

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; 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; 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; amending Section 4, Chapter 340, O.S.L. 2000 (63 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 1-1925.2), which relates to reimbursement rates; modifying direct-care-staff-to-resident ratios; requiring task force for specified purposes; stating beginning date; requiring report; requiring direction and assistance from the State Department of Health; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.