

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2642

By: Monks

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An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-1925, which relates to minimum standards for nursing home facilities; requiring certain staffing ratios; specifying types of employees within staffing ratios; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-1925, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-1925. The Department shall prescribe minimum standards for facilities. These standards shall be promulgated and submitted to the Legislature no later than January 1, 1981. These standards shall regulate:

1. Location and construction of the facility, including plumbing, heating, lighting, ventilation, and other physical conditions which shall ensure the health, safety and comfort of residents and protection from fire hazards;

2. Number and qualifications of all personnel, including management and nursing personnel, having responsibility for any part of the care given to residents; specifically, the Department shall establish staffing ratios for facilities which shall specify the number of staff hours per resident of care that are needed for professional nursing care for various types of facilities or areas within facilities; provided such staffing ratios shall include only those nursing personnel that have direct, hands-on care responsibility. Such minimum standards shall also require a nurses aide staffing ratio of one aide to every:

- a. eight patients for the day shift,
- b. ten patients for the evening shift, and
- c. fifteen patients for the night shift,

or as otherwise recommended by the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare;

3. All sanitary conditions within the facility and its surroundings, including water supply, sewage disposal, food handling, and general hygiene, which shall ensure the health and comfort of residents;

4. Diet related to the needs of each resident based on sound nutritional practice and on recommendations which may be made by the physicians attending the resident;

5. Equipment essential to the health and welfare of the residents; and

6. A program of rehabilitation for those residents who would benefit from such programs.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1994.

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