

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending  
8 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1379, which relates to  
9 penalties for bypassing security checkpoints;  
10 authorizing licensed attorneys to bypass certain  
11 security checkpoints; providing exception; and  
12 providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1379, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1379. A. ~~No~~ Except as provided in subsection F of this  
17 section, no person shall, without authorization, willfully bypass or  
18 go around a security checkpoint when entering any facility requiring  
19 persons to pass through a security checkpoint used for inspecting or  
20 screening persons or their belongings.

21 B. Every facility requiring persons to pass through a security  
22 checkpoint and submit to inspection or screening of their person or  
23 belongings shall post notice stating such requirement. All security  
24 checkpoints used for persons or their belongings shall be clearly

1 identified as such, and notice shall be posted informing persons  
2 that they and their belongings are subject to search.

3 C. No person shall, without authorization, aid or assist any  
4 person or persons in bypassing a security checkpoint by opening,  
5 holding open, or propping open any secured door, portal, or  
6 entryway.

7 D. No person shall, without authorization, aid or assist any  
8 person or persons in bypassing or avoiding a security checkpoint by  
9 passing items or belongings, or receiving items or belongings  
10 through a secured door, entryway, window, loading dock, or any other  
11 avenue of entry.

12 E. All persons approaching a security checkpoint shall obey the  
13 lawful requests and orders of security staff present at the  
14 checkpoint.

15 F. When entering a facility that houses a district court of  
16 this state, an attorney licensed to practice law in this state may  
17 bypass the security checkpoint upon presentation of an  
18 identification card showing active membership in the Oklahoma Bar  
19 Association and proof of identity to the security staff present at  
20 the checkpoint, unless that person will knowingly have direct  
21 contact with a criminal defendant currently in the custody of the  
22 state.

23 G. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this  
24 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by

1 imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, by a  
2 fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such  
3 fine and imprisonment.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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