

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2011, Section 141.19, as
2 amended by Section 135, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (40 O.S. Supp.
3 2015, Section 141.19), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 141.19. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a
5 revolving fund for the Department of Labor to be designated the
6 "Department of Labor Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a
7 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
8 consist of all monies designated for deposit in such fund. All
9 monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated
10 and may be budgeted and expended ~~as directed by the Legislature~~ by
11 the Department of Labor for operations and expenses relating to its
12 statutory duties and responsibilities. Expenditures from the fund
13 shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against
14 claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of
15 Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

16 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2011, Section 412, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 412. A. Any person failing to comply with any standard
19 or interfering with, impeding or obstructing in any manner the
20 administration of standards pursuant to the provisions of the
21 Oklahoma Occupational Health and Safety Standards Act, upon
22 conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

23 B. Any person who violates any of the provisions of the
24 Oklahoma Occupational Health and Safety Standards Act, upon

1 conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and in addition thereto
2 may be enjoined from continuing such violation. Each day upon which
3 such violation occurs shall constitute a separate violation.

4 C. The Attorney General, on the request of the Commissioner,
5 shall bring an action against any person violating any of the
6 provisions of the Oklahoma Occupational Health and Safety Standards
7 Act or violating any order or determination of the Commissioner
8 promulgated pursuant to the Oklahoma Occupational Health and Safety
9 Standards Act.

10 D. The Commissioner of Labor may promulgate rules establishing
11 a schedule of administrative penalties and fines for violations of
12 the Oklahoma Occupational Health and Safety Standards Act which may
13 be in addition to or in lieu of the criminal penalties provided in
14 this section. The promulgation of an administrative fine schedule
15 shall grant the Commissioner authority to impose those
16 administrative fines for any violation of the Oklahoma Occupational
17 Health and Safety Standards Act. Funds collected as payment from a
18 violation for administrative fines imposed for a violation of the
19 Oklahoma Occupational Health and Safety Standards Act shall be
20 deposited to the Department of Labor Administrative Penalty
21 Revolving Fund created in Section 3 of this act.

22 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 405.1 of Title 40, unless there
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
2 for the Department of Labor to be designated the "Department of
3 Labor Administrative Penalty Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a
4 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
5 consist of all administrative fines collected by the Department for
6 violations of the Oklahoma Occupational Health and Safety Standards
7 Act and the Oklahoma Asbestos Control Act, and any rules promulgated
8 thereto. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby
9 directed to be transferred by the Commissioner of Labor to the State
10 Treasurer for deposit and credit to the General Revenue Fund at the
11 end of each fiscal year.

12 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2011, Section 451, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 451. As used in the Oklahoma Asbestos Control Act:

15 1. "Friable asbestos material" means any material that contains
16 asbestos of more than one percent (1%) or more that can be crumbled,
17 pulverized or reduced to powder by hand pressure;

18 2. "Friable asbestos material abatement" means the removal,
19 encapsulation or enclosure of friable asbestos containing material;

20 3. "Friable asbestos material encapsulation" means the
21 application of a bonding agent called a sealant, which penetrates
22 and hardens the asbestos material or covers the surface of the
23 material with a protective coating, thus preventing fiber release
24 from the asbestos material;

1 4. "Friable asbestos material removal" means the actual
2 physical removal of any friable asbestos containing material from a
3 facility, when the asbestos is either attached to or detached from
4 any device or structure;

5 5. "Contractor" means any public or private entity that engages
6 in friable asbestos containing material abatement in any facility in
7 this state except private residences or apartment houses of less
8 than six family units;

9 6. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Labor.

10 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2011, Section 452, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 452. A. No contractor shall abate any friable material
13 containing asbestos without having first obtained a license to do so
14 from the Commissioner of Labor. The Commissioner shall issue an
15 asbestos abatement license to a qualified contractor upon proper
16 application, as determined by the Commissioner. The Commissioner of
17 Labor may promulgate rules establishing a schedule of administrative
18 fees for the application, licensing, examination, certification of
19 asbestos abatement contractors and workers employed by a contractor
20 for asbestos abatement, as well as a fee to be paid by contractors
21 to the Department of Labor for each separate containment area,
22 glovebag, or miniature containment area of any asbestos abatement
23 project. The fees stated in this section on the effective date of
24 this act shall remain in effect until such rules become effective,

1 at which time the fees stated in this section shall be superseded by
2 rule. The annual fee for such license shall be Five Hundred Dollars
3 (\$500.00). The fee shall be deposited into the Department of Labor
4 Revolving Fund. A nonrefundable initial application fee of One
5 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be charged and deposited into the
6 Department of Labor Revolving Fund. The Commissioner may deny a
7 license to applicants whose past abatement performance for abatement
8 of friable asbestos does not comply with federal and other states'
9 requirements. A minimum waiting period ~~of one hundred twenty (120)~~
10 ~~days~~ shall be established at the discretion of the Commissioner of
11 Labor and will be required before issuance of a license to permit
12 the Commissioner to perform a work performance investigation of the
13 applicant.

