

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 1, 2015

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED  
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1614

By: Henke and Sherrer of the  
House

6 and

7 Smalley of the Senate

8  
9 [ motor vehicles - Oklahoma Transportation Network  
10 Company Services Act - codification - ~~effective date~~

11 - ~~emergency~~ ]

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1010 of Title 47, unless there  
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma  
18 Transportation Network Company Services Act".

19 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1011 of Title 47, unless there  
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 As used in the Oklahoma Transportation Network Company Services  
23 Act:

1        1. "Digital network" means any online-enabled application,  
2 software, website or system offered or utilized by a TNC that  
3 enables the prearrangement of rides with TNC drivers;

4        2. "Personal vehicle" means a vehicle that is used by a TNC  
5 driver in connection with providing prearranged rides and is:

6            a. owned, leased or otherwise authorized for use by the  
7                    TNC driver, and

8            b. not a taxicab, limousine, or other similar for-hire  
9                    motor carrier service.

10        3. "Prearranged ride" means the provision of transportation by  
11 a driver to a rider, beginning when a driver accepts a ride  
12 requested by a rider through a Digital Network controlled by a  
13 Transportation Network Company, continuing while the driver  
14 transports a requesting rider, and ending when the last requesting  
15 rider departs from the personal vehicle. A prearranged ride does  
16 not include transportation provided using a taxi, limousine, or  
17 other for-hire vehicle pursuant to state law;

18        4. "Transportation network company" ("TNC") means a business  
19 entity licensed pursuant to this act and operating in Oklahoma that  
20 uses a digital network or software application service to connect  
21 passengers to transportation network company services provided by  
22 transportation network company drivers. A TNC does not provide  
23 taxicab, limousine, or other similar for-hire motor carrier service.  
24 A TNC shall not be deemed to control, direct or manage the personal

1 vehicles or participating drivers that connect to its digital  
2 network, except where agreed to by written contract;

3 5. "Transportation network company driver" ("TNC driver") means  
4 an individual who:

5 a. receives connections to potential passengers and  
6 related services from a TNC in exchange for payment of  
7 a fee to the TNC, and

8 b. uses a personal vehicle to provide TNC services to  
9 passengers upon connection through a digital network  
10 controlled by a TNC in return for compensation or  
11 payment of a fee; and

12 6. "Transportation network company passenger" ("TNC passenger")  
13 means an individual or persons who use a prearranged rides digital  
14 network to connect with a TNC driver who provides prearranged rides  
15 to the passenger in the driver's personal vehicle between points  
16 chosen by the passenger; and

17 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1012 of Title 47, unless there  
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 TNCs or TNC drivers shall not be considered motor carriers of  
21 persons as defined in Section 230.23 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma  
22 Statutes, nor shall TNCs or TNC drivers be considered to provide  
23 taxicab, limousine, or similar for-hire motor carrier service.

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1 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1013 of Title 47, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. A person shall not operate a TNC in Oklahoma without first  
5 having obtained a permit from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission  
6 ("Commission").

7 B. The Commission shall issue a permit to each applicant that  
8 presents proof, in a form prescribed by the Commission, that the  
9 applicant meets the requirements for a TNC set forth in this act,  
10 and proof of insurance required this act and pays to the Commission  
11 an annual permit fee of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

12 C. The Commission shall promulgate rules as needed to implement  
13 the provisions of this act. The Commission may also set additional  
14 fees and assess fines for noncompliance with this act or with  
15 promulgated rules.

16 D. The authority of the Commission shall be limited to  
17 permitting and regulation of TNCs to ensure compliance by TNCs with  
18 the provisions of this act and shall not include jurisdiction to  
19 adjudicate private causes of action arising from the provision of  
20 prearranged rides.

