

SHORT TITLE: State government; allowing the Oklahoma Department of Tourism to enter into certain partnerships; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 311

By: Herbert

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1834, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 120, O.S.L. 1996 (74 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1834), which relates to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Act; authorizing the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department to enter into certain agreements; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1834, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 120, O.S.L. 1996 (74 O.S. Supp. 1996, 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 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 by the Department shall be approved by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission as partnerships for promotional projects or programs.

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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