

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE BILL 1810

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to public health and safety; stating  
7 legislative findings; defining term; authorizing  
8 certain persons to make contributions to a health and  
9 wellness account; directing the Oklahoma Health Care  
10 Authority to establish certain program; providing for  
11 certain match; providing for contributions and  
12 interest to be exempt from taxation; creating the  
13 Oklahoma Health and Wellness Revolving Fund;  
14 providing for appropriations; stating purpose;  
15 providing for expenditures; providing for  
16 codification; providing for noncodification; and  
17 providing an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
20 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

21 The Legislature finds and declares that the health and wellness  
22 of the citizens of Oklahoma is a matter of the highest state  
23 priority. The Legislature further finds that Oklahoma has had  
24 success in improving the quality of health, but that continued  
incentives and improvement to the health and wellness of our  
citizens is paramount to lowering health care costs to this state.

1           SECTION 2.           NEW LAW           A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2631 of Title 63, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4           A. As used in this section, "health and wellness account" means  
5 a trust or custodian established in this state pursuant to a health  
6 and wellness program exclusively to pay the qualified wellness  
7 expenses of an individual or their dependents.

8           B. An individual who is a resident of this state shall be  
9 allowed to deposit contributions to a health and wellness savings  
10 account.

11           C. 1. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall establish a  
12 program providing for the state to match up to Five Hundred Dollars  
13 (\$500.00) for each eligible participant.

14           2. The Authority is authorized to seek any federal money or  
15 private donation to carry out the provisions of this section. All  
16 money accumulated pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited in  
17 the Oklahoma Health and Wellness Revolving Fund created in Section 3  
18 of this act.

19           D. Contributions made to and interest earned on a health and  
20 wellness account shall be exempt from taxation as adjusted gross  
21 income in this state as provided for in Section 2358 of Title 68 of  
22 the Oklahoma Statutes.

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1 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2632 of Title 63, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. There is created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for  
5 the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to be designated the "Oklahoma  
6 Health and Wellness Revolving Fund".

7 B. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal  
8 year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the  
9 Authority from public or private contributions or grants. All  
10 monies accruing to the credit of the fund are appropriated and may  
11 be budgeted and expended by the Authority for the purpose of  
12 providing a state match pursuant to Section 2 of this act.

13 C. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants  
14 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by  
15 law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

16 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

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