

An Act relating to asbestos; amending 27A O.S. 2001, Section 1-3-101, as last amended by Section 2 of Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1204 of the 2nd Session of the 49th Legislature, which relates to state environmental agencies; adding certain asbestos programs to jurisdiction of Department of Environmental Quality; deleting certain asbestos programs from Department of Labor; amending 27A O.S. 2001, Section 2-2-201, which relates to Advisory Councils of the Environmental Quality Board; creating Asbestos Advisory Council; providing for membership of Asbestos Advisory Council; stating jurisdiction of Council; amending 27A O.S. 2001, Section 2-3-401, which relates to the Department of Environmental Quality Revolving Fund; providing for transfer of certain revolving funds; amending 40 O.S. 2001, Sections 450, 451, 452, 453, 455 and 456, which relate to the Oklahoma Asbestos Control Act; modifying citations; modifying definitions; granting authority for licensing to Department of Environmental Quality; directing Department to issue certain permits; providing for collection of fees by Department; authorizing Environmental Quality Board to promulgate rules; restricting promulgation of rules to federal standard; deleting obsolete language; authorizing Executive Director of Department of Environmental Quality to enter certain properties; transferring programs and functions of the Oklahoma Asbestos Control Act from the Department of Labor to the Department of Environmental Quality; transferring rules and fee schedules for certain time period; requiring Environmental Quality Board to adopt new rules by certain date; providing for certain licenses, permits, certifications and registrations to remain valid; transferring rights, obligations, remedies and pending applications to Department; stating transfer of programs and functions shall not negate certain actions; providing for transfer of certain employees; authorizing Executive Director to submit proposed statutory changes by certain date; amending 74 O.S. 2001, Section 61.6, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 37, O.S.L. 2002 (74 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 61.6), which relates to asbestos services of Department of Central Services; clarifying language; repealing 40 O.S. 2001, Sections 454 and 457, which relate to the Oklahoma Asbestos Control Act; providing for codification; providing for recodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.