

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1541

BY: ROSS

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO POOR PERSONS; REQUIRING FREE
HOSPITALIZATION TO CERTAIN PERSONS; PROVIDING
LEGISLATIVE INTENT TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE CERTAIN
WAITING LINES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2000 of Title 56, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. In order to promote the general welfare of the people of
this state and for their protection, security, and benefit, it is
the intent of the Legislature that for the relief and care of needy
aged persons who are unable to provide for themselves and other
needy persons who, on account of immature age, physical infirmity,
disability or other cause are unable to provide or care for
themselves, free hospitalization be provided to such persons by all
hospitals in this state.

B. It is the intent of the Legislature that administrators of
hospitals in this state study methods and implement such procedures

that will reduce or eliminate waiting lines in hospital emergency rooms.

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

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