

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1570

By: Williams

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending Section 12, Chapter 139, O.S.L. 1992, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 213, O.S.L. 1999 (63 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1-1970), which relates to the Home Health Advisory Board; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 12, Chapter 139, O.S.L. 1992, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 213, O.S.L. 1999 (63 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1-1970), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-1970. A. There is hereby created a Home Health Advisory Board which shall be composed of seven (7) members as follows:

1. One member who shall be a family practice physician or general practitioner of the medical professions licensed pursuant to the laws of this state and with a practice which includes home health service;

2. One member who shall be a registered nurse licensed pursuant to the laws of this state ~~and~~ whose practice includes home health services;

3. Two members who shall be administrators of home health agencies ~~which~~ that shall, subsequent to the effective date of this act and its regulation, be licensed pursuant to this act; and

4. Three members who shall represent the general public and who shall, within twenty-four (24) months of their appointment, be consumers of home health services for themselves or for family members within the third degree of consanguinity.

B. The members of the Home Health Advisory Board shall be appointed by the State Commissioner of Health with the advice and consent of the State Board of Health from a list of names submitted to the Commissioner by any statewide organization comprised exclusively of home care agencies. The lists submitted to the Commissioner shall contain a number of names equal to twice the number of positions to be appointed for each required membership category on the Home Health Advisory Board. Each member shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years except that the initial appointment of the physician and one administrator shall be for one (1) year and the initial appointment of one administrator and one consumer shall be for two (2) years. Vacancies shall be filled in like manner.

C. The State Department of Health shall provide staff to perform the designated duties of the Home Health Advisory Board. The Department shall provide meeting space for the Advisory Board.

D. The Advisory Board shall annually elect from among its membership a chair. The ~~Home Health~~ Advisory Board shall meet at least quarterly and at such other times as necessary. The members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses related to their service by the Department pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

E. The ~~Home Health~~ Advisory Board shall have the power and duty to:

1. Serve as an advisory body to the Department for the development and improvement of services to patients of home health agencies;

2. Review and make recommendations to the ~~State Board of Health~~ regarding rules and standards promulgated by the Board;

3. Approve, in its advisory capacity, rules and standards promulgated by the Board; and

4. Evaluate and review the standards, practices and procedures of the Department regarding the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Home Care Act.

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

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