

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1097

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(Constance) and Eason
McIntyre of the Senate

and

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House

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-543, which relates to newborn infant hearing screenings; providing certain exception for the State Department of Health; amending 63 O.S. 2001, Section 330.53, as amended by Section 3 of Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1850 of the 2nd Session of the 50th Oklahoma Legislature, which relates to licensure of long-term care administrators; clarifying certain requirements; providing conditional effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-543, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-543. A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Newborn Infant Hearing Screening Act".

B. Every infant born in this state shall be screened for the detection of congenital or acquired hearing loss prior to discharge from the facility where the infant was born. A physician, audiologist or other qualified person shall administer such screening procedure in accordance with accepted medical practices and in the manner prescribed by the State Board of Health. If an infant requires emergency transfer to another facility for neonatal care, such screening procedure shall be administered by the receiving facility prior to discharge of the infant.

C. The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules necessary to enact the provisions of this act. The State Commissioner of Health shall develop procedures and guidelines for screening for the detection of congenital or acquired hearing loss.

D. Any durable medical equipment purchased or supplied by the State Department of Health for the purpose of being permanently or

temporarily fitted for use by a specific child shall not be deemed or considered to be a "tangible asset" as that term is defined in Section 110.1 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and, once fitted to a specific child, shall be deemed thereafter to have minimal or no value to the Department for purposes of further disposition pursuant to the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 330.53, as amended by Section 3 of Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1850 of the 2nd Session of the 50th Oklahoma Legislature, is amended to read as follows:

Section 330.53 The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care Administrators shall have authority to issue licenses to qualified persons as long-term care administrators, and shall establish qualification criteria for such long-term care administrators.

B. No license shall be issued to a person as a long-term care administrator unless:

1. The person shall have submitted evidence satisfactory to the Board that the person is:

- a. not less than twenty-one (21) years of age, and
- b. of reputable and responsible character; and

2. The person shall have submitted evidence satisfactory to the Board of the person's ability to supervise a nursing home or specialized home.

C. For purposes of this section, any person licensed as a nursing home administrator by this state prior to the effective date of this act shall be deemed to have a valid license in accordance with this section.

D. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to add additional requirements for the licensure of assisted living administrators.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this act shall only become effective if the Oklahoma Legislature and the Governor approve the provisions of Senate Bill No. 1850 of the 2nd Session of the 50th Oklahoma Legislature.

SECTION 4. 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 act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 26th day of May, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of May, 2006.

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