

ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT

TO

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1635

By: Wilcoxson and Williams of
the Senate

and

Stanley of the House

An Act relating to torts; creating the Oklahoma Health Care Access Act; providing short title; requiring the State Department of Health to develop certain plan related to volunteers; requiring exploration of public private partnerships; requiring report; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

AUTHORS: Add the following House Coauthors: Coleman, Greenwood and Webb

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause and entire bill and insert

"An Act relating to torts; creating the Oklahoma Health Care Access Act; providing short title; requiring the State Department of Health to develop certain plan related to volunteers; requiring exploration of public-private partnerships; requiring report; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 31.3 of Title 76, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Health Care Access Act".

B. The State Department of Health is hereby directed to develop a plan to increase access to health care for all Oklahomans through the use of volunteers including, but not limited to, expanding the

number of health care volunteers. The plan shall be entitled the "Volunteer Health Care Provider Program".

C. The plan shall explore public-private partnerships as a method of increasing access to health care.

D. The Department shall report to the Legislature and to the Governor on the plan on or before December 1, 2002. The report shall include, but not be limited to, recommendations for necessary legislation.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval."

Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of April, 2002.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2002.

Presiding Officer of the Senate