

An Act relating to statutes and reports; amending 75 O.S. 2001, Sections 250.10 and 303, which relate to the Administrative Procedures Act; enacting the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act; defining terms; creating Small Business Regulatory Review Committee within the Oklahoma Department of Commerce; stating purpose of Committee; providing for membership, terms of office, qualifications for membership, conduct of proceedings, and duties; requiring agencies comply with certain provisions for making certain determination; requiring agencies submit proposed rules adversely affecting small business to Small Business Regulatory Review Committee and provide for certain review and comment period; requiring Committee submit certain request to agency; making act inapplicable to certain rules; authorizing filing of certain petitions by small businesses; stating grounds for petition; requiring agency submit copy of petition to Committee, take certain actions and submit certain response to Committee; authorizing small businesses to seek review of agency decision by Committee under certain circumstances; prescribing procedures for Committee and basis for recommendations; requiring Committee submit certain report to Legislature under certain circumstances; authorizing agencies to waive or reduce administrative fines or penalties under certain circumstances; providing exceptions; requiring promulgation of rules related thereto; authorizing certain entities to request agencies to review rules for certain purposes; modifying time frame for certain comment period and conforming language; modifying list of entities who may request hearing on proposed rules; modifying information to be included in rule impact statement; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.