21 E. The Commission shall have the authority to examine the  
22 records of TNCs for the purpose of enforcement of this act,  
23 including a random sample of the TNC's records related to  
24 prearranged rides and TNC drivers at the Oklahoma City offices of

1 the Commission, unless an alternative location is agreed to by the  
2 Commission and the TNC. Such examinations shall not occur more than  
3 two times per year unless necessary to investigate a complaint.  
4 Records obtained by the Commission pursuant to this act shall not be  
5 subject to disclosure under the Oklahoma Open Records Act and shall  
6 be kept confidential by the Commission, except as may be required in  
7 a Commission proceeding.

8 F. Failure of a TNC to comply with the provisions of this act  
9 may result in the denial or revocation of the TNC permit or fines as  
10 assessed by the Commission.

11 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1014 of Title 47, unless there  
13 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 TNCs shall maintain an agent for service of process in the State  
15 of Oklahoma.

16 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1015 of Title 47, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 TNCs may determine and charge a fare for the services provided  
20 to passengers; provided, that if a fare is charged the TNC shall  
21 disclose to passengers the fare-calculation method on its website or  
22 within the software application service. The TNC shall also provide  
23 passengers with the applicable rates being charged and the option to  
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1 receive an estimated fare before the passenger enters the TNC  
2 driver's vehicle.

3 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1016 of Title 47, unless there  
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A TNC's software application or website shall display a picture  
7 of the TNC driver and the license plate number of the motor vehicle  
8 utilized for providing the prearranged ride before the passenger  
9 enters the TNC driver's vehicle.

10 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1017 of Title 47, unless there  
12 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 Within a reasonable period of time, as established by the  
14 Commission, following the completion of a trip, the TNC shall  
15 transmit an electronic receipt to the passenger that lists:

- 16 1. The origin and destination of the trip;
- 17 2. The total time and distance of the trip; and
- 18 3. An itemization of the total fare paid, if any.

19 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1018 of Title 47, unless there  
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. TNCs shall implement a zero-tolerance policy against TNC  
23 drivers operating under the influence of drugs or alcohol while  
24 providing prearranged rides or while logged into the TNC's digital

1 network but providing prearranged rides, and shall provide notice of  
2 this policy on its digital network, as well as procedures to report  
3 a complaint about a driver with whom a passenger was matched and  
4 whom the passenger reasonably suspects was under the influence of  
5 drugs or alcohol during the course of the trip.

6 B. Upon receipt of such passenger complaint alleging a  
7 violation of the zero-tolerance policy, the TNC shall immediately  
8 suspend such TNC driver's access to the TNC's digital network, and  
9 shall conduct an investigation into the reported incident. The  
10 suspension shall last the duration of the investigation.

11 C. TNCs shall maintain records relevant to the enforcement of  
12 this requirement for a period of at least two (2) years from the  
13 date that a passenger complaint is received by the TNC.

14 SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1019 of Title 47, unless there  
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. Prior to permitting an individual to act as a TNC driver on  
18 its digital network, the TNC shall:

19 1. Require the individual to submit an application to the TNC,  
20 which includes information regarding his or her address, age, driver  
21 license, driving history, motor vehicle registration, automobile  
22 liability insurance, and other information required by the TNC;

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1           2. Conduct, or have a third party conduct, a local and national  
2 criminal background check for each applicant that shall include a  
3 check of:

4           a. the Multi-State/Multi-Jurisdiction Criminal Records  
5 Locator or other similar commercial nationwide  
6 database with validation through a primary source  
7 search, and

8           b. the National Sex Offender Registry database; and

9           3. Obtain and review a driving history research report for such  
10 individual.

11           B. TNCs shall not permit an individual to act as a TNC driver  
12 on its digital network who:

13           1. Has had more than three moving violations in the prior  
14 three-year period, or one major violation, including but not limited  
15 to attempting to evade the police, reckless driving, or driving on a  
16 suspended or revoked license, in the prior three-year period;

17           2. Has been convicted, within the past seven (7) years, of  
18 driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, fraud, sexual  
19 offenses, use of a motor vehicle to commit a felony, a crime  
20 involving property damage, theft, acts of violence, or acts of  
21 terror;

22           3. Is a match in the National Sex Offender Registry database;

23           4. Does not possess a valid driver license;  
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1           5. Does not possess current proof of motor vehicle registration  
2 for the motor vehicle(s) used to provide prearranged rides;

3           6. Does not possess proof of the automobile liability insurance  
4 required by law or rule for the motor vehicle(s) used to provide  
5 prearranged rides; or

6           7. Is not at least nineteen (19) years of age.

