

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 786

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to business enterprises; declaring
8 all businesses essential to the economic welfare of
9 the state; prohibiting enforcement of certain
10 declarations by certain persons; prohibiting economic
11 disadvantage by declaring a business nonessential;
12 providing for codification; and declaring an
13 emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1540 of Title 74, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 This state declares all public and private business enterprises
19 to be essential businesses for the economic welfare of the state and
20 its political subdivisions. All businesses operating in this state
21 contribute to the support of the citizens of this state and pay
22 income taxes and unemployment contributions that are essential to
23 the welfare of this state and its citizens. Any emergency
24 declaration to close or limit the operations of any business legally
25 operating in this state shall not be enforced. No person or

1 governmental entity, whether state or federal, shall be authorized
2 or empowered to create an economic disadvantage for any business
3 legally operating in this state by declaring a business to be
4 nonessential during a state of emergency.

5 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
6 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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