

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB2092

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to funeral directors and risk exposures; amending 59 O.S. 1991, Section 396.27, which relates to funeral directors; updating language; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-502.1, as amended by Section 14, Chapter 307, O.S.L. 1992 (63 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1-502.1), which relates to risk exposures during health care activities; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 396.27, is amended to read as follows:

Section 396.27 A. Each funeral director shall notify employees concerning risk exposures pursuant to Section ~~1~~ 1-502.1 of ~~this act~~ Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the rules and guidelines promulgated by the State Board of Health.

B. Each funeral director and each employee of such funeral director shall adhere to 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, during the handling of any body.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-502.1, as amended by Section 14, Chapter 307, O.S.L. 1992 (63 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1-502.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 63-502.1 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 28 or as subsequently amended.

B. The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules and guidelines that will implement a system ~~of~~ requiring notification of risk exposures during health care activities, emergency response activities or funeral preparations incurred by 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 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2000.

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