

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1426 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Amendment submitted by: David Smith

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 PROPOSED POLICY
4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1426

By: Smith

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8 PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to firefighters; amending 47 O.S.
10 2021, Section 11-1401, which relates to unlawful acts
11 on a turnpike and exemptions; modifying exemptions to
include rural firefighters; and providing an
effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 11-1401, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 11-1401. A. It shall be unlawful for any person to
18 enter that part of a turnpike enclosed by fence except in a vehicle
19 at authorized entrances.

20 B. It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to fail
21 to pay the toll as prescribed by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.

22 C. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle on
23 a turnpike with knowledge that the registered owner of the vehicle
24 is liable for any outstanding toll evasion violations issued

1 pursuant to paragraph 7 of subsection B of Section 11-1401.2 of this
2 title.

3 D. It shall be unlawful for any person to cross a turnpike
4 except at grade separations provided for cross traffic or through
5 drainage structures under the turnpike.

6 E. It shall be unlawful for any person to travel a turnpike on
7 foot except to leave or service a disabled vehicle, or for any
8 person to hitchhike on a turnpike.

9 F. It shall be unlawful for any person to tear down, damage or
10 remove any turnpike fence.

11 G. It shall be unlawful to drive, operate or ride any bicycle
12 or other man-powered vehicle or means of transportation on a
13 turnpike. The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority may prohibit any light,
14 mechanically powered vehicle from entering the turnpike, or any
15 other vehicle it determines would be injurious to the turnpike
16 surfacing or would be a traffic hazard.

17 H. When any section of highway has been closed to traffic by
18 the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority and traffic-control devices or
19 barricades have been erected, it shall be unlawful for any person to
20 drive any vehicle through, under, over, or around the traffic-
21 control devices or barricades, or otherwise to enter the closed
22 area.

23 I. Subsections A through H of this section shall not apply to:
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1 1. Officers, employees, agents or contractors of the Oklahoma
2 Turnpike Authority in performance of their duties;

3 2. Commissioned officers of the Department of Public Safety;

4 3. Emergency vehicle operators at the request of the Department
5 of Public Safety;

6 4. Rural Firefighters in official emergency vehicles in the
7 performance of their duties; or

8 ~~4.~~ 5. Agents, employees or contractors of public utilities
9 while actually engaged in work in furtherance of construction,
10 maintenance or repair of such public utilities located on, above or
11 below a turnpike.

12 J. It shall be unlawful for any vehicle, except:

13 1. Authorized emergency vehicles;

14 2. Vehicles owned by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, its
15 agents or contractors;

16 3. Vehicles owned by public utilities, their agents, employees
17 or contractors, while actually engaged in construction, maintenance
18 or repair of such public utilities; and

19 4. Wrecker vehicles while performing services at the request of
20 the Department of Public Safety,

21 to cross the center dividing strip of a turnpike, or to travel on
22 any lane of a turnpike in a direction contrary to the direction of
23 traffic on such lane.

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1 K. All vehicles traveling on a turnpike shall comply at all
2 times with signs placed on the turnpike regulating traffic thereon.

3 L. No vehicle shall move from one lane to another unless the
4 way is clear to do so and upon proper signaling.

5 M. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall,
6 upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as
7 provided in Section 17-101 of this title.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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