

An Act relating to workers' compensation; amending 85 O.S. 2011, Section 380, as amended by Section 45, Chapter 254, O.S.L. 2013 (85 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 380), which relates to Volunteer Firefighters Group Insurance Pool; modifying entity to establish requirements for certain insurance; requiring selection of certain company through competitive bid; modifying entity to collect certain premiums; modifying entity required to submit certain report; modifying procedures for changing certain rates; amending Sections 2, 7, 45, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 390, O.S.L. 2015, 46, 62, 68, 108, 109, 110, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 390, O.S.L. 2015, 111, 112, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 390, O.S.L. 2015, 113 and 118, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 390, O.S.L. 2015, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2013 (85A O.S. Supp. 2015, Sections 2, 7, 45, 46, 62, 68, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206 and 211), which relate to discrimination, disability, soft tissue injury, rebuttable presumption, the Oklahoma Employee Injury Benefit Act, qualified employers, benefit plans, compensation, Oklahoma Option Insured and Self-insured Guaranty Funds, fees and appellate rights; modifying definitions; modifying jurisdictional requirement for certain claims; establishing liability for damages for certain violations; specifying burden of proof for certain violations; modifying requirements for award of temporary total disability; modifying requirements for award of permanent partial disability; modifying calculation for specified permanent partial disability; modifying definitions; modifying procedures for application for certain employer status; requiring certain notice; requiring issuance of certain certificate; modifying procedures for confirmation of certain status; modifying procedures for certain notification; specifying fee schedule for certain groups; modifying requirements for certain benefit plans; clarifying applicability of certain insurance coverage; conforming language; modifying procedures for appeal of denial of certain claims; requiring maintenance of certain records; requiring certain notice; establishing filing fee for certain appeals; and providing an effective date.