

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 19, 2025

3 SENATE BILL NO. 653

By: Guthrie and Paxton

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5 An Act relating to Oklahoma Today Magazine; amending  
6 74 O.S. 2021, Section 2237, which relates to the  
7 creation of the Oklahoma Today Magazine Division;  
8 allowing the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation  
9 Department to distribute magazine by electronic  
10 means; updating statutory language; updating  
11 statutory reference; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 2237, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 2237. A. There is hereby created within the Oklahoma  
16 Tourism and Recreation Department, the "Oklahoma Today Magazine"  
17 Division. The Division shall be responsible for the publication of  
18 the "Oklahoma Today Magazine" a minimum of six times per year.

19 B. "Oklahoma Today Magazine" is hereby authorized to sell  
20 advertising. All advertising shall be approved by the appropriate  
21 division director prior to acceptance for publication.

22 C. In addition to a regular salary, any employee of the  
23 "Oklahoma Today Magazine" who obtains advertising, bulk  
24 subscription, newsstand, or ancillary product sales, for "Oklahoma  
25 Today Magazine", at the discretion of the Executive Director of the  
Department, may be awarded additional compensation in the form of a

1 commission on net sales by the employee. The commission shall not  
2 exceed twenty-five percent (25%), with the commission percentage to  
3 be determined by the Executive Director. In no case shall the  
4 additional compensation, when combined with the salary of the  
5 employee, exceed ninety-five percent (95%) of the salary of the  
6 Executive Director. Commission payments shall be paid monthly,  
7 based on collected revenues from sales by the employee.

8 D. The sale of advertising and negotiation of rates for the  
9 advertising shall not be subject to ~~The~~ the Oklahoma Central  
10 Purchasing Act ~~of 1974~~ or the Administrative Procedures Act.

11 E. "Oklahoma Today Magazine" articles, and photographs produced  
12 by or for "Oklahoma Today Magazine", shall be available for public  
13 inspection during Department business hours. The Department shall  
14 not be required to provide copies or allow copying of the magazine,  
15 articles, or photographs other than as the Department provides  
16 copies of "Oklahoma Today Magazine" for newsstand and subscription  
17 sales.

18 F. The Department may deliver copies of "Oklahoma Today  
19 Magazine" by electronic means through the Department's subscription  
20 sales.

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

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WORKFORCE  
23 AND TOURISM

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