

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 HOUSE BILL 2027

 By: O'Donnell

7 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

22 B. Every facility requiring persons to pass through a security
23 checkpoint and submit to inspection or screening of their person or
24 belongings shall post notice stating such requirement. All security
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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6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY - CRIMINAL, dated
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