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Senator Casey Murdock, R-Felt, has proposed legislation he feels will have an immediate impact in helping Oklahoma commercial truck drivers. Senate Bill 26 is the most recent legislation filed moving into the 2019 Legislative session that will eliminate an unnecessary and burdensome fee. Current Oklahoma law mandates that when a CDL license exam is failed, a \$4 fee must be charged to the applicant. "This may not seem like a large fee being assessed. However, after hearing from many of my constituents, it is a fee that is burdensome and unnecessary," the Panhandle Republican said. If the bill is passed by the Legislature, the state fiscal impact is expected to have very minor effect to the overall General Revenue Fund collections. Senator Murdock continued, "I am working to author legislation that will have an immediate positive impact on individuals in my district, in this case, the commercial truck drivers that travel through our state every day." Murdock has also mentioned he is looking at filing additional legislation that will target other fees in the upcoming weeks before the 2019 session.

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Senate Bill 10 allows county commissioners to create boards of adjustment with a resolution. Those boards of adjustment could then adopt zoning regulations, building codes, construction codes and housing codes for unincorporated areas. Under current law, if a county wishes to specify a piece of land to be zoned in a certain category, they are required to approach different state agencies before any progress can be made. According to Senator Thompson, this legislation would give counties more local control over their individual counties.

Victim Notification Requirement of Paroled Inmates

Senate Bill 27, requested by Senator Wayne Shaw, R-Grove, requires the Pardon and Parole Board to notify the victim of a crime through e-mail or first-class mail at least 20 days prior to an inmate being considered for release from Department of Corrections custody. Currently, Oklahoma law only specifies that victims should be notified via first-class mail. Senator Shaw's proposed legislation brings this piece of law into the modern age by adding in a required electronic form of communication. SB 27 also follows closely on the heels of the passage of State Question 794, dubbed "Marsy's Law, which has similar purposes in notifying victims about the status of their offenders.