

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE BILL 2734

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending  
8 21 O.S. 2021, Section 540, which relates to  
9 obstruction of justice; clarifying scope of certain  
10 prohibited act; providing an exception; and providing  
11 an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 540, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 540. A. Any person who willfully delays or obstructs  
16 any public officer in the discharge or attempt to discharge any duty  
17 of his or her office, is, upon conviction, guilty of a misdemeanor.

18 B. Nothing in this section shall preclude a person from  
19 recording the activity of law enforcement in a public area, as long  
20 as the recording activity does not delay or obstruct the law  
21 enforcement agent in his or her duties.

22 C. Inquiries by a person being stopped, detained, or arrested  
23 by a law enforcement officer or by a bystander who is observing  
24 another person being stopped, detained, or arrested by a law

1 enforcement officer, shall not be deemed obstruction of justice,  
2 unless such inquiries by the person or bystander are purposefully  
3 intended to hinder, delay, or obstruct the authority of the law  
4 enforcement officer in discharging his or her duties.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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