

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2891

6 By: Townley

7 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

8 An Act relating to tourism; providing certain
9 purchases by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation
10 Department are exempt from the Oklahoma Central
11 Purchasing Act; providing for exempted purchases;
12 providing that the Department is authorized to
13 promote state-owned, -leased, or -operated
14 facilities; providing that the Department may utilize
15 certain promotion programs; defining term; providing
16 limitation; providing for codification; and providing
17 an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2239.1 of Title 74, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. The following purchases by the Oklahoma Tourism and
23 Recreation Department shall be exempt from the Oklahoma Central
24 Purchasing Act:

1. Merchandise for resale purchased for and sold over the
Internet, in publications or through Department retail outlets, such

1 as lodges, gift shops, golf course pro shops, restaurants, and other
2 purchases made for the production of such merchandise; and

3 2. Materials, supplies, and services necessary for the
4 efficient and economical operation of revenue generating, Department
5 operated facilities and programs, including those made to maintain
6 or improve guest perception of quality and service including, but
7 not limited to, mattresses, pillows, bed skirts, drapery, small
8 appliances customary in hospitality spaces such as hotel or lodge
9 rooms and cabins, pool equipment, and pool maintenance costs.

10 B. The Department is authorized to promote state-owned, -
11 leased, or -operated facilities. The Department may utilize
12 specific promotion programs such as the provision of complimentary
13 rooms, package rate plans, group rates, guest incentive sales
14 programs, entertainment of prospective guests, employee information
15 programs, golf promotional programs as well as other sales and
16 promotion programs considered acceptable in the hospitality
17 industry, in the travel industry, or the regional magazine industry
18 are approved as necessary advertising and promotion expenses.

19 C. For purposes of this section, "revenue generating" means a
20 purchase that would affect the ability to generate revenue at a
21 Department operated facility or program. Revenue generated by the
22 agency is built into the Department's budget to fund operational
23 expenses and salaries. Loss of revenue will require the agency to
24 reduce staff or seek additional funding to cover the loss created by

1 delays in acquiring goods and services fundamental to generating
2 this revenue.

3 D. No exemption provided in this section shall be construed for
4 the use of leasing or contracting for state-owned restaurants in
5 Oklahoma state parks.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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