1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	1st Extraordinary Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)
4	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
5	HOUSE BILL NO. 1028 By: Wallace and Martinez of the House
6	and
7	Thompson (Roger) and Hall
8	of the Senate
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10	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
11	An Act relating to the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act; amending 85A O.S. 2021, Section
12	122, which relates to costs of administering act;
13	modifying distribution of certain funds; limiting period of certain distribution; providing for return
14	of distributions on certain date; updating statutory reference; providing an effective date; and declaring
15	an emergency.
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
18	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 85A O.S. 2021, Section 122, is
19	amended to read as follows:
20	Section 122. A. The Workers' Compensation Commission Revolving
21	Fund established by Section 28.1 of this title shall be used for the
22	costs of administering this act the Administrative Workers'
23	Compensation Act and for other purposes as authorized by law.
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HB1028X HFLR BOLD FACE denotes Committee Amendments. B. For the purpose of providing funds for the Workers'
 Compensation Commission Revolving Fund, for the Workers'
 Compensation Administrative Fund created in Section 401.1 of this
 title, for the Multiple Injury Trust Fund created in Section 28 of
 this title, and to fund other provisions within this title, the
 following tax rates shall apply:

1. Each mutual or interinsurance association, stock company, 7 CompSource Mutual Insurance Company or other insurance carrier 8 9 writing workers' compensation insurance in this state shall pay to the Oklahoma Tax Commission an assessment at a rate of one percent 10 (1%) of all gross direct premiums written during each quarter of the 11 12 calendar year for workers' compensation insurance on risks located 13 in this state after deducting from such gross direct premiums, return premiums, unabsorbed portions of any deposit premiums, policy 14 dividends, safety refunds, savings and other similar returns paid or 15 credited to policyholders. Such payments to the Oklahoma Tax 16 17 Commission shall be made not later than the fifteenth day of the month following the close of each quarter of the calendar year in 18 which such gross direct premium is collected or collectible. 19 Contributions made by insurance carriers and CompSource Mutual 20 Insurance Company, under the provisions of this section, shall be 21 considered for the purpose of computing workers' compensation rates; 22 23 and

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1 2. When an employer is authorized to become a self-insurer, the 2 Commission shall so notify the Oklahoma Tax Commission, giving the effective date of such authorization. The Oklahoma Tax Commission 3 shall then assess and collect from the employers carrying their own 4 5 risk an assessment at the rate of two percent (2%) of the total compensation for permanent total disability awards, permanent 6 partial disability awards and death benefits paid out during each 7 quarter of the calendar year by the employers. Such assessment 8 9 shall be payable by the employers and collected by the Oklahoma Tax 10 Commission according to the provisions of this section regarding payment and collection of the assessment created in paragraph 1 of 11 12 this subsection.

C. It shall be the duty of the <u>Oklahoma</u> Tax Commission to collect the payments provided for in this title. The <u>Oklahoma</u> Tax Commission is hereby authorized to bring an action for the recovery of any delinquent or unpaid payments required in this section. The <u>Oklahoma</u> Tax Commission may also enforce payments by proceeding in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of this title.

D. The <u>Oklahoma</u> Tax Commission shall pay monthly to the State Treasurer to the credit of the Multiple Injury Trust Fund all monies collected under the provisions of this section, less the annual amounts which shall be apportioned by the Oklahoma Tax Commission, as follows; provided, however, if the Fund in any one month is

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1 insufficient to make the required payments, the unpaid portion shall
2 be paid as soon as funds become available:

3	1. Five Million <u>Five Hundred Thousand</u> Dollars (\$5,000,000.00)
4	(\$5,500,000.00) shall be payable each fiscal year in equal monthly
5	installments to the credit of the Workers' Compensation Commission
6	Revolving Fund established in Section 28.1 of this title for the
7	fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, Three Million Dollars
8	(\$3,000,000.00) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and Four
9	Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) for the fiscal year ending June 30,
10	2020, and for all subsequent years to be used to implement the
11	provisions of this title; and
12	2. Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) shall be payable in
13	equal monthly installments to the credit of the Workers'
14	Compensation Administrative Fund established in Section 401.1 of
15	this title for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, Three Million
16	Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00) for the fiscal year
17	ending June 30, 2017, Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
18	(\$3,500,000.00) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, Three
19	Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for the fiscal year ending June 30,
20	2019, One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
21	(\$1,750,000.00) shall be payable in equal monthly installments to
22	the credit of the Workers' Compensation Administrative Fund
23	established in Section 401.1 of this title for the fiscal year
24	ending June 30, 2020, One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand

Dollars (\$1,750,000.00) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and for all subsequent years during the existence of the Court of Existing Claims 2023, and Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) payable in equal monthly installments to such Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and each subsequent fiscal year.

Monies deposited in the Workers' Compensation Administrative 7 Fund shall be used by the Workers' Compensation Court of Existing 8 9 Claims to implement provisions provided for in this title. All 10 unencumbered funds remaining in the Workers' Compensation Administration Fund on July 1, 2027, shall be transferred to the 11 12 State Treasurer to be returned to the Multiple Injury Trust Fund. The refund provisions of Sections 227 through 229 of Title 13 Ε. 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be applicable to any payments made 14 15 pursuant to this section. SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023. 16 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation 17 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby 18 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and 19 be in full force from and after its passage and approval. 20 21

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated 05/23/2023 - DO PASS, As Amended.

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