

ENROLLED 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
oneself, ones spouse, or ones child.

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 28th day of April, 1992.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of April, 1992.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives