

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1993

3 By: Turner of the House

4 and

5 Hamilton of the Senate

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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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Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of March, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate