

SHORT TITLE: State government; clarifying statutory reference.  
Emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 1358

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An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1863, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 334, O.S.L. 1995 (74 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1863), which relates to state parks, lakes and recreation areas; clarifying statutory reference; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1863, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 334, O.S.L. 1995 (74 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1863), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1863. A. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission shall prescribe and collect reasonable rates, fees, tolls or charges for the services, facilities and commodities rendered by all property of the Commission, the revenues a portion of which may be pledged to the payment of bonds issued hereunder, and shall revise such rates, fees, tolls or charges from time to time whenever necessary to ensure that the revenues to be derived therefrom shall be fully sufficient to pay principal of and interest on such bonds. The Commission shall have no authority to assess entrance fees nor any other fees not authorized by the Legislature. The gross revenues derived by the Commission from the operation of any part or parts of the properties of the Commission, but no revenues derived by the Commission through legislative appropriation or from sources

other than operation of the properties of the Commission, may be pledged to the payment of such principal and interest.

B. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission is hereby authorized to construct improvements in several parks and authorize the issuance of one issue of bonds for all such improvements, and to pledge for the payment of such bonds and the interest thereon, revenues derived by the Commission from the operation of any or all of the parks for the construction of improvements in which any such consolidated bond issue has been authorized.

C. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission is further authorized to construct state-of-the-art welcome centers on or near interstate highways, including but not limited to entry points near the state's borders and major metropolitan areas, and authorize the issuance of one issue of bonds for all such construction projects, and to pledge for the payment of such bonds and the interest thereon, revenues derived by the Commission from the lease or operation of any or all of the welcome centers, for the construction of the welcome centers in which any such consolidated bond issue has been authorized.

D. Any revenues which may be received by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission for the use of such buildings or improvements, in whole or in part, shall be regarded as all other revenues of the Commission and shall be subject to be pledged to the payment of bonds issued hereunder. Each bond shall recite in substance that such bond and the interest thereon is payable solely from the revenues pledged to the payment thereof, and that such bond does not constitute a debt of the Commission or of the state within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitation.

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.

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