

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2647

By: Mitchell of the House
and
Herbert of the Senate

An Act relating to tourism; amending Sections 1 and 2, Chapter 334, O.S.L. 1995 (73 O.S. Supp. 1995, Sections 178 and 179), and 74 O.S. 1991, Sections 85.12, as last amended by Section 28, Chapter 2, O.S.L. 1994, 1825 and 1834 (74 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 85.12), which relate to Oklahoma tourism; clarifying language; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 334, O.S.L. 1995 (73 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 178), is amended to read as follows:

Section 178. A. The Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority shall provide for the funding for repairs, refurbishments and improvements to Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department properties and facilities, and may hold title to or a leasehold interest in the facilities until such time as the indebtedness created pursuant to this section shall be retired or defeased and shall lease such facilities to the Department. Upon the retirement of the indebtedness created pursuant to this section, the title to

the facilities and improvements thereon shall be transferred from the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department. Project costs are allocated in the following amounts:

<u>PARK</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Langley (below dam)	
9 hole golf course	\$1,285,240.00
Clubhouse/maintenance barn	154,000.00
40 RV sites	132,000.00
RV dump station	8,250.00
Contingency	100,000.00
1 comfort station with shower	60,500.00
Eucha	
Comfort station with shower and sewer system	55,000.00
Disney (below dam)	
40 RV sites	132,000.00
RV dump station	8,250.00
1 comfort station with shower	60,500.00
Dripping Springs - Colcord	
Community Building, RV Rally Area, and sewer system	238,700.00
Dripping Springs - Okmulgee	
Comfort station with showers	60,500.00
25 RV sites	82,500.00
Sewer system	57,200.00
Visitor center/park store	55,000.00
Texoma	
18 hole championship golf course	3,025,000.00
Clubhouse with grill	445,500.00
Roman Nose	
9 hole golf course expansion	767,525.00

Welcome Center	
Thackerville	575,000.00
Welcome Center	
Catoosa	500,000.00
Welcome Center	
Midwest City	500,000.00
Quartz Mountain Resort Park	
Lodge - 100 Rooms with banquet	
facilities and meeting	
rooms	<u>3,500,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$11,802,665.00

B. For the purpose of paying the costs of the projects authorized in subsection A of this section, the Authority is hereby authorized to borrow monies on the credit of the income and revenues to be derived from the leasing of such projects and, in anticipation of the collection of such income and revenues, to issue negotiable or competitive bonds not to exceed the sum of Twelve Million Six Hundred Eighty-five Thousand Dollars (\$12,685,000.00) as may be determined by the Authority. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department sufficient monies to make rental payments for purposes of retiring the debt created pursuant to this section.

C. The Authority may issue the bonds in one or more series and in conjunction with other issues of the Authority.

D. Insofar as they are not in conflict with the provisions of this section, the provisions of Section 151 et seq. of Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall apply to this section.

E. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission may revise such charges directly associated with such improvements from time to time whenever necessary to maximize revenues so as to contribute to the payment of principal of and interest on such bonds. All revenues generated pursuant to the provisions of this section not

otherwise committed for other lawful purposes shall be placed in the 1995 Tourism Bond Revolving Fund, as created in Section ~~2~~ 179 of this ~~act~~ title.

F. All interest earned on any reserve funds created by such bonds held by the State Treasurer, as collected, shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund.

G. If any of the lodge facilities involved are sold to private entities, at any time in the future, prior to the payment of the bonds issued by virtue of this act, the amount received shall first be used to pay any unredeemed bonds for such facilities.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 334, O.S.L. 1995 (73 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 179), is amended to read as follows:

Section 179. A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, to be designated the "1995 Tourism Bond Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all revenues generated pursuant to the provisions of Section ~~1~~ 178 of this ~~act~~ title, which are not otherwise committed for other lawful purposes. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department for purposes of retiring the debt created pursuant to Section ~~1~~ 178 of this ~~act~~ title. Expenditures from the 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.

B. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department shall submit an annual report to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor detailing the revenues generated in the previous fiscal year which are attributable to the repairs, refurbishments and improvements to

Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department properties pursuant to Section ~~4~~ 178 of this ~~act~~ title. Such report shall be submitted before August 1 of each year.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 85.12, as last amended by Section 28, Chapter 2, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 85.12), is amended to read as follows:

Section 85.12 A. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to affect any law relating to fiscal or accounting procedure except such as may be directly in conflict herewith; and all claims, warrants and bonds shall be examined, inspected and approved as now provided by law.

