

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1464

By: Mass, Voskuhl, Glover,  
Stanley and Widener of  
the House

and

Dickerson of the Senate

An Act relating to public health and safety; creating the Governor's Disaster Recovery Fund; stating purpose; providing for deposits to and expenditures from such fund; authorizing the Department of Civil Emergency Management to utilize the Governor's Disaster Recovery Fund; specifying qualifications for applicants for certain assistance; authorizing the promulgation of certain rules and procedures for certain purposes; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 683.6a of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created within the Office of the Governor a Governor's Disaster Recovery Fund which shall be separate and apart from the Governor's standard emergency fund.

B. Expenditures from said fund may only be made in the event of a natural or man-made disaster and only upon proclamation by the Governor with agreement of the Contingency Review Board.

C. The fund shall be a continuing fund, subject to a cap of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), and may consist of monies appropriated from the Constitutional Reserve Fund, pursuant to Section 23 of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund may, by agreement of the Contingency Review Board, be allocated to and expended by the Department of Civil Emergency Management for the purpose of providing state financial assistance to individuals who are victims of a natural or man-made disaster, where the extent of damages does not meet the criterion necessary for a federal disaster declaration. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 683.6b of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Department of Civil Emergency Management is hereby authorized to utilize the Governor's Disaster Recovery Fund for the purpose of providing financial assistance to applicants pursuant to Section 1 of this act, under the following conditions:

1. Every such applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department of Civil Emergency Management that the individual is a worthy applicant for such assistance and that the individual is unable to obtain funds from any applicable Disaster Assistance Program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency or any other reasonable source, necessary to cover losses resulting from natural or man-made disaster in order to return the homestead or property to its condition prior to the disaster occurrence;

2. The Department of Civil Emergency Management is further authorized and empowered to promulgate such rules and procedures with respect to applicant eligibility, terms of assistance, and

other matters it may consider appropriate, as will facilitate the program authorized by this act, and will not conflict with the terms of this act; and

3. In order to qualify for financial assistance to victims of disasters as provided by this act, individual families must have a minimum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) uninsured loss to qualify for a state assistance grant and may not receive a state grant exceeding a maximum amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective January 1, 1996.

Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of March, 1995.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1995.

President of the Senate