

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 3093

By: Bastin and Boyd (Laura)
of the House

and

Herbert of the Senate

An Act relating to mental health; restricting use of
term Community Mental Health Center; establishing
penalty; providing for codification; and declaring
an 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 3-306.1 of Title 43A, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation providing
community mental health services as that term is defined in Section
3-302 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes to use the term
"Community Mental Health Center" as a name, title or description
unless that person or corporation was certified as a Community
Mental Health Center by the Department of Mental Health and
Substance Abuse Services prior to the effective date of this act. A
mental health center that is exempt from certification by the
Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services as a
Community Mental Health Center, due to a national certification and
which has been previously certified by the Department of Mental
Health and Substance Abuse Services, may be considered a community

mental health center for purposes of this section. A violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

SECTION 2. 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 5th day of March, 1998.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1998.

President of the Senate