

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2418

By: Hutchison

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to tourism; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1834, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 158, O.S.L. 1997 (74 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1834), which relates to tourism promotion; and clarifying language.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1834, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 158, O.S.L. 1997 (74 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1834), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1834. A. Authorization is given for the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission and the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department staff and designated employees to 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, in the travel industry, or the regional magazine industry are approved as necessary advertising and promotion expenses.

B. In order to best carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department and to serve the people of the state in the promotion of tourism and tourism economic development, the Department may enter into partnerships for promotional programs and projects with a private person, firm, corporation, organization or association. The Department may enter into contracts or agreements under terms to be mutually agreed upon to ~~carry out~~ implement the programs and projects not including the Department's advertising contract which utilizes the Tourism Promotion Tax or acquisition of land or buildings. The contracts or agreements may be negotiated and shall not be subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act, Section 85.1 et seq. of this title or the Public Competitive Bidding Act of 1974, Section 101 et seq. of Title 61 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

C. All contracts or agreements entered into as partnerships for promotional projects or programs by the Department shall be approved by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission.

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