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February 14, 2019

AS AMENDED

SENATE BILL NO. 240

By: Standridge

[state government - State Travel Office - preference be
given to Oklahoma travel agencies - effective date]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 85.45k, as last amended by Section 101, Chapter 15, O.S.L. 2013 (74 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 85.45k), is amended to read as follows:

Section 85.45k. A. There is hereby created the State Travel Office within the Purchasing Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

B. All state agencies and departments of this state shall make arrangements for all air travel on scheduled commercial airlines for state employees required to travel in the course of their official duties and for all other persons traveling at state expense through the State Travel Office, except when the state agency determines that:

1. The air travel services can be secured at a cost less than that which can be secured by the State Travel Office; or

1 2. The air travel originates from a location outside the state
2 and it would be impractical to arrange for the air travel through
3 the State Travel Office; or

4 3. The air travel is necessitated by an emergency and time does
5 not permit utilization of the State Travel Office's services; or

6 4. The air travel is part of a package arrangement made by the
7 organization scheduling the meeting or conference.

8 C. All claims made for reimbursement shall contain a statement
9 showing the reason for the exemption.

10 D. The State Travel Office shall promulgate rules and contract
11 specifications to which the contract travel agencies shall be
12 subject. The rules and specifications shall be drawn with the
13 intent of obtaining the lowest available fares for scheduled
14 commercial air travel. In all responsibilities conducted pursuant
15 to the provisions of this section, the State Travel Office shall
16 give preference to travel agencies located within this state.

17 E. At the end of each month the contract travel agencies shall
18 furnish a statement, in a form approved by the State Travel Office,
19 showing certain details of all travel arrangements handled to each
20 state agency for which the contract travel agencies have furnished
21 their services and shall also furnish copies of said statements to
22 the State Travel Office.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT
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