

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1979

By: Pittman and Shelton of the  
House

3 and

4 Eason McIntyre of the  
5 Senate

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8 ( tourism and recreation - Oklahoma Freedom Trail  
9 Act - stating purpose - codification -  
10 noncodification -

11 effective date )  
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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2294 of Title 74, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma  
20 Freedom Trail Act".

21 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2295 of Title 74, unless there  
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:  
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1       The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department is hereby  
2 designated as the entity responsible for planning and providing  
3 administration for the Oklahoma Freedom Trail. The purpose of the  
4 Oklahoma Freedom Trail shall be to recognize, document and mark  
5 sites in this state that are associated with the history and  
6 movement towards freedom of its African-American citizens.

7       SECTION 3.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2296 of Title 74, unless there  
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10       A. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department shall seek  
11 input and assistance from the Oklahoma Historical Society, the  
12 Oklahoma Film and Music Commission and the Oklahoma Department of  
13 Transportation in selecting the most notable sites to feature and  
14 highlight as part of the Oklahoma Freedom Trail. The Oklahoma  
15 Tourism and Recreation Department shall be responsible for marketing  
16 and promoting the Oklahoma Freedom Trail through the use of links or  
17 postings on or the expansion of existing websites or through any  
18 other methods selected by the Department.

19       B. Each site along the Oklahoma Freedom Trail may be designated  
20 with a marker selected by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation  
21 Department, with a suitable permanent marker placed on a highway by  
22 the Oklahoma Department of Transportation or with adding site  
23 information to an existing highway sign placed on a highway by the  
24 Oklahoma Department of Transportation. The Oklahoma Department of

1 Transportation may place a suitable permanent marker or add site  
2 information to an existing highway sign while doing normal  
3 maintenance or replacement procedures.

4 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2297 of Title 74, unless there  
6 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 The implementation of the provisions of the Oklahoma Freedom  
8 Trail Act shall be contingent upon the Oklahoma Tourism and  
9 Recreation Department securing private donations, contributions,  
10 gifts, grants or any other monies for the purposes of planning,  
11 implementing and administering the Oklahoma Freedom Trail.

12 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

13 Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of March, 2011.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

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18 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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