

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE BILL 1814

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; creating the  
8 State Parks Emergency Maintenance Act; requiring the  
9 creation of an Eight-Year State Parks Emergency  
10 Maintenance Plan; requiring annual reporting; listing  
11 specific information to be reported; establishing  
12 format and delivery requirements; creating the State  
Parks Emergency Maintenance Revolving Fund;  
identifying funding source; limiting expenditures;  
providing budgeting and expenditure procedures;  
providing for codification; providing an effective  
date; and declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
16 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

17 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "State Parks  
18 Emergency Maintenance Act".

19 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2254.3A of Title 74, unless  
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 Beginning December 31, 2025, and no later than December 31 each  
23 year thereafter, the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department

1 shall submit in written or electronic format to the Governor, the  
2 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the President Pro  
3 Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, the Appropriations and Budget  
4 Chair of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the  
5 Appropriations Chair of the Oklahoma State Senate an annual report  
6 on the maintenance, infrastructure, and construction needs of the  
7 State Parks System overseen by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation  
8 Department. The annual report shall be known and may be cited as  
9 the "Eight-Year State Parks Emergency Maintenance Plan", and shall  
10 include:

11       1. Maintenance, infrastructure, and construction projects  
12 listed in order of priority and critical need;

13       2. Cost estimates for each specific project listed in  
14 paragraph 1 of this subsection;

15       3. Completion timeline for each specific project listed in  
16 paragraph 1 of this subsection; and

17       4. A summary of the status of projects previously funded and  
18 currently being funded pursuant to the provisions of the State Parks  
19 Emergency Maintenance Act.

20 SECTION 3.     NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2254.3B of Title 74, unless  
22 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23       There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund  
24 for the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department to be designated

1 the "State Parks Emergency Maintenance Revolving Fund". The fund  
2 shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations,  
3 and shall consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma Tourism and  
4 Recreation Department eligible under law and directed for deposit to  
5 such fund. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are  
6 hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma  
7 Tourism and Recreation Department in amounts as authorized by the  
8 Oklahoma Legislature, for the purpose of implementing the  
9 Department's Eight-Year State Parks Emergency Maintenance Plan, as  
10 described in Section 2 of this act; provided, that in no event shall  
11 an amount greater than twenty percent (20%) of the annual amount  
12 accruing to the fund shall be used for funding operational expenses  
13 of the Department in any given state fiscal year. Expenditures from  
14 said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer  
15 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the  
16 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and  
17 payment.

18 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

19 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
20 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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