

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 397

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Bus Passenger Safety Act,
8 amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1902, which relates to
9 definitions regarding public bus transportation;
10 modifying definitions; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section
11 1903, which relates to unlawful acts; removing
12 certain prohibitions; making exception; amending 21
13 O.S. 2011, Section 1904, which relates to
14 unauthorized removal on public bus transportation;
15 clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1902, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 1902. As used in ~~this act~~ the Bus Passenger Safety Act:

1. "Bus" ~~shall be defined as provided in Section 1-105 of Title~~
47 means a vehicle designed to carry passengers that is part of a
network of passenger vehicles for use by the public, running on a
regular schedule of routes, times and fares;

2. "Bus transportation company" or "company" means any person
or governmental entity providing for-hire transport to passengers or

1 cargo by bus upon the roads, streets, highways and turnpikes of this
2 state, ~~whether in interstate or intrastate travel;~~

3 3. "Deadly or dangerous weapon" includes all weapons listed in
4 ~~Sections~~ Section 1287 and ~~1289.3 through 1289.5~~ of this title, and
5 any other weapon capable of inflicting serious bodily injury, except
6 for a weapon carried for lawful self-defense in compliance under the
7 Oklahoma Self Defense Act;

8 4. "Passenger" means any person served by the bus
9 transportation company ~~and in addition to the ordinary meaning of~~
10 ~~passenger, the term shall include persons accompanying or meeting~~
11 ~~another who is transported by this company, any person shipping or~~
12 ~~receiving cargo and any person purchasing a ticket or receiving a~~
13 ~~pass;~~ and

14 5. "Terminal" means a bus station or depot or any facility
15 operated or leased by or operated on behalf of a bus transportation
16 company. This term shall include a reasonable area immediately
17 adjacent to any designated stop along the route traveled by any
18 ~~each~~ bus operated by a bus transportation company and parking lots
19 or parking areas adjacent to a terminal.

20 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1903, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 1903. A. No person shall by force or violence, or
23 threat of force or violence, seize or exercise control of any bus.
24 Any person violating this subsection shall be guilty of a felony~~7~~

1 and shall, upon conviction, be ~~imprisoned~~ punished by imprisonment
2 in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than
3 twenty (20) years, or ~~fined~~ by a fine of not more than Twenty
4 Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), or by both such fine and
5 imprisonment.

6 B. In addition, no person shall intimidate, threaten, assault
7 or batter any driver, attendant, guard or passenger of any bus with
8 intent to violate subsection A of this section. Any person
9 violating this subsection shall be guilty of a felony, and shall,
10 upon conviction, be ~~imprisoned~~ punished by imprisonment in the
11 custody of the Department for not more than ten (10) years, or ~~fined~~
12 by a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by
13 both such fine and imprisonment.

14 C. In addition, any person violating subsection A or B of this
15 section using a dangerous or deadly weapon shall be guilty of a
16 felony, and shall, upon conviction, be ~~imprisoned~~ punished by
17 imprisonment in the custody of the Department for not more than
18 twenty (20) years, or ~~fined~~ by a fine of not more than Twenty
19 Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), or by both such fine and
20 imprisonment.

21 ~~D. No person, other than an authorized law enforcement officer,~~
22 ~~shall board a bus with a dangerous or deadly weapon concealed upon~~
23 ~~or about his person. Upon the discovery of any such item or~~
24 ~~material, the company may obtain possession and retain custody of~~

1 ~~such item or material until it is transferred to the custody of law~~
2 ~~enforcement officers. Any person convicted of violating this~~
3 ~~subsection shall be guilty of a felony, and shall, upon conviction,~~
4 ~~be imprisoned for not more than ten (10) years, or fined not more~~
5 ~~than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.~~

6 E. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm
7 or hurl or place in the path any missile at, into or within any bus,
8 terminal or other transportation facility, unless such action is
9 determined to have been in defensive force resulting from reasonable
10 fear of imminent peril of death or great bodily harm to himself or
11 herself or another. Such person shall, upon conviction, be guilty
12 of a felony punishable by a fine of not more than Five Thousand
13 Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by imprisonment for not more than five (5)
14 years, or both.

15 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1904, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1904. It shall be unlawful to remove any baggage, cargo
18 or other item transported upon a bus or stored in a terminal without
19 consent of the owner of such property or the company, or its duly
20 authorized representative. Any person violating this section shall
21 be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a
22 fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or
23 imprisoned by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of
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1 Corrections for not more than five (5) years, or by both such fine
2 and imprisonment.

3 The actual value of an item removed in violation of this section
4 shall not be material to the crime herein defined.

5 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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