

An Act relating to public health and safety; creating the Long-Term Care Reform and Accountability Act; citing act; stating purpose; providing procedure for accomplishment of purpose; amending Section 30, Chapter 4, 1st Extraordinary Session, O.S.L. 1999, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 291, O.S.L. 2000, and 21 O.S. 843.1, as last amended by Section 151, Chapter 5, 1st Extraordinary Session, O.S.L. 1999 (21 O.S. Supp. 2000, Sections 13.1 and 843.1), which relate to sentencing requirements and caretakers; expanding offenses for which the minimum sentence of imprisonment shall be imposed; making it unlawful for a caretaker or other person to commit certain acts against a person in a nursing facility or other setting; subjecting punishment to specified provisions; creating the Long-Term Care Access to Quality Health Care Task Force; providing for composition, terms, vacancies, quorum, designation of offices; convening of the first meeting, method of determining meeting dates, and travel reimbursement; requiring appointment of personnel for specified purpose; providing for duties and responsibilities of the Task Force; requiring the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, pursuant to legislative directive, to establish and implement specified project and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board to promulgate certain rules; authorizing the Authority to perform certain functions; requiring assistance with regard to specified activities; requiring report; requiring inclusion of conclusions; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-851.1, as last amended by Section 12, Chapter 340, O.S.L. 2000, 1-852, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 336, O.S.L. 1996, and 1-853, as last amended by Section 13, Chapter 340, O.S.L. 2000 (63 O.S. Supp. 2000, Sections 1-851.1, 1-852 and 1-853), which relate to the Long-Term Care Certificate of Need Act; clarifying language; expanding definition; requiring certificate of need under specified conditions; providing exception to requirements for an investigation pursuant to an application for a certificate of need; stating exception to list of criteria for specified certificate of need application; providing for definition and description of a service area of a certificate of need application; amending Section 1, Chapter 418, O.S.L. 1999, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 340, O.S.L. 2000, which relates to the Oklahoma Continuum of Care Task Force; extending life of Task Force and providing for convening of a Task Force meeting by specified date; including entity with which the Task Force shall work; amending Section 1, Chapter 340, O.S.L. 2000, as amended by Section 3 of Enrolled House Bill No. 1727 of the 1st Session of the 48th Oklahoma Legislature, which relates to the Oklahoma 2001 Healthcare Initiative; modifying eligibility for certain reimbursement; modifying implementation of certain reimbursement; amending Section 2, Chapter 340, O.S.L. 2000 (56 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 2002), as last amended by Section 4 of Enrolled House Bill No. 1727 of the 1st Session of the 48th Oklahoma Legislature, which relates to the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee; clarifying calculation of rate; modifying authorized purposes for expenditure of certain funds; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.