

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 48th Legislature (2002)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 691

By: Cain of the Senate

and

Gilbert of the House

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An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-860.13, which relates to the Hospice Advisory Board; modifying method of appointment of membership; providing for duties; terminating existing Board; providing for new appointments; providing qualifications; specifying certain dates; authorizing reappointment; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-860.13, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-860.13 A. ~~There~~ On and after November 1, 2002, there is hereby created a Hospice Advisory Board ~~which~~ whose duty shall be to advise in the administering of provisions of the Oklahoma Hospice Licensing Act.

B. The Advisory Board shall be composed of 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, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

2. One member who shall be a registered nurse licensed pursuant to the laws of this state, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate;

3. One member who shall be a professional counselor, psychologist or social worker licensed pursuant to the laws of this state appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate;

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, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

5. Two members who shall be administrators of hospices which shall be licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Hospice Licensing Act, appointed by the Governor of this state. One said appointee shall be from a nonprofit hospice; and

6. One member who shall represent the general public, appointed by the State Commissioner of Health.

~~B. The members of the Hospice Advisory Board shall be appointed by the Governor.~~

C. 1. The terms of the existing members of the Hospice Advisory Board serving on the Board on the effective date of this act shall terminate on December 31, 2002. Existing members of the board may be reappointed pursuant to the provisions of this act.

2. The appointing authorities shall have completed their new appointments to the Board by December 1, 2002.

D. 1. The initial new 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~~ term of the licensed registered nurse ~~and~~ shall be two (2) years; the initial terms of the professional counselor, psychologist, ~~or~~ social worker ~~members~~ or home care operator member shall be for two (2) years; and the initial terms of the administrator members shall each be for one (1) year.

2. After the new 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.~~ E. 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.~~ F. The Hospice Advisory Board shall annually elect from among its membership a 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~~ Hospice 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~~ Hospice 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 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2002.

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