

3 **Senate Bill No. 1731**

4 **As Amended**

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1731 - By: JOHNSON (Constance) of the Senate and
6 BALKMAN of the House.

7 An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63
8 O.S. 2001, Section 1-543, which relates to newborn infant
9 hearing screenings; providing certain exception for the
10 State Department of Health; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

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

5 **D. Any durable medical equipment purchased or supplied by the**
6 **State Department of Health for the purpose of being permanently or**
7 **temporarily fitted for use by a specific child shall not be deemed**
8 **or considered to be a "tangible asset" as that term is defined in**
9 **Section 110.1 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and, once fitted**
10 **to a specific child, shall be deemed thereafter to have minimal or**
11 **no value to the Department for purposes of further disposition**
12 **pursuant to the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act.**

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

17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN RESOURCES, dated
18 2-9-06 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.