An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 372

By: Paddack and Pittman of the Senate

and

Peterson of the House

An Act relating to driver licenses; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 6-303, which relates to penalties for driving without a license; authorizing certain allowances; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Driver license motorcycle endorsement

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 6-303, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-303. A. No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon the public roads, streets, highways, turnpikes or other public place of this state without having a valid driver license for the class of vehicle being operated from the Department of Public Safety, except as herein specifically exempted.

Any violation of the provisions of this subsection shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars ($50.00) nor more than Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00) plus costs or by imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Any person charged with violating this section who produces in court, on or before the court date, a renewal or replacement driver license issued to him or her shall be entitled to dismissal of such charge without payment of court costs and fine.

B. Any person who drives a motor vehicle on any public roads, streets, highways, turnpikes or other public place of this state at a time when the person's privilege to do so is canceled, denied, suspended or revoked or at a time when the person is disqualified from so doing shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine:

1. For a first conviction, of not less than One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) and not more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00);

2. For a second conviction, of not less than Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00) and not more than Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars ($750.00); or

3. For a third and subsequent conviction, of not less than Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00) and not more than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00), or by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each act of driving on the highways as prohibited shall constitute a separate offense.

C. Any person who drives a motor vehicle on any public roads, streets, highways, turnpikes or other public roads of this state at a time when the driving privilege of that person is canceled, denied, suspended or revoked, pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 6-205.1 of this title, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine:

1. For a first conviction, of not less than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) and not more than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00);

2. For a second conviction, of not less than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) and not more than Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00); or

3. For a third and subsequent conviction, of not less than Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00) and not more than Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00),

or by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each act of driving on the highways as prohibited shall constitute a separate offense.

D. The Department, upon receiving a record of conviction of an offense committed by any person whose license or privilege to operate motor vehicles is under suspension or revocation, shall extend the period of such suspension or revocation for an additional three-month period of time. The additional orders of suspension or revocation shall be dated and become effective the day following the date terminating the prior order of suspension or revocation.

E. The Department, upon receiving a record of conviction of an offense committed by any person whose license or privilege to operate motor vehicles is under revocation, pursuant to paragraph 1, 2, or 3 of subsection A of Section 6-205.1 of this title, shall extend the period of such revocation for an additional four-month period of time. The additional orders of revocation shall be dated and become effective the day following the date terminating the prior order of revocation.

F. The Department, upon receiving a record of conviction for a person convicted of an offense specified in Section ~~3 of this act~~ 11-905 of this title, shall extend the period of such suspension, revocation or denial of driving privilege for an additional twelve-month period of time. The additional orders of suspension, revocation or denial of driving privilege shall be dated and become effective the day following the date terminating the prior order of suspension, revocation or denial of driving privilege.

G. It shall be a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not less than seven (7) days nor more than six (6) months, or by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment, for any person to apply for a renewal or a replacement license to operate a motor vehicle while the person's license, permit or other evidence of driving privilege is in the custody of a law enforcement officer or the Department. A notice regarding this offense and the penalty therefor shall be included on the same form containing the notice of revocation issued by the officer.

H. Any fine collected pursuant to a second or subsequent conviction, as provided in subsections B and C of this section, shall be deposited to the Trauma Care Assistance Revolving Fund created in Section 1-2530.9 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

I. Any person who drives a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, as defined in this title, on public roads, streets, highways, turnpikes or other public place of this state without the proper endorsement on a current state-issued license shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person charged with violating this section may request a six-month deferral for the purpose of obtaining the following:

1. Proof of successful completion of a Motorcycle Safety Foundation rider course approved by the Department; and

2. Proper motorcycle endorsement on the person's valid driver license.

Upon presenting the court with proof of satisfaction of both requirements within the deferral period, the offender shall be entitled to dismissal of the charge, and may be subject to a reduced payment of court costs and fine.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 2016.

Passed the Senate the 19th day of May, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of May, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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