7           C. TNCs shall implement a procedure for periodic information  
8 updates for each TNC driver's vehicle(s) and motor vehicle insurance  
9 and for rechecks of each TNC driver for the criminal background and  
10 driving record information required by paragraph A of this section  
11 to ensure continued compliance by each driver with the requirements  
12 of paragraph B of this section.

13           SECTION 11.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1020 of Title 47, unless there  
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16           TNCs shall require that any motor vehicle(s) that a TNC driver  
17 will use to provide prearranged rides meets the equipment standards  
18 required of private motor vehicles under Section 12-101 et seq. of  
19 Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

20           SECTION 12.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1021 of Title 47, unless there  
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23           A. TNCs shall implement a policy requiring TNC drivers to  
24 exclusively accept rides booked through a TNC's digital network or

1 software application service and prohibiting solicitation of street  
2 fails or acceptance of unsolicited street hails.

3 B. TNCs shall implement a policy prohibiting solicitation or  
4 acceptance of cash payments from passengers. Any payment for  
5 prearranged rides shall be made only electronically using the TNC's  
6 digital network or software application.

7 SECTION 13. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1022 of Title 47, unless there  
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 TNCs shall adopt a policy prohibiting the provision of  
11 prearranged rides in any vehicle with a manufacturer's designed  
12 seating capacity of more than fifteen (15) persons, including the  
13 driver, and prohibiting the transportation of multiple passengers in  
14 numbers exceeding the manufacturer's designed seating capacity.

15 SECTION 14. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1023 of Title 47, unless there  
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. TNCs shall adopt a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis  
19 of destination, race, color, national origin, religious belief,  
20 religious affiliation, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, or  
21 gender identity with respect to passengers and potential passengers  
22 and notify TNC drivers of such policy.

23 B. TNCs shall require TNC drivers to comply with all applicable  
24 laws regarding nondiscrimination against passengers or potential

1 passengers on the basis of destination, race, color, national  
2 origin, religious belief, religious affiliation, sex, disability,  
3 age, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

4 C. TNCs shall require TNC drivers to comply with all applicable  
5 laws relating to accommodation of service animals.

6 D. TNCs shall not impose additional charges for providing  
7 services to persons with physical disabilities because of those  
8 disabilities.

9 E. TNCs shall provide passengers an opportunity to indicate  
10 whether they require a wheelchair-accessible vehicle. If a TNC  
11 cannot arrange a wheelchair-accessible prearranged ride in any  
12 instance, it shall direct the passenger to an alternate provider of  
13 wheelchair-accessible service, if available.

14 SECTION 15. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1024 of Title 47, unless there  
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 TNCs shall maintain:

18 1. Individual trip records for at least two (2) years from the  
19 date each trip was provided; and

20 2. TNC driver records at least until the two-year anniversary  
21 of the date on which a TNC driver's activation on the TNC digital  
22 network has ended.

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1 SECTION 16. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1025 of Title 47, unless there  
3 is created duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 On or before July 1, 2015, and thereafter, a TNC driver or TNC on  
5 the TNC driver's behalf shall maintain primary automobile insurance  
6 that:

7 A. Recognizes that the driver is a TNC driver or otherwise uses  
8 a vehicle to transport passengers for compensation and covers the  
9 driver:

10 1. While the driver is logged on to the TNC's digital network;

11 or

12 2. While the driver is engaged in providing prearranged rides.

