

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 914

BY: KERR and MILES-LaGRANGE of
the SENATE

and

COTNER of the HOUSE

AN ACT RELATING TO PRISONS; CREATING A SKILLED
MAINTENANCE PROGRAM; LIMITING MAINTENANCE TO
BRIDGES AND RAILWAYS AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING
FOR CERTAIN TRAINING; AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT TO
ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR SELECTING INMATES; DIRECTING
WORK CREDITS; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN INMATES TO REMAIN
IN THE SKILLED MAINTENANCE PROGRAM; CONSTRUING ACT;
PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 229 of Title 57, unless there is
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Department of Corrections is hereby authorized to
establish a skilled maintenance program using inmate labor for
construction, maintenance and repair of any bridges or railways
owned by this state. The Department may further establish a skilled
equipment shop using inmate labor for operation, maintenance and
repair of heavy equipment and machinery utilized by this state or
any political subdivision within this state.

B. Inmates may qualify for the skilled maintenance program by possessing appropriate skills prior to being placed in the custody of the Department or by selection and training by the Department. The Department shall establish criteria for selection of inmates eligible to participate in the skilled maintenance program. All inmates participating in the skilled maintenance program shall meet such requirements as may be required by the Department, construction and maintenance contracts or by law. Inmates participating in the skilled maintenance program shall receive credit for work as provided in the Prisoners Public Works Act, Section 215 et seq. of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Skilled maintenance inmate workers eligible for the Preparole Conditional Supervision Program may continue to work in the skilled maintenance program with approval from the Department until released from custody.

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 10th day of March, 1992.

President of the Senate

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

Speaker of the House of Representatives