

Bill Number SB1599  
Bill Veto Message

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 and 12 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED Senate Bill 1599. While this legislation is well-intended and I am supportive of reasonable sanctions for traffic offenses, this bill is vague and duplicative of existing law. In particular, Section 5 of the bill goes too far and could make felons of otherwise innocent people. Under this provision, some drivers could face a mandatory prison term even if they were not at fault in an injury accident. For that reason, I had no choice but to veto this legislation.