13 B. The following automobile insurance requirements shall apply  
14 while a TNC driver is logged on to the TNC's digital network and is  
15 available to receive transportation requests but is not engaged in  
16 prearranged rides:

17 1. Primary automobile liability insurance in the amount of at  
18 least Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for death and bodily injury  
19 per person, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for death and  
20 bodily injury per incident, and Twenty-five Thousand Dollars  
21 (\$25,000.00) for property damage;

22 2. Uninsured motorist coverage where required by Section 3636  
23 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

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1           3. The coverage requirements of subsection B of this section may  
2 be satisfied by any of the following:

- 3           a. automobile insurance maintained by the TNC driver, or
- 4           b. automobile insurance maintained by the TNC, or
- 5           c. any combination of subparagraphs 1 and 2.

6           C. The following automobile insurance requirements shall apply  
7 while a TNC driver is engaged in a prearranged ride:

8           1. Primary automobile liability insurance that provides at  
9 least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for death, bodily injury,  
10 and property damage;

11           2. Uninsured motorist coverage where required by Section 3636  
12 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

13           3. The coverage requirements of subsection C of this section may  
14 be satisfied by any of the following:

- 15           a. automobile insurance maintained by the TNC driver, or
- 16           b. automobile insurance maintained by the TNC, or
- 17           c. any combination of subparagraphs 1 and 2.

18           D. If insurance maintained by TNC driver in subsections B or C  
19 has lapsed or does not provide the required coverage, insurance  
20 maintained by a TNC shall provide the coverage required by Section 16  
21 beginning with the first dollar of a claim and have the duty to  
22 defend such claim.

23           E. Coverage under an automobile insurance policy maintained by  
24 the TNC shall not be dependent on a personal automobile insurer first

1 denying a claim nor shall a personal automobile insurance policy be  
2 required to first deny a claim.

3 F. Insurance required by Section 16 of this act may be placed  
4 with an insurer authorized to do business in this state or with a  
5 surplus lines eligible under Section 1100 of Title 36 of the  
6 Oklahoma Statutes, et seq.

7 G. Insurance satisfying the requirements of Section 16 of this  
8 act shall be deemed to satisfy the financial responsibility  
9 requirement for a motor vehicle under Chapter 7 of the Oklahoma  
10 Highway Safety of Section 7-101 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma  
11 Statutes, et seq.

12 H. A TNC driver shall carry proof of coverage satisfying  
13 subsections B and C with him or her at all times during his or her  
14 use of a vehicle in connection with a transportation network  
15 company's digital network. Proof of coverage may be presented in  
16 electronic format. In the event of an accident, a TNC driver shall  
17 provide this insurance coverage information to the directly  
18 interested parties, automobile insurers and investigating police  
19 officers, upon request pursuant to Section 7-102 of Title 47 of the  
20 Oklahoma Statutes, et seq. Upon such request, a TNC driver shall  
21 also disclose to directly interested parties, automobile insurers,  
22 and investigating police officers, whether he or she was logged on  
23 to the TNC's digital network or on a prearranged ride at the time of  
24 an accident.

1 SECTION 17. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1026 of Title 47, unless there  
3 is created duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 The TNC shall disclose in writing to TNC drivers the following  
5 before they are allowed to accept a request for a prearranged ride on  
6 the TNC's digital network:

7 A. The insurance coverage, including the types of coverage and  
8 the limits for each coverage, that the TNC provides while the TNC  
9 driver uses a personal vehicle in connection with a TNC's digital  
10 network; and

11 B. That the TNC driver's own automobile insurance policy might  
12 not provide any coverage while the driver is logged on to the TNC's  
13 digital network and is available to receive transportation requests  
14 or is engaged in prearranged rides depending on its terms.

15 SECTION 18. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1027 of Title 47, unless there  
17 is created duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. Insurers that write automobile insurance in Oklahoma may  
19 exclude any and all coverage afforded under the owner's insurance  
20 policy for any loss or injury that occurs while a TNC driver is  
21 logged on to a TNC's digital network or while a driver provides a  
22 prearranged ride. This right to exclude all coverage may apply to  
23 any coverage included in an automobile insurance policy including,  
24 but not limited to:

- 1 1. Liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage;
- 2 2. Uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage;
- 3 3. Medical payments coverage;
- 4 4. Comprehensive physical damage coverage; and
- 5 5. Collision physical damage coverage.

