

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2870

By: Ervin of the House

and

Robinson of the Senate

( State Department of Health - critical access hospitals -  
repealing 63 O.S., Section 1-709 - codification -  
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 1-706.6 of Title 63, unless  
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Department of Health shall prepare and submit a  
rural health care plan for the designation of critical access  
hospitals in accordance with the requirements of the federal  
Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program.

B. The Department shall ensure that preparation of the plan is  
completed in consultation with the State Office of Rural Health, the  
state hospital association, rural hospitals, and the Legislative and  
Executive branches of the state, as well as representatives of  
medical or health care organizations within the state, as  
appropriate.

SECTION 2. REPEALER 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-709, is  
hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. 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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of March, 1998.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1998.

President of the Senate