

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                   1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4                   HOUSE BILL 1993

By: Turner

7                   AS INTRODUCED

8                   An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending  
9                   21 O.S. 2021, Section 540A, which relates to eluding  
10                  peace officers; clarifying scope of certain unlawful  
act; updating language; and providing an effective  
date.

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

14                  SECTION 1.       AMENDATORY       21 O.S. 2021, Section 540A, is  
15                  amended to read as follows:

16                  Section 540A. A. Any operator of a motor vehicle who has  
17                  received a visual and audible signal, a flashing red light, flashing  
18                  red and blue lights, flashing blue and white lights, or any other  
19                  combination of flashing red, blue, and white lights, and a siren  
20                  from a peace officer driving a motor vehicle showing the same to be  
21                  an official police, sheriff, highway patrol or state game ranger  
22                  vehicle directing the operator to bring the vehicle to a stop and  
23                  who willfully increases the speed or extinguishes the lights of the  
24                  vehicle in an attempt to elude such peace officer, or willfully

1 attempts in any other manner to elude the peace officer, or who does  
2 elude such peace officer, is guilty of a misdemeanor. The peace  
3 officer, while attempting to stop a violator of this section, may  
4 communicate a request for the assistance of other peace officers  
5 from any office, department or agency. Any peace officer within  
6 this state having knowledge of such request is authorized to render  
7 such assistance in stopping the violator and may effect an arrest  
8 under this section upon probable cause. Violation of this  
9 subsection shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by  
10 not more than one (1) year imprisonment in the county jail,  or by a  
11 fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than  
12 Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00),  or by both such fine and  
13 imprisonment. A second or subsequent violation of this subsection  
14 shall be punishable by not more than one (1) year in the county  
15 jail,  or by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)  
16 nor more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00),  or both such fine  
17 and imprisonment.

18       B. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection A of  
19 this section in such manner as to endanger any other person shall be  
20 deemed guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in the ~~State~~  
21 ~~Penitentiary custody of the Department of Corrections~~ for a term of  
22 not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years, or by a  
23 fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) nor more than  
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1    Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both such fine and  
2    imprisonment.

3       C. 1. Any person who causes an accident, while eluding or  
4    attempting to elude an officer, resulting in great bodily injury to  
5    any other person while driving or operating a motor vehicle within  
6    this state and who is in violation of the provisions of subsection A  
7    of this section may be charged with a violation of the provisions of  
8    this subsection. Any person who is convicted of a violation of the  
9    provisions of this subsection shall be deemed guilty of a felony  
10   punishable by imprisonment in ~~a state correctional institution the~~  
11   custody of the Department of Corrections for not less than one (1)  
12   year and not more than five (5) years, and a fine of not more than  
13   Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

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

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

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20   COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
OVERSIGHT, dated 03/04/2025 - DO PASS.  
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