

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2228

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to economic development; creating the  
8 position of Director of Foreign Trade Zones;  
9 prescribing qualifications; imposing duties;  
10 providing for codification; providing an effective  
11 date; and declaring an emergency.

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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