

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to workers' compensation; amending
8 Section 20, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2013 (85A O.S. Supp.
9 2016, Section 20), which relates to the Workers'
10 Compensation Commission; clarifying language; and
11 providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 20, Chapter 208, O.S.L.
14 2013 (85A O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 20), is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 Section 20. A. In addition to its other duties and powers, the
17 Workers' Compensation Commission is given and granted full power and
18 authority:

19 1. To appoint administrative law judges to hear all claims for
20 compensation, including claims based on injuries which occurred
21 outside this state for which compensation is payable under this act.
22 An administrative law judge shall have been licensed to practice law
23 in this state for a period of not less than three (3) years and
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1 shall have not less than three (3) years of workers' compensation
2 experience prior to appointment;

3 2. To remand any case to an administrative law judge for the
4 purpose of taking additional evidence;

5 3. To assess penalties;

6 4. To prescribe rules governing the representation of
7 employees, employers, and carriers in respect to claims before the
8 Commission;

9 5. To make available all records in connection with all cases
10 of personal injury to the Oklahoma Department of Labor. The
11 Commissioner of Labor may propose rules for the prevention of
12 injuries and transmit the rules to the Commission. The Commission
13 may recommend proposed rules for prevention of injuries to the
14 Commissioner of Labor; and

15 6. To have and exercise all other powers and duties conferred
16 or imposed by this ~~act~~ title.

17 B. 1. In addition to the other powers and duties granted to
18 the Commission in this section and otherwise provided by law, the
19 Commission is authorized to establish and impose reasonable
20 administrative fees to recover the cost of preparation of various
21 informative materials distributed by the Commission.

22 2. The administrative fees shall be established by regulation
23 of the Commission.

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1 3. Funds derived from administrative fees shall be deposited
2 into the Workers' Compensation Fund to be used to defray expenses
3 incurred in preparation and distribution of materials.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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