An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1187

By: Standridge, Fields and Sparks of the Senate

and

Martin (Scott) of the House

An Act relating to environment and natural resources; requiring the Department of Environmental Quality to receive, review, and evaluate certain permit applications for water reuse projects; requiring the Department to issue permits; requiring the Department to approve certain discharges into sensitive public and private water supplies; specifying review procedures and timelines; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Water reuse projects

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-2-105 of Title 27A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Department of Environmental Quality shall receive, review, and evaluate permit applications for discharges to water bodies for water reuse projects. The Department shall approve such applications as comply with the applicable rules of the Environmental Quality Board for discharges to the waters of the State.

B. 1. Subject to subsection A of this section, the Department shall issue permits for point-source discharges into sensitive public and private water supplies, as defined by the rules of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, where such discharges do not contain concentrations of pollutants greater than the existing concentrations of such pollutants in the receiving water body. The issuance of such permit by the Department shall not be considered a violation of the anti-degradation provisions of the State's water quality standards.

2. Upon initial receipt of an application for a discharge permit that is for the purpose of developing and implementing a water reuse project, the Department shall acknowledge to the applicant in writing or by electronic mail the date that the Department received the application, thus initiating the period for administrative review of the application. The Department shall review the application in accordance with timelines for administrative and technical review adopted by the Environmental Quality Board.

3. Applications for point-source discharges into water bodies designated by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board as Sensitive Public or Private Water Supplies shall be considered Tier III permit applications under the Uniform Environmental Permitting Act.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this Act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 21st day of May, 2014.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of May, 2014.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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By: Audrey Rockwell

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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By: C. L. Benge