**TITLE 810. OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 25. WORKERS’ COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND SELF-INSURANCE**

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT FOR EMERGENCY RULES**

**A. Brief description of the purpose of the rules:**

Pursuant to 85A O.S., §36, the Commission is responsible for issuing Certificates of Noncoverage to "sole proprietors" and "partners of a partnership" who elect not to be covered by the Administrative Workers’ Compensation Act. In order to avoid serious prejudice to the public interest, the proposed emergency rule amendments are necessary to define these terms and clarify the scope of the regulatory role of the Commission when issuing Certificates of Noncoverage.

**B. Description of classes of persons who will be affected by the proposed rules:**

The classes of persons to be affected by the proposed rules are workers’ compensation system participants, including employees, employers, insurance carriers and third party administrators who are subject to the Administrative Workers’ Compensation Act.

**C. Description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rules:**

The classes of persons who will benefit are employees, employers, self-insured entities, insurance carriers and agents.

**D. Description of the probable economic impact of the proposed rules:**

Implementation of the proposed rules may result in an economic savings to those qualifying for the Certificate of Noncoverage and lead to expansion of business opportunities for all affected entities.

**E. Description of probable costs and benefits to the agency:**

There are no probable costs associated with implementing these new rules. The proposed rules would benefit the agency by saving approximately one-half of the full time equivalent for employee in the Commission Insurance Department.

**F. Determination of economic impact on political subdivisions:**

The proposed rules will not have an economic impact on political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rules.

**G. Determination of adverse economic impact on small business:**

The proposed rules will not have an adverse effect on small businesses as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

**H. Explanation of measures to minimize compliance costs:**

The proposed rules will not increase compliance costs. There are no less costly or non-regulatory methods or less intrusive methods.

**I. Determination of effect on public health, safety and environment:**

There will be no effect on the public health, safety and environment.

**J. Determination of any detrimental effect on public health, safety and environment:**

There is no detrimental effect on the public health, safety and environment from the non-implementation of these rules.

**K. Date of Impact Statement Preparation:** June 19, 2017.