

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 45th Legislature (1995)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1601

By: Coleman

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-702, which relates to hospitals and 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-1925, which relates to nursing homes; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-702, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-702. ~~(a)~~ A. It shall be unlawful for any person to establish, operate or maintain in the State of Oklahoma any hospital or related institution without first obtaining a license ~~therefor in the manner hereinafter provided~~ pursuant to the provisions of this article. Hospitals operated by the federal government and all state mental hospitals shall be exempt from the provisions of this article.

~~(b)~~ B. A hospital may be licensed as a general hospital with one or more specialty services or combination of specialty services in a single license.

~~(c)~~ C. Nothing in this article shall authorize any person to engage, in any manner, in the practice of the healing arts.

SECTION 2. 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;

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

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