

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 44th Legislature (1993)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1117

By: Henshaw

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 79, which relates to the State Travel Division; requiring the State Regents, institutions under the Regents, the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education and institutions under such Board to utilize the State Travel Division for all airplane travel; 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 79, is amended to read as follows:

Section 79. A. There is hereby created the State Travel Division within the Purchasing Division of the ~~Office of Public Affairs~~ Department of Central Services.

B. ~~On and after the effective date of this act,~~ Except as otherwise provided for by law, all agencies and departments of this state shall make arrangements for all air travel on scheduled commercial airlines for state employees required to travel in the course of their official duties and for all other persons traveling at state expense through the State Travel Division, except when any such agency or department determines that:

1. The air travel services can be secured at a cost less than that which can be secured by the State Travel Division; ~~or~~

2. The air travel originates from a location outside the state and it would be impractical to arrange for the air travel through the State Travel Division; ~~or~~

3. The air travel is necessitated by an emergency and time does not permit utilization of the State Travel Division's services; or

4. The air travel is part of a package arrangement made by the organization scheduling the meeting or conference.

C. All claims made for reimbursement shall contain a statement showing the reason for the exemption.

D. The State Regents for Higher Education, all institutions comprising The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education and all institutions under the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education shall utilize the State Travel Division for any airplane travel required by such board or institution.

E. The State Travel Division shall divide the state into high travel areas and low travel areas. A high travel area shall consist of no more than one county. Oklahoma, Tulsa, Payne and Cleveland Counties and any other county that accounts for a substantial portion of air travel at state expense shall be designated as high travel areas. The remaining counties of the state shall be designated as low travel areas. Low travel areas may consist of more than one county, as determined by the State Travel Division. The State Travel Division shall contract with no less than six private travel agencies in a high travel area and one or more private travel agencies in a low travel area to provide the scheduling and related travel services required to comply with this section.

~~E.~~ F. The State Travel Division shall promulgate rules and regulations and contract specifications to which the contract travel

agencies shall be subject. The rules, regulations and specifications shall be drawn with the intent of obtaining the lowest available fares for scheduled commercial air travel.

F. G. At the end of each month the contract travel agencies shall furnish a statement, in a form approved by the State Travel Division, showing certain details of all travel arrangements handled to each state agency or department for which the contract travel agencies have furnished their services and shall also furnish copies of said statements to the State Travel Division.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1993.

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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