9 assigned place of employment and between the residence and any  
10 location other than the assigned place of employment to which the  
11 employee travels in the performance of the official duty of the  
12 employee.

13 4. The Director, department heads and other essential employees  
14 of the Department of Wildlife Conservation, as authorized by the  
15 Wildlife Conservation Commission, may be permitted to use a state-  
16 owned or state-leased vehicle to provide transportation between the  
17 residence of the employee and the assigned place of employment and  
18 between the residence and any location other than the assigned place  
19 of employment to which the employee travels in the performance of  
20 the official duty of the employee.

21 5. The Director, department heads, emergency responders and  
22 other essential employees of the Department of Corrections, as  
23 authorized by the Director, may be permitted to use a state-owned or  
24 state-leased vehicle to provide transportation between the residence

1 of the employee and the assigned place of employment and between the  
2 residence and any location other than the assigned place of  
3 employment to which the employee travels in the performance of the  
4 official duty of the employee.

5 6. Designated Examiner Auditors, Designated Examiner  
6 Supervisors, Commercial Driver License Examiners, Commercial Driver  
7 License Auditors, Commercial Driver License Supervisors, and Driver  
8 License Supervisors, as an employee of Service Oklahoma, may be  
9 permitted, as determined by the Director of Service Oklahoma, to use  
10 a state-owned or state-leased vehicle to provide transportation  
11 between the residence of the employee and the assigned place of  
12 employment and between the residence and any location other than the  
13 assigned place.

14 7. The Attorney General, division heads, emergency responders,  
15 agents, assistant attorneys general, and other essential employees  
16 of the Office of the Attorney General, as authorized by the Attorney  
17 General, may be permitted to use a state-owned or state-leased  
18 vehicle to provide transportation between the residence of the  
19 employee and the assigned place of employment and between the  
20 residence and any location other than the assigned place of  
21 employment to which the employee travels in the performance of the  
22 official duty of the employee.

23 8. The Corporation Commissioners, division heads, emergency  
24 responders, and field inspectors working assigned areas and not

1 stationed at a central office, as authorized by the Corporation  
2 Commission, may be permitted to use a state-owned or state-leased  
3 vehicle to provide transportation between the residence of the  
4 employee and the assigned place of employment and between the  
5 residence and any location other than the assigned place of  
6 employment to which the employee travels in the performance of the  
7 official duty of the employee.

8 C. The principal administrator of the state agency with which  
9 the employee is employed shall so designate the status of the  
10 employee in writing or provide a copy of the temporary authorization  
11 to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State  
12 Senate and the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.  
13 Such employee status report shall also be provided to the State  
14 Fleet Manager of the Division of Fleet Management if the motor  
15 vehicle for emergency use is provided by said Division.

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