

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

HOUSE BILL 3581

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; enacting the Hobbie Family Act of 2024; defining terms; requiring certain facilities to provide tornado safety areas; providing requirements for tornado safety areas; providing for compliance inspections; providing funding for compliance inspections; providing for penalties and fines; providing for noncodificaton; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known as the "Hobbie Family Act of 2024".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7341 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in this act:

1. "Housing Rental Facility" means any complex or structure where multiple rental units are located. This includes apartment complexes and trailer home rental complexes, including those that

1 rent out plots of land to multiple individuals as permanent  
2 residents.

3 2. "ICC" means the Interstate Commerce Commission.

4 3. "Tornado Safety Area" means any area deemed suitable to  
5 withstand the impact of a tornado by the ICC 500 criteria. This  
6 includes underground shelters such as basements and cellars and  
7 reinforced above ground shelters.

8 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7342 of Title 63, unless there  
10 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 All housing rental facilities must install and maintain a  
12 tornado safety area capable of housing at least three-fourths (3/4)  
13 of the facility's maximum housing capacity.

14 A. If a current tornado safety area exists that meets the  
15 three-fourths (3/4) maximum housing capacity criteria, that location  
16 will not be required to construct a new safety area.

17 B. Compliance inspections will be conducted every year by the  
18 Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management.

19 1. Additional inspections will be conducted upon receiving a  
20 complaint regarding a violation of this law.

21 2. Inspections conducted in conjunction with this law will be  
22 funded from the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management fiscal  
23 year budget.

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1 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7343 of Title 63, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. Any housing rental facility found in violation of this law  
5 will be required to pay a fine of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00)  
6 in addition to constructing a shelter compliant with ICC 500  
7 criteria or cover relocation costs to a compliant facility for all  
8 current tenants.

9 B. Fines will be paid to the Oklahoma Department of Emergency  
10 Management.

11 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective January 1, 2025.

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