

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

3 HOUSE BILL 3817

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public buildings and public works;  
8 providing for display of the national motto in state  
9 buildings; authorizing certain entities to provide  
10 legal defense; providing for meaning of display;  
11 providing exception; providing for codification; and  
12 providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 334 of Title 61, unless there is  
16 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall  
18 display the national motto of the United States in a prominently  
19 visible location in all state buildings. The placement and size of  
20 the display shall be in keeping with the placement and size of the  
21 display of the national motto in the United States Capitol Visitor  
22 Center. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall be  
23 directly responsible for the provisions of this act, including any  
24 related expenses.

1           B. In the event that the legality or constitutionality of the  
2 display is challenged in a court of law, the Oklahoma Attorney  
3 General is hereby authorized to prepare and present a legal defense  
4 of the display.

5           C. The display of the national motto shall not be construed to  
6 mean that the State of Oklahoma favors any particular religion or  
7 denomination thereof over others.

8           D. Nothing in this act shall apply to any building owned by a  
9 school district.

10           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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