14 The annual fee for examining and certifying workers employed by
15 a contractor for asbestos abatement shall be Twenty-five Dollars
16 (\$25.00). The fee shall be deposited in the Department of Labor
17 Revolving Fund. Uncertified workers shall not be used on any
18 asbestos abatement projects.

19 B. The state and political subdivisions thereof, counties and
20 political subdivisions thereof and municipalities and political
21 subdivisions thereof, and their supervisors and employees, shall not
22 be exempt from any certification fees required by this section when
23 such entities act as a contractor. ~~Any contractor not performing~~
24 ~~abatement work which falls under the jurisdiction of the~~

1 ~~Commissioner during the period of the issued license shall be~~
2 ~~considered a new applicant for purposes of licensing and training.~~

3 C. A fee of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) shall be paid by
4 contractors to the Department of Labor, ~~to be deposited in the~~
5 ~~General Revenue Fund,~~ for each separate containment area of any
6 asbestos abatement project. The fee collected shall be deposited by
7 the Department of Labor into the Department of Labor Revolving Fund.

8 There shall be a minimum number of ~~three~~ inspections of each
9 containment area as deemed necessary by the Commissioner of Labor.

10 For projects which are not a part of a definite containment area, or
11 are performed with multiple glovebags or miniature containments, a
12 fee of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), plus Five Dollars (\$5.00) per
13 such glovebag or miniature containment, shall be ~~made~~ paid to the
14 Department of Labor for deposit into the Department of Labor
15 Revolving Fund.

16 Asbestos abatement projects performed on properties owned by the
17 state or any political subdivision thereof shall not be exempt from
18 this fee.

19 D. Any asbestos abatement contractor transporting asbestos-
20 containing material shall be required to provide to the Commissioner
21 a Certificate of Insurance by a carrier licensed to do business in
22 the State of Oklahoma demonstrating a minimum of One Million Dollars
23 (\$1,000,000.00) of environmental impairment insurance.

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1 E. No state agency or political subdivision thereof, county or
2 political subdivision thereof, or municipalities or political
3 subdivisions thereof shall solicit or receive any estimate or bid
4 for abatement of asbestos from any person or party who is not a
5 licensed asbestos abatement contractor.

6 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2011, Section 456, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 456. A. In addition to any administrative or civil
9 penalty, any person who violates any of the provisions of the
10 Oklahoma Asbestos Control Act or who violates any rule or order
11 promulgated pursuant thereto shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and
12 may be enjoined from continuing such action. Upon conviction
13 thereof, ~~said person~~ the violator shall be punished by imprisonment
14 in the county jail for not more than six (6) months ~~and~~ or by a fine
15 of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or both such fine
16 and imprisonment. Each day's violations shall constitute a separate
17 violation.

18 B. The Attorney General shall, upon request of the
19 Commissioner, bring an action for injunction against any person
20 violating any provision of the Oklahoma Asbestos Control Act or
21 violating any order or determination of the Commissioner. In any
22 action for injunction, any finding of the Commissioner, after
23 notice, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts found therein.

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1 C. A district attorney, upon request of the Commissioner, shall
2 prosecute any violation of the Oklahoma Asbestos Control Act.

3 D. The Commissioner of Labor may promulgate rules establishing
4 a schedule of administrative penalties and fines for violations of
5 the Oklahoma Asbestos Control Act which may be in addition to or in
6 lieu of the criminal penalties provided in this section. The
7 promulgation of an administrative fine schedule shall grant the
8 Commissioner authority to impose those administrative fines for any
9 violation of the Oklahoma Asbestos Control Act. Funds collected as
10 payment from a violator for administrative fines imposed for a
11 violation of the Oklahoma Asbestos Control Act shall be deposited to
12 the Department of Labor Administrative Penalty Revolving Fund
13 created in Section 3 of this act.

14 SECTION 7. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
17 03/31/2016 - DO PASS.

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