ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2216

By: Morgan, Newport, Liotta, Adkins, Claunch, Dank, Peterson, Smith (Hopper), Piatt, Phillips, Wilt, Ingmire, Smaligo, Ervin, Perry, Sullivan, DeWitt, Nance, Hiett, O'Neal, Jones, Tibbs, Webb, Winchester, Miller (Doug), Peters, Vaughn, Case, Coleman, Young, Steele, Maddux, Balkman, Benge, Calvey, Davis, Ericson, Ferguson, Friskup, Graves, Greenwood, Hastings, Pettigrew, Pope (Tim), Roggow, Walker, Worthen and Wright of the House

and

Coffee, Henry and Pruitt of the Senate

An Act relating to civil procedure; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 2403, which relates to exclusion of relevant evidence; providing exception for certain photographs; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 12 O.S. 2001, Section 2403, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2403. Relevant evidence may be excluded if its probative value is substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice, confusion of the issues, misleading the jury, undue delay, needless presentation of cumulative evidence, or unfair and harmful surprise. However, in a prosecution for any criminal homicide, a photograph of the victim while alive shall be admissible evidence when offered by the district attorney to show the general appearance and condition of the victim while alive.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2002.

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