

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2453

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.
8 2011, Section 11-1208, which relates to overtaking
9 bicycles; clarifying manner by which motor vehicles
10 may overtake and pass cyclists; modifying penalties;
11 defining term; allowing prosecution in addition to
12 other chargeable offenses; and providing an effective
13 date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-1208, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 11-1208. A. When overtaking and passing a bicycle
18 proceeding in the same direction, a person driving a motor vehicle
19 shall exercise due care ~~by leaving a safe distance between the motor
20 vehicle and the bicycle of not~~ and:

21 1. If there is more than one lane for traffic proceeding in the
22 same direction, a motorist passing a cyclist shall move the vehicle
23 to the lane to the immediate left if the lane is available and
24 moving into the lane is reasonably safe, and the motorist shall not

1 move back into the travel lane until the vehicle is safely clear of
2 the overtaken person operating a bicycle;

3 2. If there is only one lane for traffic proceeding in the same
4 direction, shall not overtake or pass a bicycle at a distance of
5 less than three (3) feet ~~until~~ between any part of the motor vehicle
6 is safely past the overtaken and any part of the bicycle or its
7 operator, and shall not move again to the right side of the highway
8 until the vehicle is safely clear of the overtaken person operating
9 a bicycle; or

10 3. May drive to the left of the center of the roadway,
11 including when a no-passing zone is marked as defined in Section 11-
12 307 of this title, to pass a person operating a bicycle only if the
13 roadway to the left of the center is unobstructed for a sufficient
14 distance to permit the driver to pass the person operating the
15 bicycle safely and avoid interference with oncoming traffic. The
16 provisions of this paragraph do not authorize driving on the left
17 side of the center of the roadway when prohibited under Section 11-
18 303, 11-305 or 11-306 of this title.

19 B. ~~If a~~ Any person who violates the provisions of subsection A
20 of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor
21 punishable by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).
22 Any second or subsequent conviction shall be a misdemeanor
23 punishable by a term of imprisonment in the county jail for a term
24 not to exceed thirty (30) days, or a fine of not less than One

1 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars
2 (\$500.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

3 C. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection A of
4 this section and the violation results in a ~~collision~~ an accident
5 causing ~~serious physical~~ personal injury to another person shall,
6 ~~the person shall be subject to~~ upon conviction, be guilty of a
7 misdemeanor punishable by a term of imprisonment in the county jail
8 for a term not to exceed six (6) months, or a fine of not more than
9 ~~Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or~~
10 by both such fine and imprisonment.

11 ~~C. If a~~ D. 1. Any person who violates the provisions of
12 subsection A of this section and the violation results in an
13 accident causing great bodily injury to another person shall, upon
14 conviction, be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in the
15 custody of the Department of Corrections for a term not to exceed
16 one (1) year, or by a fine of not more than Three Thousand Dollars
17 (\$3,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

18 2. As used in this subsection, "great bodily injury" means
19 bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which
20 causes serious, permanent disfigurement or protracted loss or
21 impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ.

22 E. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection A of
23 this section and the violation results in the death of another
24 person, ~~the person~~ shall, upon conviction, be subject to guilty of a

1 felony punishable by imprisonment in the custody of the Department
2 of Corrections for a term not to exceed three (3) years, or by a
3 fine of not more than ~~One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ Five Thousand
4 Dollars (\$5,000.00), in addition to any other penalties prescribed
5 by law or by both such fine and imprisonment.

6 F. A person may be charged under the provisions of this section
7 in addition to any other chargeable offense allowed by law.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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