

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2484

By: Crocker

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Sections 1-502 and 1-505, which relate to communicable diseases; clarifying language; prohibiting certain persons with tuberculosis from certain placements; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-502, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-502. ~~(a)~~ A. The State Board of Health shall have authority to adopt such rules ~~and regulations~~, not inconsistent with law, as it deems necessary to aid in the prevention and control of communicable disease, which may be on the following matters: Recommended immunization procedures; quarantine measures in accordance with the provisions of this act; exclusion of children from school; regulation of public meetings and gatherings in epidemic situations; regulation of vectors; control of vehicles capable of transmitting a communicable disease; detection and diagnosis of communicable disease; carriers of disease; disposal of infected body wastes and other materials; fumigation, cleaning and

sterilization, and disinfection; and other necessary measures to prevent and control communicable disease.

~~(b)~~ B. The State Board of Health is authorized to establish preventive programs for noncommunicable diseases and to promulgate rules and regulations for the control of causative or toxic substances which can or may cause disease.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-505, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-505. A local health officer may cause any person in his jurisdiction, found to be infected with a communicable disease, to be removed to a hospital or other place for the reception of infected persons, unless such person be sick in his own place of residence or cannot be moved without danger to his life. Provided, a person having tuberculosis shall not be placed in a hospital or other mental health facility administered by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services solely for the purpose of quarantine.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1994.

SECTION 4. 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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