

An Act relating to tourism and recreation; amending 62 O.S. 1991, Sections 7.1, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 219, O.S.L. 1996 and 7.2, as last amended by Section 12, Chapter 2, O.S.L. 1997 (62 O.S. Supp. 2000, Sections 7.1 and 7.2), which relate to state fiscal affairs; providing exemptions from requirements for certain accounts; amending 62 O.S. 1991, Section 695.3, which relates to economic development bonds; modifying definitions and amending 74 O.S. 1991, Sections 500.18, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2000, 1811, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 45, O.S.L. 2000, and 1811.1a, as last amended by Section 30, Chapter 268, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 2000, Sections 500.18, 1811 and 1811.1a), which relate to the State Travel Reimbursement Act and the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Act; exempting Oklahoma Golf Authority from certain provisions relating to deposit of funds; modifying definitions; adding entities eligible for travel reimbursement; requiring certain report; deleting language relating to pilot program; providing for termination of fund; changing name of entity within Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department; stating short title; authorizing the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority to acquire real and personal property for certain purposes; specifying maximum amount of funding for certain expenses; authorizing the authority to hold title to real and personal property; requiring the property to be transferred from the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority to the Oklahoma Golf Authority upon final redemption or defeasance of certain obligation; authorizing Oklahoma Golf Authority to borrow monies on the credit of the income and revenues; providing purpose; limiting expenditures; stating legislative intent; stating that bonds shall not be general obligation bonds and shall not constitute indebtedness of the state; authorizing the Authority to expend funds from certain proceeds; allowing expenditure of funds for specified purposes contingent upon availability; authorizing the Authority to issue obligations in one or more series in conjunction with other issues; authorizing the Authority to hire certain personnel to efficiently sell the obligations; authorizing the Authority to sell obligations competitively or negotiated as determined by the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority; allowing interest earnings to be used as partial payments of annual debt; exempting interest earned on obligations from any taxation; authorizing the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority to direct investments of monies, funds and accounts created in connection with the obligations; requiring the investments to be consistent with certain guidelines; authorizing the Authority to place certain restrictions on the investments; subjecting the Authority to blanket bond coverage; authorizing the purchase of fidelity bond coverage; requiring cost of increased coverage be borne by specified entity; removing golf courses from control of Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission; providing for termination of the Golf Course Operations Revolving Fund; creating the Oklahoma Golf Authority; defining terms; creating the Oklahoma Golf Authority Board; providing for composition, qualifications, appointment, officers, quorum, and travel reimbursement of membership of Board; requiring members of the Board be subject to rules of the Ethics Commission; requiring compliance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and Oklahoma Open Records Act; transferring certain property from Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission to Oklahoma Golf Authority; providing for additional transfers and procedures; requiring specified claims remain responsibility of certain entities; requiring certain claims be paid by Risk Management Program; requiring certain conveyances be executed to effectuate specified transfers; specifying origin of initial rules; requiring specified rules remain in effect until amended or repealed; providing for powers and duties of the Board; providing that certain employees have the option to be transferred to specified agency

under certain conditions; exempting all positions with the Oklahoma Golf Authority from the Oklahoma Personnel Act with exceptions; prohibiting sale of certain property without legislative approval; requiring transfer of specified employees and stating certain conditions; authorizing the Board to participate in specified retirement systems; authorizing and providing procedures for the issuance of revenue bonds by the Authority; requiring annual report and stating contents; repealing Section 1, Chapter 331, O.S.L. 1993 (74 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 1825.1), which relates to golf course operations; providing for codification; and providing effective dates.