

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB1617

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to libel and slander; amending 12 O.S. 1991, Section 1443.1, which relates to exemptions from libel; allowing for civil action for libel; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 12 O.S. 1991, Section 1443.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1443.1 A. A privileged publication or communication is one made:

~~First.~~ 1. In any legislative ~~or~~ proceeding, judicial proceeding, or any other proceeding authorized by law. However, publications or communications made in any pleading, written motion, or other paper filed in a judicial proceeding shall not be considered a privileged publication or communication;

~~Second.~~ 2. In the proper discharge of an official duty; or

~~Third.~~ 3. By a fair and true report of any legislative or judicial or other proceeding authorized by law, or anything said in the course thereof, and any and all expressions of opinion in regard thereto, and criticisms thereon, and any and all criticisms upon the official acts of any and all public officers, except where the matter stated of and concerning the official act done, or of the officer, falsely imputes crime to the officer so criticized.

B. No publication which under this section would be privileged shall be punishable as libel.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2001.

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