

An Act relating to labor; amending 40 O.S. 2001, Sections 1-208, 1-218, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2002, 1-224, 2-405, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 177, O.S.L. 2003, 2-613, as amended by Section 13, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2002, 3-106, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 102, O.S.L. 2004, 3-111, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 102, O.S.L. 2004, 3-202, 4-108, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 177, O.S.L. 2003, 4-314, 4-508, as last amended by Section 8, Chapter 177, O.S.L. 2003, and 5-108 (40 O.S. Supp. 2004, Sections 1-218, 2-405, 2-613, 3-106, 3-111, 4-108 and 4-508), which relate to the Employment Security Act of 1980; updating outline; authorizing Commission to combine certain entities into one account under certain circumstances; modifying exclusions and wage definition; modifying definition; modifying factor for good cause for voluntarily leaving work; making certain offset of benefits mandatory; allowing certain proof for relief of benefit wage charge; deleting rule requirement relating to domestic violence or abuse; clarifying who is a successor employer in certain circumstances; updating language; deleting requirement for making a certain rate assignment; deleting certain authority to establish a certain computation date and definition; providing for combining of certain unemployment experience; prohibiting the transfer of certain unemployment experience under certain circumstances; providing for assigning a certain minimum contribution rate; providing certain objective factors for determining if a business was acquired for a certain purpose; providing penalties; providing definitions; authorizing Commission to establish certain procedures; providing for certain interpretation and application; updating statutory cites; authorizing certain unclassified positions within the Commission; providing for certain reinstatement upon termination under certain circumstances; clarifying appointment; increasing limit for certain petty cash fund; clarifying to whom certain confidential information is to be released; providing for the release of certain information with no liability for error or omission for certain Commission members or employees; adding prohibition to certain list of penalties; making an appropriation to the Employment Security Administration Fund; stating the purpose; specifying programs and the amounts; providing lapse date; specifying standards for accountability for expenditures; specifying appropriation be in accordance with certain provisions and requirements; repealing 40 O.S. 2001, Sections 3-407 and 4-315, which relate to bond for appeals from decisions other than those assessing contributions and the petty cash fund for the Job Corps; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; and providing an effective date.