

NROLLED HOUSE

BILL NO. 1203

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 1981, Section 1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. A. The Commissioner of Labor shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Labor, and shall supervise the work of that Department.

B. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Labor to:

1. foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners of this state;
2. improve working conditions of the wage earners;
3. advance opportunities of wage earners for profitable employment; and
4. carry into effect all laws in relation to labor enacted by the Legislature for which responsibility is assigned to the Commissioner of Labor.

C. The Commissioner of Labor may administer oaths, issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and take testimony in all matters relating to the proper enforcement of all laws over which the Commissioner has supervision pursuant to the provisions of the laws of this state.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1.1 of Title 40, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Commissioner of Labor may enter into reciprocal agreements with the Labor Department or corresponding agency of another state, or with the person, board, officer, or commission authorized to act on behalf of that department or agency having jurisdiction for the collection of wages unlawfully withheld from employees by out-of-state employers and for the collection of other debts lawfully owed to the State Department of Labor.

B. The Commissioner of Labor shall, upon the written request of the Department of Labor or other corresponding agency of any other state or of any person, board, officer or commission of such state authorized to act for and on behalf of such labor department or corresponding agency, maintain actions in the courts of this state upon assigned claims for wages, judgments and demands arising in such other state in the same manner and to the same extent that such actions by the Commissioner of Labor are authorized when arising in this state; provided, however, that such actions may be commenced and maintained only in those cases where such other state by appropriate legislation or by reciprocal agreement extends a like comity to cases arising in the state.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 145, O.S.L. 1982, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 101, O.S.L. 1983 (40 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 463), is amended to read as follows:

Section 463. A. The inspection fee shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per hour of actual inspection time. The certificate of inspection fee shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). No fees shall be charged to public agencies. The fees provided for in this subsection shall not apply to amusement parks owned and operated by nonprofit corporations.

B. The Commissioner of Labor shall not issue an original certificate of inspection for an amusement ride until he receives certification in writing that such amusement rides meet the requirements established by the Commissioner of Labor for amusement rides. The Commissioner of Labor shall designate by rule and regulation pursuant to Section 460 of this title the qualifications of the inspectors making the inspections required by this section.

C. Any permanent amusement park ride owner or operator shall file a copy of a certificate of insurance with the Commissioner of Labor on or before February 1 of each year. Such certificate of insurance shall be in such form as to reflect the safety inspection requirements for obtaining such insurance and the date of the last inspection. The amount of the premium and the amount of coverage shall not be required to be disclosed in the certificate.

The Commissioner may accept such certificate and insurance inspection as evidence sufficient to issue a certificate of inspection for the permanent amusement park ride.

D. The Governing Board of the State Fair of Oklahoma, the Tulsa State Fair, and the Muskogee State Fair shall file a copy of a certificate of insurance with the Commissioner of Labor before the rides are put into operation at each location for the use of the public. Such certificate shall be in such form as to reflect the safety inspection requirements for obtaining such insurance and the date of the inspection.

The Commissioner may accept such insurance inspection as evidence sufficient to issue a certificate of inspection for the rides.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1991.

SECTION 5. 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.