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An Act relating to public health and safety; creating the Oklahoma Poison Control Act; defining terms; providing for legislative intent and findings; creating the Oklahoma Poison Control Center within the College of Pharmacy at the Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; providing for duties of the director; authorizing certain contracts; requiring certain compliance; 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 2654.1 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Oklahoma Poison Control Act.

B. As used in the Oklahoma Poison Control Act:

1. "Center" means the Oklahoma Poison Control Center; and

2. "Director" means the dean of the College of Pharmacy at the Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2654.2 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Legislature finds and declares that because of the inherent threat of human danger posed by injudicious use, or misuse, of dangerous substances, the citizens of this state are in need of emergency poison and drug information services and that the public health and welfare require such services.

B. The Oklahoma Legislature further finds and declares that legislation is required to authorize and provide effective

practical delivery of emergency poison and drug information services, judgments and responses to physicians and allied health professionals who deliver health care services within this state and if funds permit, to those citizens of this state who request such services.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2654.3 of Title 63 unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created the Oklahoma Poison Control Center within the College of Pharmacy at the Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. The purpose of the center is to implement a statewide emergency poison and drug information program designed and structured to deliver reliable, accurate, qualified professional judgments and responses to requests for emergency poison and drug information data.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2654.4 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The director may:

1. Employ any and all coordination measures necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Oklahoma Poison Control Act;

2. Engage in any educational program or effort if, in the judgment of the director, such activity would effectuate the purposes of the Oklahoma Poison Control Act;

3. Employ experts and consultants and compensate those individuals at rates determined by the director;

4. Engage in programs of experimental or demonstrational research;

5. Appoint an advisory committee to assist in the development and review of rules promulgated under the authority of the Oklahoma Poison Control Act and reimburse the members for their expenses;

6. Accept and administer loans, grants, or other funds and gifts, conditional or otherwise, from the federal government and any and all other public or private sources;

7. Formulate, promulgate, adopt, amend, and enforce rules and regulatory standards necessary to effectuate the Oklahoma Poison Control Act;

8. Establish and charge fees for the provision of nonemergency informational and educational services as well as contract therefor; and

9. Establish a 1-800 telephone number if funding otherwise precludes twenty-four-hour coverage consistent with requirements for certification by the American Association of Poison Control Centers.

B. The director shall contract with the Oklahoma State Department of Health to perform the services necessary to implement the Oklahoma Poison Control Act.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2654.5 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The program of the center shall be structured and designed, to the extent resources permit, to meet the criteria for certification as a regional poison control center by the American Association of Poison Control Centers.

SECTION 6. 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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