

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2991

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to environment and natural resources;
8 amending 27A O.S. 2001, Section 2-11-101, which
9 relates to waste recycling studies; directing the
10 Department of Environmental Quality to make certain
11 recycling information available; requiring the
12 Department to develop a recycling information
13 database; directing the Department to issue an annual
14 recycling information report; requiring report to be
15 filed; directing the Department to employ a state
16 recycling coordinator; making position contingent
17 upon funding; stating duties of the state recycling
18 coordinator; specifying source of funding; providing
19 for codification; providing an effective date; and
20 declaring an emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 27A O.S. 2001, Section 2-11-101,
23 is amended to read as follows:

24 Section 2-11-101. A. The Department of Environmental Quality
shall provide for the development of a prioritized agenda of studies
necessary to provide information to facilitate the design and
implementation of recycling initiatives. Such studies may include,
but not be limited to:

- 1 1. Waste composition analyses for urban and rural areas;
- 2 2. Surveys to delineate the knowledge, opinions, and
- 3 preferences of Oklahoma citizens and businesses with respect to
- 4 recycling;
- 5 3. A range of municipal recycling demonstration projects;
- 6 4. Yard waste composting demonstration projects to assist in
- 7 reclaiming strip-mined land;
- 8 5. An assessment of management options for hard-to-handle
- 9 wastes such as lead-acid batteries, used motor oil, and white goods;
- 10 and
- 11 6. An assessment, in cooperation with the Department of
- 12 Commerce, of the condition of markets for materials which are being
- 13 or could be recovered from the municipal solid waste stream in
- 14 Oklahoma.

15 B. It is the intent of the Legislature that as funds become
16 available, the Department of Environmental Quality shall cause the
17 studies specified by this section to be conducted.

18 C. The Department of Environmental Quality shall compile,
19 organize, and make information available to state agencies,
20 political subdivisions of the state, private industry, and the
21 general public on recycling initiatives, programs, projects and
22 efforts across the state. The Department shall develop a database
23 of recyclers, community recycling programs, and recycling
24 information and tips which shall be available on the Internet web

1 site of the Department, with a link to the state on-line government
2 portal system.

3 D. The Department shall annually issue a report summarizing the
4 recycling initiatives undertaken by the Department and other
5 recycling programs and efforts occurring in the state. The report
6 shall be submitted to the Governor, the Oklahoma House of
7 Representatives, and the Oklahoma State Senate and posted on the
8 Internet web site of the Department in a manner that is readily
9 accessible to the public.

10 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-11-104 of Title 27A, unless
12 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 Contingent upon the availability of funds, the Department of
14 Environmental Quality shall employ at least one state recycling
15 coordinator. The coordinator shall be responsible for coordinating
16 the recycling initiatives and programs of the Department, compiling
17 and distributing recycling information, and coordinating recycling
18 education efforts. The state recycling coordinator position shall
19 be funded from any monies available to the Department.

20 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

21 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
22 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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