

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-1925.2 (Section 7, Chapter 428, O.S.L. 2001), which relates to direct-care staff to resident ratio; modifying certain ratios; authorizing twenty-four-hour staffing levels; specifying certain requirements; providing for certain staffing requirements for noncompliant facilities; requiring promulgation of certain rules; providing for contents; providing for appeals and informal dispute resolution; modifying definition; authorizing assessment of penalties; requiring notification; removing outdated language; defining terms; requiring criminal background checks for certain nontechnical employees of nursing facilities; providing process and procedures; prohibiting employment or contracts without a registry review or a criminal background check; providing exceptions; authorizing fees; providing for performance; providing for temporary employment; requiring reports; providing notification; prohibiting release of certain information; requiring termination of certain employees; providing certain performance; providing penalties; creating a nontechnical services worker registry; providing for establishment of registry; providing for contents; requiring certain information; providing for disclosure; providing for procedures; making certain actions unlawful; specifying certain penalties; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.