

SHORT TITLE: Public health and safety; Nursing Home Care Act;
visiting or residential animals; effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 45th Legislature (1996)

SENATE BILL NO. 1079

By: Snyder

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-1925.1, which relates to the Nursing Home Care Act; requiring the State Department of Health to modify certain rules regarding visiting or residential animals; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-1925.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-1925.1 The State Board of Health shall establish rules ~~and regulations~~ allowing the use of visiting or residential animals in selected long-term health care facilities in this state. Long-term health care facilities which want animals shall be required to apply to the State Department of Health for approval for residential animals. Such rules ~~and regulations~~ shall be established giving consideration to disease prevention, sanitation, prevention of injury to patients and animals, and other concerns deemed appropriate by the Board; provided, however, such rules shall not prohibit birds that are owned and maintained by the facility and housed in a self-contained aviary setting.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1996.

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