

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-857, which relates to the Long-term Care Certificate of Need Act; Sections 1-1904, 1-1906, 1-1908.1, 1-1912, 1-1914.1, 1-1914.2 and 1-1925, which relate to the Nursing Home Care Act; Section 1-1951, which relates to nurse aides; providing for regulation of specified aspects of the certificate of need process; clarifying reference; modifying licensure and certification procedures; expanding grounds for revocation or suspension of licensure; allowing specified limitations on licensure and requiring periodic reports; creating the Nursing Facility Administrative Penalties Fund revolving fund; specifying and expanding conditions for serving a notice of violation; expanding remedies for violations; expanding conditions under which a temporary manager can be appointed and conditions under which a manager may be relieved; expanding minimum standards for facilities; specifying conditions under which the State Commissioner of Health shall act to protect nursing facility residents; providing for appointment and termination of a receiver; specifying conditions requiring notification; prescribing minimum standard for facilities; expanding the power and duty of the State Department of Health with regard to nurse aides; amending 43A O. S. 2001, Sections 3-403, 3-417 and 3-417.1, which relate to licensure of alcohol and drug abuse treatment centers by the State Department of Health; deleting obsolete references; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.