

An Act relating to the Employment Security Act of 1980; amending 40 O.S. 1991, Sections 1-209, 1-223, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 161, O.S.L. 1998, 2-106, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 161, O.S.L. 1998, 2-402, 2-405, as last amended by Section 8, Chapter 161, O.S.L. 1998, 2-613, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 318, O.S.L. 1992, 3-106, as last amended by Section 10, Chapter 161, O.S.L. 1998, and 3-109.1, as last amended by Section 11, Chapter 161, O.S.L. 1998 (40 O.S. Supp. 1998, Sections 1-223, 2-106, 2-402, 2-405, 2-613, 3-106, and 3-109.1), which relate to employing unit, taxable wages, maximum benefit amount, fraud, determining good cause, recovery and recoupment, benefit wages charged and relief therefrom, and unemployment insurance rates; eliminating prospective definition of taxable wages; modifying method of determining maximum benefit amount; describing benefits paid as a result of claimant fraud as overpayment; deleting certain eligibility of spouse for certain benefit; allowing certain waiver of certain interest penalties under certain circumstances; deleting exception to applicability of certain rate reduction; updating references; clarifying references; regularizing punctuation and usage; eliminating gender distinctions; and declaring an emergency.