

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT  
TO  
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 259 By: Coates of the Senate  
3 and  
4 McNiel of the House  
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7 ( Oklahoma Tourism, Parks and Recreation Enhancement  
8 Act - authority to issue bonds - modifying bonding  
9 authority -  
10 effective date )  
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13 AUTHORS: Add the following House coauthors: Remove McNiel as  
14 principal House author and substitute Cox as principal  
15 House author and add Roberts (Dustin) and Roan as  
coauthors

16 AUTHORS: Add the following Senate coauthors: Remove Coates as  
17 principal Senate author and substitute Brecheen as  
principal Senate author and show Coates as coauthor

18 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the stricken title, enacting clause and  
19 entire bill and insert

20 "( Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department - water  
21 quality -  
22 emergency )  
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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

2 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
3 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2301 of Title 74, unless there  
4 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

5 A. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department shall develop  
6 and maintain a website that allows the public to check the water  
7 quality, as it adversely affects human and mammalian animal health,  
8 of recreational bodies of water in this state which are managed by  
9 state or federal agencies or entities. The website shall be made  
10 available to the public on or before December 31, 2012, and shall  
11 provide links to relevant state agency websites.

12 B. Any state or municipal agency with authority to manage a  
13 recreational lake or reservoir in this state shall post signs at  
14 major access points for the body of water stating that information  
15 on water quality is available on the website specified in subsection  
16 A of this section. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department  
17 shall develop and provide the language for the signs required by  
18 this subsection.

19 C. The State Department of Health shall provide to physicians,  
20 hospital personnel, and local health departments educational  
21 material and information on the effects and symptoms of exposure to  
22 blue-green algae.

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1 D. 1. Any state or municipal agency with authority to manage a  
2 recreational lake or reservoir in this state, to regulate water  
3 quality or regulate public health shall:

- 4 a. issue advisories for blue-green algae for recreational  
5 lakes or reservoirs only when both the blue-green  
6 algae cell count and toxicity testing results exceed  
7 the World Health Organization guidelines for moderate  
8 probability of adverse health effects of one hundred  
9 thousand (100,000) cells per milliliter for cell count  
10 and twenty (20) micrograms per liter for microcystin  
11 toxin levels. The blue-green algae testing shall be  
12 conducted at predetermined locations which are  
13 published along with the testing results, and
- 14 b. lift advisories for blue-green algae for recreational  
15 lakes or reservoirs if the blue-green algae cell count  
16 and toxicity testing results are below guidelines as  
17 set forth in subparagraph a of this paragraph for two  
18 consecutive tests taken at weekly intervals within  
19 thirty (30) calendar days of each other.

20 2. The blue-green algae cell count and toxicity testing  
21 results as described in this subsection may be provided by a public  
22 or private entity.

23 E. Any state or municipal agency with authority to manage a  
24 recreational body of water in this state, to regulate water quality

1 or regulate public health and which may issue blue-green algae lake  
2 advisories shall recognize publicly and privately funded research if  
3 the research is scientifically verifiable and it will ensure that  
4 the public is more informed about water quality and safety. The  
5 Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department may publish the findings  
6 of the research on the website specified in subsection A of this  
7 section.

8 F. For purposes of this section:

9 1. "State or municipal agency" means any agency, board,  
10 commission, department, authority, office, subdivision or  
11 instrumentality of the state or a municipality located in the state;  
12 and

13 2. "Recreational lake or reservoir" means a lake or reservoir  
14 on which the public is allowed to fish, boat or swim.

15 G. Nothing in this section shall be construed to amend, modify,  
16 or repeal any state or federal requirements related to water  
17 testing.

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

22 and when title is restored, amend to conform  
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