

An Act relating to labor; amending 40 O.S. 2001, Sections 2-105, 2-203, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2002, 2-405, 2-614, Section 17, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2002, 3-106, as amended by Section 22, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2002, and 4-508, as amended by Section 26, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2002 (40 O.S. Supp. 2002, Sections 2-203, 2-618, 3-106 and 4-508), which relate to the Employment Security Act of 1980; modifying criteria for subtracting wages from benefit amount; modifying procedure by which initial claims are filed; providing for status of terminated employment based on specified circumstances; adding to factors which constitute good cause for voluntarily leaving work; expanding provision for waiver of appeal time; broadening application of claim for exemption procedure; modifying definition of probationary period for determination of benefit wages; modifying exemption from benefit wages; providing for the release of certain confidential information for purposes and under conditions specified; making an appropriation to the Employment Security Administration Fund; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; and providing an effective date.