STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 3177 By: Blackwell

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An Act relating to United States; directing Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department to control and maintain certain areas under certain circumstances; authorizing Department to collect certain fees; authorizing counties to maintain certain roads under certain circumstances; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 50 of Title 80, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Should a recreational area owned and operated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers within the State of Oklahoma close or fail to open for any amount of time due to loss of federal funds in a federal government shutdown, the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department shall immediately have the duty and power to maintain control over and staff the recreational area in order to maintain access to the recreational area and its facilities to the public.

The Department may charge and collect fees for use of the recreational area or its facilities.

B. Should any highways or roads located on any property owned and operated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers within the State of Oklahoma close or fail to open for any amount of time due to loss of federal funds in a federal government shutdown or for any other reason, the county in which the road or highway is located may open and maintain the road or highway. This shall be accomplished upon a majority vote of the board of county commissioners that declares the road or highway is needed for an emergency route.

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

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