

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL 1474

By: Rozell of the Senate

and

Askins of the House

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An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-543, which relates to hearing impairment screening procedure; creating the "Newborn Infant Hearing Screening Act"; providing short title; requiring screening for detection of congenital or acquired hearing loss in newborn infants prior to discharge from birth facility; providing for administration of screening; providing for screening of infant requiring an emergency transfer; requiring promulgation of rules; requiring development of procedures and guidelines; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-543, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-543. ~~A screening procedure~~ A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Newborn Infant Hearing Screening Act".

B. Every infant born in this state shall be screened for the detection of congenital or acquired hearing impairments shall be required for all infants. Such procedures shall be administered by a loss prior to discharge from the facility where the infant was born. A physician, audiologist or other qualified person shall administer such screening procedure in accordance with accepted medical practices and in the manner prescribed by the State Board of Health. If an infant requires emergency transfer to another

facility for neonatal care, such screening procedure shall be administered by the receiving facility prior to discharge of the infant.

C. The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules necessary to enact the provisions of this act. The State Commissioner of Health shall develop procedures and guidelines for the administration of screening procedures for the detection of congenital or acquired hearing impairments loss.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2000.

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