1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)
4	ENGROSSED SENATE
5	BILL NO. 703 By: Murdock of the Senate
6	and
7	Newton of the House
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9	[ Administrative Workers' Compensation Act - costs of
10	administering act - requirements - payments from
11	Multiple Injury Trust Fund - effective date -
12	emergency ]
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15	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
16	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 85A O.S. 2021, Section 122, is
17	amended to read as follows:
18	Section 122. A. The Workers' Compensation Commission Revolving
19	Fund established by Section 28.1 of this title shall be used for the
20	costs of administering this act the Administrative Workers'
21	Compensation Act and for other purposes as authorized by law.
22	B. For the purpose of providing funds for the Workers'
23	Compensation Commission Revolving Fund, for the Workers'
24	Compensation Administrative Fund created in Section 401.1 of this

1 title, for the Multiple Injury Trust Fund created in Section 28 of 2 this title, and to fund other provisions within this title, the 3 following tax rates shall apply:

Each mutual or interinsurance association, stock company, 4 1. 5 CompSource Mutual Insurance Company or other insurance carrier 6 writing workers' compensation insurance in this state shall pay to the Oklahoma Tax Commission an assessment at a rate of one percent 7 (1%) of all gross direct premiums written during each quarter of the 8 9 calendar year for workers' compensation insurance on risks located 10 in this state after deducting from such gross direct premiums, return premiums, unabsorbed portions of any deposit premiums, policy 11 12 dividends, safety refunds, savings and other similar returns paid or 13 credited to policyholders. Such payments to the Tax Commission shall be made not later than the fifteenth day of the month 14 following the close of each quarter of the calendar year in which 15 such gross direct premium is collected or collectible. 16 Contributions made by insurance carriers and CompSource Mutual 17 Insurance Company, under the provisions of this section, shall be 18 considered for the purpose of computing workers' compensation rates; 19

20 and

21 2. When an employer is authorized to become a self-insurer, the 22 Commission shall so notify the Tax Commission, giving the effective 23 date of such authorization. The Tax Commission shall then assess 24 and collect from the employers carrying their own risk an assessment at the rate of two percent (2%) of the total compensation for
permanent total disability awards, permanent partial disability
awards and death benefits paid out during each quarter of the
calendar year by the employers. Such assessment shall be payable by
the employers and collected by the Tax Commission according to the
provisions of this section regarding payment and collection of the
assessment created in paragraph 1 of this subsection.

8 C. It shall be the duty of the Tax Commission to collect the 9 payments provided for in this title. The Tax Commission is hereby 10 authorized to bring an action for the recovery of any delinquent or 11 unpaid payments required in this section. The Tax Commission may 12 also enforce payments by proceeding in accordance with the 13 provisions of Section 98 of this title.

D. The Tax Commission shall pay monthly to the State Treasurer to the credit of the Multiple Injury Trust Fund all monies collected under the provisions of this section less the annual amounts which shall be apportioned by the Oklahoma Tax Commission as follows<u>;</u> <u>provided, however, if the Fund in any one month is insufficient to</u> <u>make the required payments, the unpaid portion shall be paid as soon</u> <u>as funds become available</u>:

Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) shall be payable <u>each</u>
 <u>fiscal year</u> in equal monthly installments to the credit of the
 Workers' Compensation Commission Revolving Fund established in
 Section 28.1 of this title for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016,

Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and for all subsequent years to be used to implement the provisions of this title; and

5 2. Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) shall be payable in equal monthly installments to the credit of the Workers' 6 Compensation Administrative Fund established in Section 401.1 of 7 this title for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, Three Million 8 9 Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars 10 (\$3,500,000.00) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, Three 11 12 Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 13 2019, One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, One 14 Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00) for the 15 fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and for all subsequent years 16 17 during the existence of the Court of Existing Claims. Monies deposited in the Workers' Compensation Administrative 18

19 Fund shall be used by the Workers' Compensation Court of Existing
20 Claims to implement provisions provided for in this title.

E. The refund provisions of Sections 227 through 229 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be applicable to any payments made pursuant to this section.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

1	SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2	of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
3	declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4	be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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6	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY - CIVIL, dated 04/10/2023 - DO PASS, As Amended.
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