

An Act relating to the Employment Security Act of 1980; amending 40 O.S. 1991, Sections 1-209, 1-210, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 161, O.S.L. 1998, 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, Section 13, Chapter 161, O.S.L. 1998, and 5-102 (40 O.S. Supp. 2000, Sections 1-210, 1-218, 2-203, 2-613, 3-405, 4-508, and 4-608), which relate to employing units, employment, wages, claims, fraud, appeal tribunal, recovery and recoupment, state indicators, appeals to district court, deposit of assessment required, confidential information, Reed Act distributions, and failure to disclose material fact; stating, in relation to Indian tribes and tribal units, definitions, exceptions to definitions, and exclusions from 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; 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; 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; authorizing filing of appeal of unemployment claim determination by means of telecommunications; 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 public housing agencies; increasing penalties for repetition of benefit fraud; correcting cites; clarifying references; providing for codification; and providing effective dates.