

SHORT TITLE: Public health and safety; clarifying language regarding disease prevention and control. Effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

SENATE BILL NO. 1227

By: Cain

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-502.1, as amended by Section 14, Chapter 307, O.S.L. 1992 (63 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1-502.1), which relates to disease prevention and control; 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 1-502.1, as amended by Section 14, Chapter 307, O.S.L. 1992 (63 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1-502.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-502.1 A. All agencies and organizations that regularly employ emergency medical technicians, paramedics, fire fighters, peace officers, as defined in Section 648 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, correctional officers and employees, or health care workers, all mental health or mentally retarded treatment or evaluation programs that employ persons involved with providing care for patients, the J.D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities, and all juvenile institutions of the Department of Human Services shall implement the universal precautions for the prevention of the transmission of communicable diseases published by the Centers for Disease Control, U.S. Public Health Service, in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, Volume 36, Number 2S or as subsequently amended.

B. The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules and guidelines that will implement a system of notification of emergency medical technicians, paramedics, fire fighters, health care workers, funeral directors and peace officers relating to risk exposures during health care activities, emergency response activities or funeral preparations. Risk exposure shall be defined by the State Board of Health to be exposure that is epidemiologically demonstrated to have the potential for transmitting a communicable disease.

C. The Board of Mental Health Board and Substance Abuse Services, Commission for Human Services, ~~Oklahoma~~ Cerebral Palsy Commission, and State Board of Corrections shall each promulgate rules, guidelines or policies to provide for such notification of risk exposures to persons employed by such agencies.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

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