

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1038

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to tourism; amending 74 O.S. 2021,  
8 Section 2259, which relates to tourism information  
9 centers; requiring adult-sized changing tables in  
10 tourism information centers; providing table  
11 specifications; specifying a deadline for compliance;  
12 and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 2259, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 2259. A. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation  
18 Commission shall prescribe and collect reasonable rates, fees, tolls  
19 or charges for the services, facilities and commodities rendered by  
20 all property of the Commission, a portion of which~~7~~ may be pledged  
21 to the payment of bonds issued pursuant to this act. The Commission  
22 shall revise the rates, fees, tolls or charges ~~from time to time~~  
23 ~~whenever necessary~~ to ensure that the revenues to be derived  
24 therefrom shall be fully sufficient to pay principal of and interest

1 on such bonds. The gross revenues derived by the Commission from  
2 the operation of any part or parts of the properties of the  
3 Commission, but no revenues derived by the Commission through  
4 legislative appropriation or from sources other than operation of  
5 the properties of the Commission, may be pledged to the payment of  
6 principal and interest. Notwithstanding any other provisions of  
7 law, the Commission may use money derived from annual legislative  
8 appropriations on a year-to-year basis, as authorized by the  
9 Legislature, to repay any obligations to the Oklahoma Water  
10 Resources Board pursuant to Sections 1085.51 and 1085.71 et seq. of  
11 Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

12 B. The Commission is hereby authorized to construct  
13 improvements in several parks and authorize the issuance of bonds  
14 for all such improvements, and to pledge for the payment of the  
15 bonds and the interest thereon, revenues derived by the Commission  
16 from the operation of any or all of the parks in which any  
17 consolidated bond issue has been authorized.

18 C. The Commission is further authorized to construct state-of-  
19 the-art tourism information centers on interstate highways  
20 including, but not limited to, entry points near the borders of the  
21 state and major metropolitan areas, and authorize the issuance of  
22 bonds for all construction projects, and to pledge for the payment  
23 of such bonds and the interest thereon, revenues derived by the  
24 Commission from the lease or operation of any or all of the tourism

1 information centers for which any such consolidated bond issue has  
2 been authorized.

3 D. All tourism information centers' family or assisted-use  
4 toilets and bathing rooms shall include a universal changing station  
5 for the assistance of persons with disabilities. The changing  
6 station area must be equipped with a height-adjustable changing  
7 table suitable for use by an adult or a child.

8 1. The table shall be:

- 9 a. at least twenty-four (24) inches in width by seventy  
10 (70) inches in length,
- 11 b. adjustable to allow lowering to a height no greater  
12 than eight (8) inches, and raising to a height no less  
13 than thirty-four (34) inches, above finished floor  
14 elevation, and
- 15 c. capable of supporting a minimum of three hundred fifty  
16 (350) pounds.

17 2. Where a building is provided with more than one family or  
18 assisted-use toilet and bathing room, only one such room shall  
19 require a universal changing station. Where this exception is  
20 utilized, signage shall be provided at all such rooms indicating the  
21 location of the universal changing station.

22 3. All tourism information centers shall comply with paragraph  
23 1 of this subsection by January 1, 2028.

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1       E. Any revenues which may be received by the Commission for the  
2 use of such buildings or improvements, in whole or in part, shall be  
3 regarded as all other revenues of the Commission and shall be  
4 subject to be pledged to the payment of bonds issued hereunder.  
5 Each bond shall recite in substance that such bond and the interest  
6 thereon is payable solely from the revenues pledged to the payment  
7 thereof, and that such bond does not constitute a debt of the  
8 Commission or of the state within the meaning of any constitutional  
9 or statutory limitation.

10       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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