

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2749

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.
8 2021, Section 2221, which relates to the Oklahoma
9 Tourism, Parks and Recreation Enhancement Act;
10 authorizing the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation
11 Department to create a state employee information and
12 promotion program; providing procedures for program;
13 directing promulgation of rules; and providing an
14 effective date.

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

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

18 Section 2221. A. The ~~Commission, through the~~ Oklahoma Tourism
19 and Recreation Department, is authorized to promote state-owned, -
20 leased, or -operated facilities. The Department may utilize
21 specific promotion programs such as the provision of complimentary
22 rooms, package-rate plans, group rates, guest incentive sales
23 programs, entertainment of prospective guests, employee-information
24 promotion programs, golf promotional programs as well as other sales and
promotion programs considered acceptable in the hospitality

1 industry, in the travel industry, or the regional magazine industry
2 are approved as necessary advertising 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, excluding State Legislators,
22 shall be allowed to have two (2) consecutive nights of accommodation
23 at a state-operated lodge, room, or cabin per calendar year at a
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1 discounted rate that covers a percentage of the operating costs of
2 said accommodation, including tax;

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

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

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

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

13 E. The Department shall promulgate rules for the program,
14 including seasonal requirements, specific costs per accommodation,
15 and the number of eligible reservations per calendar year.

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

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