

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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An Act relating to labor; amending 40 O.S. 1991, Section 417, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 305, O.S.L. 1992 (40 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 417), which relates to reports; requiring specified injuries be reported as a separate category; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 1991, Section 417, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 305, O.S.L. 1992 (40 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 417), is amended to read as follows:

Section 417. (1) To ~~assure~~ ensure the availability of accurate, timely statistical data concerning occupational health and safety in Oklahoma, all employers as defined in Section 402 of this title shall submit reports, on a form and in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Labor; the form shall be designed to reflect information about soft-tissue injuries in a readily distinguishable fashion so that, in order to devise more effective programs for the prevention of soft-tissue injuries and minimize time lost from work because of soft-tissue injuries, policy-makers may gain a better understanding of the relative rates of incidence, amount of lost time, and percentage of disability resulting from soft-tissue injuries. Reports shall include only those injuries arising from employment within the State of Oklahoma.

(2) The Department of Labor may exempt from this requirement those classes of employers for whose operations adequate records of safety experience are already available or the Department may exempt any employer from this requirement when, in the judgment of the

Commissioner, the submission of annual reports by such employer is not necessary to carry out the purposes of this act and would be an undue burden upon such employer because of size, the nature of its operation, or other special circumstances.

(3) The Department shall publish each year a detailed summary of the statistical data received from employers. A copy of such summary shall be available on request to each reporting establishment required to file reports of disabling work injuries and shall be made available to anyone having a legitimate interest in the subject matter of the report.

(4) Upon publication of the annual summary, the Commissioner of Labor shall provide to the State Insurance Fund Commissioner, upon request, the reports of each employer subject to the provisions of this section, and any derivation, tables or analysis generated by the Department of Labor in the preparation of such summary.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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