

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR ENGROSSED  
4 SENATE BILL NO. 562

By: Alvord of the Senate

5 and

6 Miller and Ford of the  
7 House

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11 An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending  
12 21 O.S. 2021, Sections 1902 and 1903, which relate to  
the Bus Passenger Safety Act; modifying scope of  
certain definitions; adding definition; expanding  
scope of unlawful acts; updating statutory language  
and references; and declaring an emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1902, is

18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1902. As used in the Bus Passenger Safety Act:

20 1. "Bus" means a vehicle designed to carry passengers that is  
part of a network of passenger vehicles for use by the public,  
21 running on a regular schedule of routes, times, and fares;

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

1 cargo by ~~bus~~ rolling stock transit vehicles upon the roads, streets,  
2 highways, public or dedicated rights-of-way, and turnpikes of this  
3 state;

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

9       4. "Passenger" means any person served by the bus  
10 transportation company; ~~and~~

11       5. "Rolling stock transit vehicles" include buses, vans, cars,  
12 railcars, locomotives, trolley cars, ferry boats, and vehicles used  
13 for transporting the public; ~~and~~

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

21 SECTION 2.       AMENDATORY       21 O.S. 2021, Section 1903, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23       Section 1903. A. No person shall by force or violence, or  
24 threat of force or violence, seize or exercise control of any ~~bus~~

1    rolling stock transit vehicle. Any person violating this subsection  
2    shall be guilty of a felony and shall, upon conviction, be punished  
3    by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for  
4    not more than twenty (20) years, or by a fine ~~or~~ not more than  
5    Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), or by both such fine and  
6    imprisonment.

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

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

22       D. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm  
23   into or within any ~~bus~~ rolling stock transit vehicle, terminal, or  
24   other transportation facility, unless such action is determined to

1 have been in defensive force resulting from reasonable fear of  
2 imminent peril of death or great bodily harm to himself or herself  
3 or another. Such person shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a  
4 felony punishable by a fine ~~of~~ not more than Five Thousand Dollars  
5 (\$5,000.00) ~~or,~~ by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of  
6 Corrections for not more than five (5) years, or by both such fine  
7 and imprisonment.

8 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
9 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
10 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
11 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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