

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 74

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to displays; authorizing certain
8 entities to display a nativity scene on certain
9 property; defining term; authorizing Attorney General
10 to defend certain actions; providing for
11 codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 82.5 of Title 25, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. Every county, municipality, city, town, school, or any other
17 political subdivision, or every person, individually or collectively
18 as a group or organization, or every public or private business
19 operating in the state, shall retain the authority to display, in
20 its public or private buildings and on its grounds, a nativity
21 scene.

22 B. As used in this section, "nativity scene" is defined as a
23 special exhibition, particularly during the Christmas season, of art
24 objects representing the birth of Jesus. Such nativity scenes can

1 include model figures or reenactments which may be called "living
2 nativity scenes" in which real humans and animals participate.

3 C. In the event that the legality or constitutionality of any
4 such display is challenged in a court of law, the Attorney General
5 is authorized to prepare and present a legal defense of the display.

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

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