

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2646

By: Bryant of the House

and

Ford of the Senate

An Act relating to public health; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-860.13, which relates to the Hospice Advisory Board; increasing membership of the Board; modifying appointment procedures; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-860.13, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-860.13 A. There is hereby created a Hospice Advisory Board which shall be composed of ~~six (6)~~ seven (7) members, as follows:

1. One member who shall be a general practitioner of the medical professions licensed pursuant to the laws of this state;

2. One member who shall be a registered nurse licensed pursuant to the laws of this state;

3. One member who shall be a professional counselor, psychologist or social worker licensed pursuant to the laws of this state;

4. One member of a statewide association of home care operators whose membership consists of a majority of the licensed home health operators in this state;

5. Two members who shall be administrators of hospices which shall, ~~subsequent to the effective date of this act,~~ be licensed pursuant to the ~~provisions of this act~~ Hospice Licensing Act; and

~~5.~~ 6. One member who shall represent the general public.

B. The members of the Hospice Advisory Board shall be appointed by the Governor ~~from a list of twelve (12) names submitted by the Oklahoma State Hospice Association. The list of names submitted to the Governor shall contain twice the number of appointees for each member category required on the membership of the Hospice Advisory Board.~~ The initial term of the member representing the general public shall be for one (1) year, the initial term of the member of the medical profession shall be for three (3) years; the initial terms of the licensed registered nurse and professional counselor,

psychologist, or social worker members shall be for two (2) years; and the initial terms of the administrator members shall be for one (1) year.

After the initial appointments, the terms of each member shall be for a three-year period. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as that position was originally filled.

C. The State Department of Health shall provide an office and a clerical staff worker to perform designated duties of the Hospice Advisory Board. The Department shall also provide space for meetings of the Hospice Advisory Board.

D. The Hospice Advisory Board shall annually elect from among its membership a ~~chairman~~ chair and a secretary-treasurer. Four members of the Hospice Advisory Board shall constitute a quorum. A quorum must be present to transact any business of the Hearing Advisory Board. The Hospice Advisory Board shall meet at least quarterly, and may hold such special meetings as may be necessary. The members of the Hearing Advisory Board shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses by the State Department of Health, pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act, ~~Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.~~

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of April, 2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 11th day of April, 2000.

President of the Senate