

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 25

By: Long (Lewis) of the Senate

and

Satterfield and Hiett of
the House

An Act relating to state government; authorizing the Risk Management Administrator to provide insurance coverage for certain rural gas districts; authorizing Risk Management Administrator to determine eligibility criteria and establish certain equipment and safety standards; allowing districts to participate in the Risk Management Program; requiring such districts to make payments for insurance coverage; requiring requests for insurance coverage to be made in writing; requiring Risk Management Administrator to approve districts for participation in Risk Management Program if such district meets certain requirements; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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 85.34A1 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Risk Management Administrator, pursuant to the provisions of this section and Section 85.34 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, may obtain or provide insurance coverage for any board member, personnel, property and vehicles necessary for use by rural gas districts organized and operated pursuant to the provisions of Section 1324.1 et seq. of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Risk Management Administrator is authorized to determine eligibility criteria for participation in the Risk Management Program by such districts. In addition, the Risk Management Administrator is authorized to establish equipment and safety standards for any vehicles, equipment, or property used by the district and covered by the Risk Management Program.

B. The governing authorities of the above-mentioned districts shall be required to make payments for such insurance coverage as provided by Section 85.37 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

C. Requests for the insurance coverage provided pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be submitted in writing to the Risk Management Administrator by the governing boards of the districts specified in subsection A of this section. Those districts meeting eligibility criteria shall be approved for participation in the Risk Management Program by the Risk Management Administrator if the vehicles, equipment and property meet the equipment and safety standards established by the Risk Management Administrator.

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.