



OFFICE OF

No. SB 817

**THE GOVERNOR**  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

April 8, 2013

TIME SIGNED: 1:45 pm

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE  
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE  
FIRST SESSION OF THE  
FIFTY FOURTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 817:

This to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED Senate Bill 817.

SB 817 increases the handling charges consumers must pay when using 'B' loans. 'B' loans are loans with smaller principal amounts of \$1,410 or less. Currently, there are six principal loan amounts that can be obtained from 'B' lenders. This bill increases the handling charges associated with each of the loan categories.

'B' loans are usually high interest, unsecured, short-term loans acquired with a personal check and are advertised as loans used only in emergency situations. With 13% of Oklahomans using these types of loans, Oklahoma has one of the highest usage rates in the country. Data reveals that this type of lending has resulted in widespread, chronic borrowing where the average Oklahoma customer borrows often, rapidly and at a high cost. Data also indicates that these loans are used for regular spending and to band-aid chronic financial problems, not for occasional emergencies. Overuse of this type of loan often creates more dire fiscal situations because the annual percentage rates range from 50-130%.

This legislation may inadvertently expand predatory lending practices, which take advantage of financially vulnerable Oklahomans.

Senate Bill 817 does not constitute good public policy and does not further the well-being of the citizens of Oklahoma.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Mary Fallin

By Berlinda Rogers

Date/Time 4/8/13 2:29pm

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**OKLAHOMA SECRETARY  
OF STATE**

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