

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 658

By: Littlefield of the Senate

and

Roberts of the House

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to cities and towns; amending 11 O.S. 1991, Section 22-120, which relates to municipal authority to protect public health; authorizing municipalities to restrict occupancy and use of buildings to protect public health and safety in certain areas; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 1991, Section 22-120, is amended to read as follows:

Section 22-120. A. The municipal governing body may enact and enforce such ordinances, ~~rules and regulations as~~ it deems necessary for the protection of the public health, not inconsistent with state law; and may establish and regulate hospitals, and provide for their operation and support. The governing body may ~~make regulations~~ enact ordinances to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases into the municipality and may enforce quarantine laws within five (5) miles of the municipal limits.

B. The municipal governing body is authorized to enact special ordinances or rules restricting occupancy and use of buildings, structures or land as necessary to protect against extraordinary hazards to public health and safety. This includes, but is not limited to, the authority to restrict occupancy or use by classes of persons who may be especially vulnerable to the hazard. The municipal governing body is further authorized to restrict occupancy

or use, by children or other especially vulnerable classes of persons, of properties in areas or at locations with contamination by lead or other hazardous substances to such a degree that normal health and development of members of the class is at significant risk.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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