

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. A person is entitled to assert duress as a defense if that person committed a prohibited act or omission 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.