B. The following acquisitions shall not be included within the purview of the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act:

1. Food and other products produced by state institutions and agencies;

2. Contracts for construction of new buildings and for the repair, maintenance or modernization of old buildings by state educational institutions included within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education;

3. The printing or duplication of publications or forms of whatsoever kind or character by state agencies, which service is performed upon their own equipment, by their own employees;

4. Acquisitions by The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education on any institution or entity comprising the same insofar as such acquisitions relate to textbooks, laboratory supplies, instructional materials and specialized laboratory equipment;

5. Department of Transportation and Transportation Commission contractual services or right-of-way purchases. Contracts awarded pursuant to bids let by the Transportation Commission for the maintenance or construction of streets, roads, highways, bridges, or underpasses, or any other transportation facilities under the control of the Department of Transportation, the acquisitions of

equipment or materials accruing to the Department of Transportation required in Federal-Aid contracts, and contracts for public service type announcements initiated by the Department of Transportation. Contractual services as used herein shall not include advertising or public relations services;

6. Utility services where rates therefor are regulated by a state or federal regulatory commission, or by city ordinance or by an Indian Tribal Council for use by the Department of Corrections only;

7. Acquisition of products and services by the University Hospitals and the University Hospitals Authority. The Authority shall develop standards for the acquisition of products and services and may elect to utilize Central Purchasing when appropriate. Such standards shall foster economy, short response time, and shall include appropriate safeguards and written records to assure appropriate competition and economical and efficient purchasing and shall be approved by the Director of Central Purchasing;

8. Contracts for custom harvesting by the Department of Corrections for the Department or its institutions;

9. Contracts with private prison contractors which are subject to the contracting procedures of Section 561 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

10. Acquisitions of aircraft by agencies authorized by the Legislature to purchase aircraft;

11. Purchases by the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority;

12. Grand River Dam Authority;

13. Purchases by rural water, sewer, gas or solid waste management districts created pursuant to Section 1324.1 et seq. of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

14. Purchases by the Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority or Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority, except that the Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority and the Midwestern Oklahoma Development

Authority shall remain subject to the provisions of Section 85.32 of this title;

15. Contracts entered into by the Oklahoma Industrial Finance Authority for the services of an appraiser or for acquisition of insurance when it is determined by its Board of Directors that an emergency exists and for the services of legal counsel when approved by the Attorney General;

16. Contracts entered into by the State Department of Education for the purpose of implementing the provisions of Section 6-156 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

17. Expenditure of monies appropriated to the State Board of Education for the purpose of Local, State-supported Programs and State-supported Programs except monies appropriated for the Administrative and Support Functions of the State Department of Education;

18. Contracts entered into by the State Department of Vocational and Technical Education for the development, revision or updating of vocational curriculum materials;

19. Contracts entered into by the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology for professional services;

20. Contracts entered into by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce pursuant to the provisions of ~~Section 5009.1 et seq. of this title and~~ Section 5066.4 of this title;

21. Purchases made by the Oklahoma Historical Society from monies used to administer the White Hair Memorial;

22. Purchases of products available to an agency through a General Services Administration contract or other federal contract if the item is on current state contract and the terms of such contract are more favorable to the agency than the terms of a state contract for the same products as determined by the State Purchasing Director;

23. Contracts for managed health care services entered into by the state entity designated by law or the Department of Human Services, as specified in paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section ~~3~~ 1010.3 of ~~the Oklahoma Medicaid Healthcare Options Act~~ Title 56 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

24. Purchases of products by the Forestry Service of the State Department of Agriculture as authorized by the federal General Services Administration through a General Services Administration contract or other federal contract if the item is not on current state contract or the terms of such federal contract are more favorable to the agency than the terms of a state contract for the same products;

25. Purchases amounting to less than that requiring competitive bid ~~pursuant to~~ as provided for in Section 85.7 of this title. The Director of Central Services shall promulgate rules related to such purchases in excess of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) and not exceeding Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to ensure competitiveness and fairness in such purchases; and

26. Purchases or acquisitions of clothing for clients of the Department of Human Services and purchases and acquisitions of food for group homes operated by the Department of Human Services.

C. Notwithstanding the exclusions provided herein, any agency or common schools of Oklahoma, any municipality of the state, any rural fire protection district and county officers may, unless the contract with the state specifies otherwise, avail themselves of the provisions of the Oklahoma Central Purchasing contracts and the services of the Purchasing Director. Provided further, however, that any subdivision of government and any rural fire protection district of the state may designate the office of Oklahoma Central Purchasing as its agent for the purchase or procurement of any item or service contracted or available to the state.

D. Further, notwithstanding the exclusions provided herein, the purchasing policies and procedures of the Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority, the University Hospitals Authority and the Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority shall be subject to approval by the Director of the Department of Central Services, and said Director shall make periodic audits of the purchasing policies and procedures of the Oklahoma Ordnance Works Authority, the University Hospitals Authority and the Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority to ensure that said purchasing policies and procedures, as approved, are being followed.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1825, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1825. Positions within the Division of Lodges of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department shall be in the unclassified service and shall not be subject to any of the provisions of the Oklahoma Personnel Act, or to any rules ~~and regulations~~ promulgated by the Office of Personnel Management except leave regulations. No employee of the Division of Lodges shall be transferred to the unclassified service without ~~his~~ such employee's consent.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1834, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1834. ~~Authorization is given for the~~ The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission and the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department staff and designated employees ~~to~~ may promote the state-owned or state-leased and department-operated facilities. Furthermore, specific promotion programs such as complimentary rooms, package rate plans, group rates, guest incentive sales programs, entertainment of prospective guests, employee information programs, as well as other sales and promotion programs considered acceptable in the hospitality industry, are approved as necessary advertising and promotion expenses.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 1996.

SECTION 7. 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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 5th day of March, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1996.

President of the Senate