

An Act relating to the administrative workers' compensation; amending Sections 2, 3, 18, 21, 22, 29, 36, 38, 45, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 390, O.S.L. 2015, 60, 67, 71, 78, 80, 82, 90, 101, 105, 158, 161, 163, 164, 167, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 169, O.S.L. 2014, and 169, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2013 (85A O.S. Supp. 2015, Sections 2, 3, 18, 21, 22, 29, 36, 38, 45, 60, 67, 71, 78, 80, 82, 90, 101, 105, 115, 118, 120, 121, 124 and 400), which relate to notice, the Workers' Compensation Commission, fees, liability, securing compensation, disability, occupational disease, investigation and hearing, appeals, review of judgments, claims for legal services, bond, employees as witnesses, settlement, compensation claims, Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation and Workers' Compensation Court; modifying definitions; clarifying applicability of Act; adding form of certain notice; adding certain exception; modifying certain powers of Commission; modifying requirements for certain fees; modifying procedures for liability of certain employees; requiring Commission to adopt certain rules; modifying rate for temporary partial disability; clarifying officer required to make certain submission; removing review for certain award or denial; adding form of certain notice; modifying allowable locations for certain hearings; authorizing appointment of certain judge for specified purpose; modifying procedures for review of certain judgments; modifying certain notice requirement; adding bond requirement for certain proceedings; modifying date for implementation of certain system; establishing exception for certain testimony; requiring filing of certain agreements; requiring fee for certain claims; clarifying form of certain inquiry; modifying duties of Council; modifying requirements for transfer of certain personnel; directing payment of certain expenses; modifying certain appellate procedure; updating statutory references; amending Sections 107, 108, 109, 112, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 390, O.S.L. 2015, 113, 114, 115, 116 and 117, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2013 (85A O.S. Supp. 2015, Sections 200, 201, 202, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209 and 210), which relate to qualified employers, Oklahoma Option Insured Guaranty Fund and Oklahoma Option Self-insured Guaranty Fund, fees, determinations and damages; updating statutory references; modifying duties and responsibilities of certain entity and official; amending Sections 121, 125, 126, 133, 134, 135, 137, 139, 141, 142, 143, 144 and 148, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2013 (85A O.S. Supp. 2015, Sections 300, 304, 305, 312, 313, 314, 316, 318, 320, 321, 322, 323 and 327), which relate to arbitration requirements and procedures; updating statutory references; repealing Section 15, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2013 (85A O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 15), which relates to Fraud Investigation Unit funding report; and providing an effective date.