

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3177

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to United States; directing Oklahoma  
8 Tourism and Recreation Department to control and  
9 maintain certain areas under certain circumstances;  
10 providing time period of control and maintenance;  
11 authorizing Department to collect certain fees;  
12 authorizing counties to maintain certain roads under  
13 certain circumstances; providing for codification;  
14 and declaring an emergency.

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 50 of Title 80, unless there is  
18 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

1 recreational area after the federal government shutdown has lifted.  
2 The Department may charge and collect fees for use of the  
3 recreational area or its facilities.

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

12 SECTION 2. 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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