

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 SENATE BILL 879

By: Sykes

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to workers' compensation; amending 85  
8 O.S. 2001, Section 6, which relates to penalty;  
9 updating statutory reference; making language gender  
10 neutral; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 85 O.S. 2001, Section 6, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 6. Except as provided in Section ~~29~~ 110 of this ~~act~~  
16 title, a person, firm, partnership or corporation who violates any  
17 provision of Section 5 of this title shall be liable for reasonable  
18 damages, actual and punitive if applicable, suffered by an employee  
19 as a result of the violation. An employee discharged in violation  
20 of the Workers' Compensation Act shall be entitled to be reinstated  
21 to his or her former position. Exemplary or punitive damage awards  
22 made pursuant to this section shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand  
23 Dollars (\$100,000.00). The burden of proof shall be upon the  
24 employee.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

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