6 B. Such exclusions shall apply notwithstanding any requirement  
7 under Chapter 7 of the Oklahoma Highway Safety Code of Section 7-101  
8 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, et seq. Nothing in Section 18  
9 of this act implies or requires that a personal automobile insurance  
10 policy provide coverage while the TNC driver is logged on to the  
11 TNC's digital network, while the TNC driver is engaged in a  
12 prearranged ride or while the driver otherwise uses a vehicle to  
13 transport passengers for compensation.

14 Nothing shall be deemed to preclude an insurer from providing  
15 coverage for the TNC driver's vehicle, if it so chooses to do so by  
16 contract or endorsement.

17 C. Automobile insurers that exclude coverage as permitted in  
18 Section 16 shall have no duty to defend or indemnify any claim  
19 expressly excluded thereunder. Nothing in this article shall be  
20 deemed to invalidate or limit an exclusion contained in a policy  
21 already in use or approved for use in this state prior to the  
22 enactment of this act that excludes coverage for vehicles used to  
23 carry persons or property for a charge or available for hire by the  
24 public.



1 An automobile insurer that defends or indemnifies a claim against  
2 a TNC driver that is excluded under the terms of its policy shall  
3 have a right of contribution against other insurers that provide  
4 automobile insurance to the same TNC driver in satisfaction of the  
5 coverage requirements of Section 16 at the time of loss.

6 D. In a claims coverage investigation, Transportation network  
7 companies and any insurer potentially providing coverage under  
8 Section 16 shall cooperate to facilitate the exchange of relevant  
9 information with directly involved parties and any insurer of the  
10 TNC driver if applicable, including the precise times that a TNC  
11 driver logged on and off of the TNC's digital network in the twelve  
12 hour period immediately preceding and in the twelve hour period  
13 immediately following the accident and disclose to one another a  
14 clear description of the coverage, exclusions and limits provided  
15 under any automobile insurance maintained under Section 16.

16 SECTION 19. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1028 of Title 47, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 If a TNC's insurer makes a payment for a claim covered under  
20 comprehensive or collision insurance coverage, the TNC shall cause  
21 its insurer to issue the payment directly to the business repairing  
22 the vehicle or jointly to the owner to the owner of the vehicle and  
23 the primary lienholder.

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1 SECTION 20. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1029 of Title 47, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 TNCs shall not disclose a passenger's personally identifiable  
5 information to a third party unless:

- 6 1. The passenger consents;
- 7 2. Disclosure is required by a legal obligation; or
- 8 3. Disclosure is required to protect or defend the terms of use  
9 of the service or to investigate violations of those terms.

10 In addition, a TNC shall be permitted to share a passenger's name  
11 and telephone number with the TNC driver providing prearranged rides  
12 to such passenger only to facilitate correct identification of the  
13 passenger by the TNC driver, or to facilitate communication between  
14 the passenger and the driver regarding prearranged rides. TNCs  
15 shall prohibit the use by TNC drivers of passengers' name, telephone  
16 number, or other personal information for any purpose other than  
17 those listed in this section.

18 SECTION 21. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1030 of Title 47, unless there  
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the regulation,  
22 licensing or permitting of TNCs for the provisions of prearranged  
23 rides is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Commission as set  
24 forth in the Oklahoma Transportation Network Company Services Act

1 and any rules promulgated by the Commission consistent with the Act.  
2 No political subdivision of the state may impose a tax on, or  
3 require a license for, a TNC or a TNC driver for the provision of  
4 prearranged rides or subject a TNC to the political subdivision's  
5 rate requirement, entry requirement, operational requirement or  
6 other requirements.

7 ~~SECTION 22. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.~~

8 ~~SECTION 23. It being immediately necessary for the preservation~~  
9 ~~of the public peace, health and 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.~~

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY  
13 April 1, 2015 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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