ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1308

By: Leftwich of the Senate

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An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-555, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 219, O.S.L. 2004 (63 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1-555), which relates to breast cancer prevention and treatment; providing for appointment of new committee members; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 63, Chapter 1-555, O.S.L. 2004, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 219, O.S.L. 2004 (63 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1-555), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-555. A. There is hereby created the "Oklahoma Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Advisory Committee", hereinafter referred to as the Advisory Committee, within the State Department of Health. The Committee shall be advisory to the Department and shall consist of ~~eighteen (18)~~ twenty (20) members who shall be appointed as follows:

1. Four members appointed by the Governor, of whom at least two shall represent organizations which are, at the time of the appointment, advocating statewide for enhanced prevention, early detection and treatment of breast or cervical cancer in Oklahoma;

2. Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, of whom at least two shall be breast and cervical cancer survivors and one shall be a medical director of a women's health center in Oklahoma;

3. Four members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, of whom at least two shall be family members of a person who has died of breast or cervical cancer or conditions related to

breast cancer and one shall be a medical director of a women's health center in Oklahoma;

4. The State Commissioner of Health shall appoint four members, including a state epidemiologist and/or a Department official, who shall be appointed for their outstanding contributions in breast or cervical cancer treatment, research, prevention, or advocacy in Oklahoma; ~~and~~

5. Two female legislators, one appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

6. Two members from the Oklahoma Health Care Authority appointed by the Administrator of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

B. Appointments to the Advisory Committee shall be made to provide the Advisory Committee with a geographically, economically, and ethnically diverse composition. Associations and advocacy groups such as a national cancer society, a national association of obstetrics and gynecology, a national academy of family physicians, a national academy of pediatrics, and a representative from a women's health organization, may provide appointing authorities with lists from which they may select appointments.

C. Appointments to the Advisory Committee shall be completed no later than thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the 2nd Session of the 49th Legislature. A vacancy on the Advisory Committee shall be filled by the original appointing authority in the same manner that the position was originally filled.

D. The State Commissioner of Health shall appoint a chair of the Advisory Committee who shall be a participant in a community-based women's cancer organization. The chair shall convene the first meeting of the Advisory Committee within ninety (90) days after adjournment of the 2nd Session of the 49th Legislature.

E. Members of the Advisory Committee shall serve two-year terms and may be reappointed. The Advisory Committee shall elect from among its members a vice-chair and any other officers that the Advisory Committee determines are necessary.

F. The Advisory Committee shall meet at least quarterly each year and may meet more frequently at the call of the chair.

G. The Advisory Committee may appoint subcommittees and non-Advisory Committee members to serve as resources on such subcommittees as the Advisory Committee deems necessary for the purpose of undertaking special studies that are supplemental to the duties of the Advisory Committee. Subcommittees may meet with the frequency needed to accomplish the purposes of this section and shall report relevant finding and recommendations to the Advisory Committee as necessary.

H. Members of the Advisory Committee shall not receive a salary for duties performed for the Advisory Committee. Reimbursement for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as members of the Advisory Committee shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act for nonlegislative members. Legislative members shall be reimbursed as provided by Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

I. For purposes of determining a quorum for the Advisory Committee, a majority of members serving shall be required.

J. The State Department of Health shall provide staff assistance for the Advisory Committee.

K. In the event a duly appointed member fails to attend two consecutive meetings in a calendar year, the position to which the member has been appointed shall be considered vacant and the appropriate appointing authority, as specified in subsection A of this section, shall make the necessary appointment to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. A member who is removed from the

Advisory Committee pursuant to the provisions of this section may be reappointed.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2006.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2006.

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