

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3030

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.
8 2011, Section 11-606, which relates to arm and hand
9 signals; allowing bicyclists to make certain signals;
10 amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 12-401, which relates
11 to horn and warning devices; prohibiting certain uses
12 of motor vehicle horns; 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 11-606, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 11-606. All signals herein required given by hand and
18 arm shall be given from the left side of the vehicle in the
19 following manner and such signals shall indicate as follows:

20 1. Left turn. Hand and arm extended horizontally.

21 2. Right turn. Hand and arm extended upward. A person
22 operating a bicycle may extend right hand and arm horizontally to
23 his or her right.

24 3. Stop or decrease speed. Hand and arm extended downward.

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 12-401, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 12-401. A. Every motor vehicle when operated upon a
4 highway shall be equipped with a horn in good working order and
5 capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a
6 distance of not less than two hundred (200) feet, but no horn or
7 other warning device shall emit an unreasonably loud or harsh sound.
8 The driver of a motor vehicle shall, when reasonably necessary to
9 ~~insure~~ ensure safe operation, give audible warning with a horn but
10 shall not otherwise use such horn when upon a highway. No driver of
11 any vehicle shall use a horn when passing a bicycle or an animal-
12 drawn vehicle under normal conditions if no imminent danger of a
13 collision exists.

14 B. No vehicle shall be equipped with nor shall any person use
15 upon a vehicle any siren, except as otherwise permitted in
16 subsection D of this section.

17 C. Any vehicle may be equipped with a theft alarm signal device
18 which is so arranged that it cannot be used by the driver as an
19 ordinary warning signal. A theft alarm signal device shall not use
20 a siren, as described in subsection D of this section.

21 D. Every authorized emergency vehicle shall, in addition to any
22 other equipment and distinctive markings required by this title, be
23 equipped with a siren, or similar device, capable of emitting sound
24 audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than

1 five hundred (500) feet and of a type approved by the Department of
2 Public Safety, but such siren shall not be used except when such
3 vehicle is operated in response to an emergency call or in the
4 immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, in
5 which said latter events the driver of such vehicle shall sound said
6 siren when reasonably necessary to warn pedestrians and other
7 drivers of the approach thereof.

8 E. It shall be unlawful for any person to use a device capable
9 of producing auditory warning signals similar to that on an
10 authorized emergency vehicle or to use audible signal equipment from
11 a motor vehicle for the purpose of causing any other motor vehicle
12 operator to yield right-of-way and stop, or which actually causes
13 any other motor vehicle operator to yield the right-of-way and stop,
14 whether intended or not. The provisions of this subsection shall
15 not apply to the operators of authorized emergency vehicles.

16 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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