

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2228

By: Jett of the House

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4 Jolley of the Senate

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7 (economic development - Director of Foreign Trade
8 Zones - codification - effective date -
9 emergency)

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5003.20 of Title 74, unless
15 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. There is hereby created as a position and office within the
17 Oklahoma Department of Commerce the State Foreign Trade Zone
18 Director.

19 B. The Director shall be responsible for providing economic
20 development and marketing support activities for the port authority
21 foreign trade zones (FTZs).

22 C. The Director shall be an employee of the Oklahoma Department
23 of Commerce.

24 D. The Director shall:

1 1. Provide customer service to existing members of the Zone
2 projects; and

3 2. Provide education and training to prospective members,
4 current members, the business community, economic development
5 professionals and their organizations, and Oklahoma government
6 agencies.

7 E. With regard to Foreign Trade Zone development, the Director
8 shall:

9 1. Develop new sites for Foreign Trade Zone expansions;

10 2. Develop, submit and monitor applications for new sites into
11 the Foreign Trade Zone project;

12 3. Develop and track the marketing budget;

13 4. Market Foreign Trade Zones both domestically and
14 internationally; and

15 5. Develop marketing materials.

16 F. With regard to the administration of Foreign Trade Zones,
17 the Director shall:

18 1. Develop and implement strategic and marketing plans with the
19 oversight of the Board of Directors for the Port Authorities;

20 2. Communicate by phone and other means regarding the Zones;

21 3. Prepare monthly activity reports;

22 4. Attend bimonthly board meetings and present oral and written
23 reports on activity within or related to the Zones;

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1 5. Track existing sites for compliance with Foreign Trade Zone
2 regulations;

3 6. Conduct annual security inspections at activated sites; and

4 7. Assist in the development of the Annual Report by the
5 Foreign Trade Zone Board.

6 G. The Director shall:

7 1. Attend and participate in National Association of Foreign
8 Trade Zone seminars, conferences and training sessions; and

9 2. Attend and participate in other relevant conferences related
10 to the formation and operation of Foreign Trade Zones.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

12 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
13 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2009.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

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6 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2009.

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