

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2172

6 By: Roe

7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending
9 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1176, as amended by Section 4,
10 Chapter 318, O.S.L. 2022 (21 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section
11 1176), which relates to using electronic
12 communication devices to publish identifying
13 information; expanding scope of crime; adding
14 definition; and providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1176, as
17 amended by Section 4, Chapter 318, O.S.L. 2022 (21 O.S. Supp. 2022,
18 Section 1176), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1176. A. Whoever, with the intent to threaten,
20 intimidate or harass, or facilitate another to threaten, intimidate
21 or harass, uses an electronic communication device to knowingly
22 publish, post or otherwise make publicly available personally
23 identifiable information of a peace officer, public official,
24 medical care provider, or crime victim, and as a result places that
25 peace officer, public official, medical care provider, or crime
26 victim in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury shall,

1 upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by
2 imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed six (6)
3 months, or by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00),
4 or by both such fine and imprisonment. Upon conviction for a second
5 or subsequent violation, the person shall be punished by
6 imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed one (1)
7 year, or by a fine not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00),
8 or by both such fine and imprisonment.

9 B. To the extent the provisions of Section A apply to medical
10 care providers, the protections provided herein shall not apply when
11 the incident is unrelated to the provider's professional duties.

12 C. As used in this section:

13 1. "Crime victim" shall have the same meaning as that term is
14 defined in Section 142A-1 of this title;

15 2. "Electronic communication" shall have the same meaning as
16 that term is defined in Section 1172 of this title. Electronic
17 communication does not include broadcast transmissions or similar
18 communications that are not targeted at any specific individual;

19 3. "Electronic communication device" means any cellular
20 telephone, facsimile, pager, computer or any device capable of
21 electronic communication;

22 4. "Medical care provider" means a doctor, resident, intern,
23 nurse, nurse practitioner, nurses' aide, ambulance attendant or
24 operator, paramedic, emergency medical technician, laboratory

1 technician, radiologic technologist, physical therapist, physician
2 assistant, chaplain of a health care facility, volunteer of a health
3 care facility, pharmacist, nursing student, medical student, member
4 of a hospital security force, and any other employee or contractor
5 working in or for a health care facility;

6 5. "Peace officer" shall have the same meaning as that term is
7 defined in Section 99 of this title;

8 ~~5.~~ 6. "Personally identifiable information" means information
9 which can identify an individual including, but not limited to,
10 name, birth date, place of birth, mother's maiden name, biometric
11 records, Social Security number, official state- or government-
12 issued driver license or identification number, government passport
13 number, employer or taxpayer identification number or any other
14 information that is linked or linkable to an individual, such as
15 medical, educational, financial or employment information;

16 ~~6.~~ 7. "Public official" means any person elected or appointed
17 to a state office in the executive, legislative or judicial branch
18 of state government or other political subdivision of the state; and

19 ~~7.~~ 8. "Publish" means to circulate, deliver, distribute,
20 disseminate, transmit or otherwise make available to another person.

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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