

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2749

By: Miller of the House

and

Stanley of the Senate

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6 [ State government - Oklahoma Tourism Parks and  
7 Recreation Enhancement Act - procedures - effective  
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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

14 Section 2221. A. ~~The Commission, through the~~ Oklahoma Tourism  
15 and Recreation Department, is authorized to promote state-owned, -  
16 leased, or -operated facilities. The Department may utilize  
17 specific promotion programs such as the provision of complimentary  
18 rooms, package-rate plans, group rates, guest incentive sales  
19 programs, entertainment of prospective guests, employee-information  
20 programs, golf promotional programs as well as other sales and  
21 promotion programs considered acceptable in the hospitality  
22 industry, in the travel industry, or the regional magazine industry  
23 are approved as necessary advertising and promotion expenses.  
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1 B. In order to best carry out the duties and responsibilities  
2 of the Department and to serve the people of the state in the  
3 promotion of tourism and tourism economic development, the  
4 Department may enter into partnerships for promotional programs and  
5 projects with a private person, firm, corporation, organization or  
6 association. The Department may enter into contracts or agreements  
7 under terms to be mutually agreed upon to carry out the promotional  
8 programs and projects, excluding the advertising contract by the  
9 Department which utilizes the Tourism Promotion Tax or acquisition  
10 of land or buildings. The contracts or agreements may be negotiated  
11 and shall not be subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Central  
12 Purchasing Act or the Public Competitive Bidding Act of 1974.

13 C. All contracts or agreements entered into as partnerships for  
14 promotional projects or programs by the Department shall be approved  
15 by the Commission.

16 D. Pursuant to subsection A of this section, the Department  
17 shall create a state employee information and promotion program  
18 using the following procedures:

19 1. All full-time state employees, excluding State Legislators,  
20 who have been employed by the state for one (1) year or longer shall  
21 be allowed to have two (2) consecutive nights of accommodation at a  
22 state-operated lodge, room, or cabin per calendar year at a  
23 discounted rate that covers a percentage of the operating costs of  
24 said accommodation, including tax;

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

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

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

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

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

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

15        Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of March, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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