

SHORT TITLE: Nursing Practice Act; eliminating exception to applicability; clarifying applicability; eliminating gender distinction. Emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

SENATE BILL NO. 1193

By: Roberts

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to nursing; amending 59 O.S. 1991, Section 567.11, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 97, O.S.L. 1994 (59 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 567.11), which relates to the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act; deleting certain exception; clarifying that certain persons are not excepted from provisions of act; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 567.11, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 97, O.S.L. 1994 (59 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 567.11), is amended to read as follows:

Section 567.11 A. The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act shall not be construed to affect or apply to:

1. Gratuitous nursing of the sick by friends or members of the family;
2. Registered or licensed practical nurses from any state called in attendance temporarily to a patient in any county in this state;
3. The practice of nursing which is associated with a program of study by students enrolled in nursing education programs approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing;

4. Persons trained and competency-certified to provide care pursuant to other state or federal law, rules, or regulations;

5. The practice of any legally qualified nurse of another state who is employed by the United States Government or any bureau, division, or agency thereof, while in the discharge of his or her official duties; or

~~6. The rendering of service by a physician's trained assistant under the direct supervision and control of a licensed physician, all as authorized by Section 492 of this title; or~~

~~7. The practice of nursing in connection with healing by prayer or spiritual means alone in accordance with the tenets and practice of any well-recognized church or religious denomination provided that no person practicing such nursing holds himself or herself out to be a graduate or registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.~~

B. An unlicensed assistive person providing service as a medical assistant in the office of a physician, a clinic, a surgical center, or a hospital shall be subject to the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act.

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.

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