

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3320

By: Miller

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section 2221, which relates to the Oklahoma Tourism, Parks and Recreation Enhancement Act; authorizing the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department to create a state employee information and promotion program; providing procedures for program; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 2221, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2221. A. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission, through the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, is authorized to promote state-owned, \_leased, or \_operated facilities. The Department may utilize specific promotion programs such as the provision of complimentary rooms, package-rate plans, group rates, guest incentive sales programs, entertainment of prospective guests, employee-information programs, golf promotional programs as well as other sales and promotion programs considered acceptable in the hospitality industry, in the travel industry, or

1 the regional magazine industry are approved as necessary advertising  
2 and promotion expenses.

3 B. In order to best carry out the duties and responsibilities  
4 of the Department and to serve the people of the state in the  
5 promotion of tourism and tourism economic development, the  
6 Department may enter into partnerships for promotional programs and  
7 projects with a private person, firm, corporation, organization or  
8 association. The Department may enter into contracts or agreements  
9 under terms to be mutually agreed upon to carry out the promotional  
10 programs and projects, excluding the advertising contract by the  
11 Department which utilizes the Tourism Promotion Tax or acquisition  
12 of land or buildings. The contracts or agreements may be negotiated  
13 and shall not be subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Central  
14 Purchasing Act or the Public Competitive Bidding Act of 1974.

15 C. All contracts or agreements entered into as partnerships for  
16 promotional projects or programs by the Department shall be approved  
17 by the Commission.

18 D. Pursuant to subsection A of this section, the Department  
19 shall create a state employee information and promotion program  
20 using the following procedures:

21 1. All full-time state employees shall be allowed to have two  
22 (2) consecutive nights of accommodation at a state-operated lodge,  
23 room, or cabin per calendar year at no charge, including tax, to the  
24 employee;

1        2. State employees shall obtain approval from facility managers  
2 prior to use of the program;

3        3. Facility managers shall not accept reservations for any  
4 dates when the facility could be expected to be fully occupied;

5        4. State employees shall be responsible for all other expenses  
6 including food, travel, cleaning costs, and accommodations in excess  
7 of those provided by the program; and

8        5. State employees shall be provided a questionnaire to be  
9 completed upon the end of the stay, which shall be forwarded to the  
10 facility manager.

11        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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