

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1944

BY: MASS

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT; AMENDING 74 O.S.  
1991, SECTION 2051, WHICH RELATES TO STATE POLICY  
AND THE OKLAHOMA WORLD TRADE DEVELOPMENT ACT;  
MODIFYING SUCH STATE POLICY TO INCLUDE THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF MARKET SPACE IN CERTAIN WORLD  
TRADE CENTERS FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES; SPECIFYING SUCH  
MARKET SPACE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 2051, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2051. It is hereby found and declared that:

1. The economy of the state and opportunities for employment within the state are increasingly dependent upon international export of Oklahoma manufactured goods, services, agricultural products and livestock and the growth of international export markets for Oklahoma manufactured goods, services, agricultural products and livestock;

2. Other states have utilized, or are preparing to utilize, the resources of their state governments to stimulate, facilitate and promote international exports;

3. The export of Oklahoma manufactured goods, services, agricultural products and livestock has become vital to the growth and stability of the economy of the State of Oklahoma;

4. The position of the State of Oklahoma as an exporting state is threatened by aggressive government supported export development policies in foreign countries;

5. Competition among businesses and countries will endure and intensify as more countries seek to expand their international export capacities;

6. Financial assistance offered by the federal government to small- and medium-sized exporters is insufficient to meet the competition offered by foreign countries;

7. Oklahoma exporters find it increasingly difficult to compete with foreign exporters who benefit from governmentally supported financing programs;

8. Small- and medium-sized companies seeking to enter foreign markets face severe problems in obtaining financing and insurance for their transactions;

9. A program to expand international export markets is essential in order to maintain a vigorous and growing economy and to provide adequate job opportunities for citizens of this state;

10. The state has a responsibility to create employment opportunities by encouraging and stimulating the development of international export sales and markets by Oklahoma companies; and

11. Increased export sales may best be stimulated by making financial assistance available to Oklahoma businesses to assist them in developing and expanding international export markets and ensuring the competitiveness of Oklahoma products and services in foreign markets, thereby increasing employment opportunities in the state.

It is hereby declared to be the policy of this state, in the interest of promoting the general welfare of the citizens of the

State of Oklahoma, to increase job opportunities by stimulating expansion of international export markets for Oklahoma products and services, especially those of small- and medium-sized businesses, ~~and~~ by providing financial assistance through the "Oklahoma World Trade Development Authority", hereinafter created for that purpose, and by providing for the establishment of permanent market space not less than two thousand (2,000) square feet and not to exceed four thousand (4,000) square feet in world trade centers for Oklahoma gift manufacturers.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1992.

SECTION 3. 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.

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