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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 132b of Title 85, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. 1. A public health authority may obtain workers' compensation insurance for volunteers acting pursuant to the Catastrophic Health Emergency Powers Act from the Catastrophic Health Emergency Volunteer Insurance Pool pursuant to requirements established by CompSource Oklahoma which shall administer the Pool. The coverage shall apply only in the event a state of catastrophic emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to the Catastrophic Health Emergency Powers Act.

2. Any funds received by CompSource Oklahoma from a public health authority for purposes of workers' compensation insurance pursuant to this act shall be deposited to the credit of the Catastrophic Health Emergency Volunteer Insurance Pool. CompSource Oklahoma shall collect premiums, pay claims, and provide for insurance as needed.

B. CompSource Oklahoma shall report annually to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate the number of enrollees in the Catastrophic Health Emergency Volunteer Insurance

Pool; and shall also provide to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate sixty (60) days advanced notice of any proposed change in rates for the Catastrophic Health Emergency Insurance Pool.

C. The amount of claims paid, claim expenses, underwriting losses, loss ratio, or any other financial aspect of the Catastrophic Health Emergency Volunteer Insurance Pool shall not be considered when determining or considering bids for the amount of any premiums, rates or expenses owed by, or any discounts, rebates, dividends, or other financial benefits owed to any other policyholder of CompSource Oklahoma.

D. As used in this section:

1. "Public health authority" means the State Department of Health, the Tulsa City-County Health Department and the Oklahoma City-County Health Department; and

2. "Volunteer" means public health personnel who have been issued special identification pursuant to subsection D of Section 6403 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2004.

Passed the Senate the 25th day of February, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2004.

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of Representatives