ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 365 By: Cain of the Senate

and

Crocker of the House

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Sections 1-707a and 1-707b, which relate to applications and criteria for staff privileges; clarifying types of staff privileges for which an application for staff privileges shall be considered; expanding list of persons to be considered for staff privileges at certain facilities; requiring identification of certain type of physician by psychologist or hospital to fulfill certain responsibilities toward patient; prohibiting denial of application for staff privileges for certain reason; providing for determination of medical staff membership or clinical privileges on certain basis; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-707a, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-707a. A. The administrator in charge of each hospital or related institution licensed by the State Commissioner of Health shall accept for consideration each application for professional staff privileges submitted by a person licensed to practice ~~medicine~~:

1. Medicine by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision~~, by a person licensed to practice osteopathy~~;

2. Osteopathy by the State Board of Osteopathy ~~or by a person licensed to practice podiatry~~;

3. Podiatry by the State Board of Podiatry; or

4. As a health service psychologist by the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

B. The application shall be acted upon by the governing board of the hospital within a reasonable time. A written report of such action shall be furnished to the applicant thereafter.

C. If a hospital grants staff privileges to a psychologist, at the time of admission of a patient of the psychologist to the hospital, the psychologist or the hospital shall identify a psychiatrist, a medical doctor, or a doctor of osteopathy who shall be responsible for the medical evaluation and medical management of the patient.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-707b, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-707b. A. The administrator in charge of or the governing board of each hospital or related institution licensed by the State Commissioner of Health shall adopt written criteria for

use in determining which licensed medical doctors, doctors of osteopathy ~~and~~, doctors of podiatry, and health service psychologists shall be granted professional and/or medical staff privileges by the hospital or related institution. A licensed hospital or related institution shall not deny an application based solely on the applicant's license, as long as the applicant is licensed to practice:

1. Medicine by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision;

2. Osteopathy by the State Board of Osteopathy;

3. Podiatry by the State Board of Podiatry; or

4. As a health service psychologist by the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

B. The accordance and delineation of medical staff membership or clinical privileges shall be determined on an individual basis commensurate with an applicant's education, training, experience and demonstrated clinical competence.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 1995.

Passed the Senate the 14th day of March, 1995.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of April, 1995.

Speaker of the House of Representatives