

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

SENATE BILL 1538

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to crime and punishment; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Sections 1198 and 1217, which relate to interference with performance of firemen duties; modifying misdemeanor offense; providing penalty; modifying felony offense; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1198, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1198. ~~Every~~ A person who, ~~at any burning of a building,~~ ~~is guilty of any disobedience to~~ disobeys a lawful order of any ~~public~~ peace officer or fireman, ~~or of any resistance to or interference~~ during the performance of their duties or interferes with the lawful efforts of any fireman or company of firemen to extinguish the same, or ~~of any~~ engages in disorderly conduct calculated to prevent the same from being extinguished, or who forbids, prevents or dissuades others from assisting to extinguish the same, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in

1 the county jail for a term not to exceed six (6) months, or by a
2 fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by both.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1217, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 1217. Any person or persons acting in concert with each
6 other who knowingly, ~~and willfully interfere with, molest, or~~
7 ~~assault~~ and with intent to do bodily harm, commits any assault,
8 battery or assault and battery, aggravated assault and battery or
9 any assault with a firearm or other deadly weapon upon a firemen in
10 the performance of their duties, or who knowingly and willfully
11 obstruct, interfere with or impede the progress of firemen to reach
12 the destination of a fire, upon conviction, shall be deemed guilty
13 of a felony and shall be punished therefor by imprisonment in the
14 ~~State Penitentiary~~ custody of the Department of Corrections for a
15 term not exceeding ten (10) years nor less than two (2) years.

16 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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