

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 616

BY: ROBERTS of the SENATE

and

STEIDLEY of the HOUSE

AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL DEFENSE; AMENDING 21 O.S.
1991, SECTION 156, WHICH RELATES TO THE DEFENSE OF
DURESS; EXPANDING THE DEFENSE OF DURESS; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 1991, Section 156, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 156. ~~The~~ A person is entitled to assert duress which
~~excuses a~~ as a defense if that person from punishment who has
committed a prohibited act or omission ~~must be an actual compulsion~~
~~by use of force or fear~~ because of a reasonable belief that there
was imminent danger of death or great bodily harm from another upon
himself or a spouse or child of such person.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 24th day of February, 1992.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of
_____, 1992.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives