

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 4484

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.
8 2021, Section 156.1, as last amended by Section 55,
9 Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2024 (47 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section
10 156.1), 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.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 156.1, as

15 last amended by Section 55, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2024 (47 O.S. Supp.
16 2025, Section 156.1), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 156.1. A. It shall be unlawful for any state official,
18 officer or employee, except any essential employees approved by the
19 Governor and those officers or employees authorized in subsection B
20 of this section, to ride to or from the place of residence of the
21 employee in a state-owned or state-leased automobile, truck or
22 pickup, except in the performance of the official duty of the
23 employee, or to use or permit the use of any such automobile, truck,
24 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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