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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL 1293

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An Act relating to professions and occupations;  
amending 59 O.S. 2001, Section 1104, which relates to  
powers of the Environmental Quality Board;  
authorizing the Board to adopt rules relating to  
licensed public water supply or wastewater operators;  
authorizing certain public entities to hire or  
contract for the services of certain operators;  
authorizing operators to serve certain small systems;  
authorizing the Board to adopt certain rules;  
providing for codification; providing an effective  
date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2001, Section 1104, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 1104. The Environmental Quality Board shall have the  
power and duty to ~~promulgate~~ adopt such rules, including  
requirements, restrictions and conditions relating to the hiring or  
contracting of licensed public water supply or wastewater operators  
pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of this act and the  
establishment of a fee schedule pursuant to Section ~~24 of this act~~  
2-3-402 of Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes, as it may deem  
necessary to the carrying out of the provisions and purposes of the  
Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operator Certification Act.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1118 of Title 59, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A municipality, sewer improvement district, water or sewer  
public trust, or rural water or sewer district may hire or contract  
for the services of one or more operators, properly licensed and  
certified by the Department of Environmental Quality, to operate the

entity's publicly owned public water supply or wastewater systems. The entity may contract with a small publicly owned water supply system or small publicly owned wastewater system to provide the services of the entity's certified operator or operators to assist in the operation of the small system.

B. A consortium of small publicly owned water supply systems or small publicly owned wastewater systems may hire or contract for the services of one or more operators, properly licensed and certified by the Department, to provide certified operator services for those small publicly owned public water supply or wastewater systems.

C. A substate planning district may hire or contract for the services of one or more operators, properly licensed and certified by the Department, to provide certified operator services for small publicly owned public water supply or wastewater systems within the substate planning district.

D. The Oklahoma Rural Water Association may hire or contract for the services of one or more operators, properly licensed and certified by the Department, to provide certified operator services for small publicly owned public water supply or waste water systems.

E. The Environmental Quality Board shall adopt rules defining a small system for purposes of this section, and establishing such requirements, restrictions and conditions relating to the hiring and contracting of operators as it deems necessary to ensure proper operation of publicly owned public water supply or wastewater systems.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

SECTION 4. 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.