

An Act relating to labor; amending 40 O.S. 1991, Sections 1-208A, 1-209, 1-218, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 30, O.S.L. 1997, 2-203, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 30, O.S.L. 1997, 2-402, 2-603, 2-613, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 318, O.S.L. 1992, 2-706, 2-707, 3-401, 3-405, as amended by Section 22, Chapter 219, O.S.L. 1993, 4-508, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 2000, 4-509, as last amended by Section 21, Chapter 30, O.S.L. 1997, Section 13, Chapter 161, O.S.L. 1998, and 5-102 (40 O.S. Supp. 2000, Sections 1-218, 2-203, 2-613, 3-405, 4-508, 4-509, and 4-608), which relate to the Employment Security Act of 1980; stating, in relation to Indian tribes and tribal units, definitions and exceptions to definitions; providing basis for unemployment benefits; requiring payment of contributions; providing for payments in lieu of contributions; providing for tribal determination; providing for conflict of laws; requiring billing; stating consequences of failure to make payments; requiring notice; allowing time for correction of delinquency; providing for account termination and notice of action; requiring statement of protest rights; providing for reinstatement; requiring notice to federal agencies; providing for implementation of federal law; establishing options for certain tribes to be covered; prohibiting a tribe from changing election retrospectively; providing that participation does not waive sovereign immunity; stating loss of option for failure to make payments; stating circumstances for reinstatement of option; stating obligation of Indian tribe to finance benefits under specified circumstances; clarifying status of certain motor carriers; deleting, modifying, and adding exclusions from definition of wages; defining, stating requirements for, and providing for approval of, supplemental unemployment benefit plan; providing payments not be deducted from benefit amounts; restricting payment of claim on basis of claimant's place of residence; increasing penalties and providing for claimant disqualification for repeated fraud; providing procedures for timely appeal by Interactive Voice Response System; clarifying kinds of benefit overpayments and clarifying liabilities applicable to each; permitting waiver of interest payments under certain circumstances; deleting obsolete language; clarifying circumstance under, and stage in process at which, appeal may be filed in district court; clarifying amount that must be paid before appeal is filed; directing establishment of employee recognition program; authorizing payments; stating nature of recognition awards authorized and limiting value thereof; providing for disposition of distributed federal funds; providing for release of information to persons, agencies, or entities; and increasing penalties for repetition of benefit fraud; providing for codification; providing effective dates; and declaring an emergency.