

3 Senate Bill No. 33

4 SENATE BILL NO. 33 - By: SHURDEN of the Senate and ARMES of the
5 House.

6 An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59
7 O.S. 2001, Section 725.2, as amended by Section 5, Chapter
8 543, O.S.L. 2004 (59 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 725.2), which
9 relates to designation of certain physicians as first
10 responders; defining basic disaster skills requirements for
11 certification; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2001, Section 725.2, as
14 amended by Section 5, Chapter 543, O.S.L. 2004 (59 O.S. Supp. 2004,
15 Section 725.2), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 725.2 A. The following nine classes of persons may use
17 the word "Doctor", or an abbreviation thereof, and shall have the
18 right to use, whether or not in conjunction with the word "Doctor",
19 or any abbreviation thereof, the following designations:

20 1. The letters "D.P.M." by a person licensed to practice
21 podiatry under Chapter 4 of this title;

22 2. The letters "D.C." by a person licensed to practice
23 chiropractic under Chapter 5 of this title;

24 3. The letters "D.D.S." by a person licensed to practice
25 dentistry under Chapter 7 of this title;

1 4. The letters "M.D." by a person licensed to practice medicine
2 and surgery under Chapter 11 of this title;

3 5. The letters "O.D." by a person licensed to practice
4 optometry under Chapter 13 of this title;

5 6. The letters "D.O." by a person licensed to practice
6 osteopathy under Chapter 14 of this title;

7 7. The letters "Ph.D.", "Ed.D." or "Psy.D." by a person
8 licensed as a health service psychologist pursuant to the
9 Psychologists Licensing Act;

10 8. The letters "Ph.D.", "Ed.D." or other letters representing a
11 doctoral degree by a person licensed as a speech and language
12 pathologist pursuant to the Speech Pathology and Audiology Licensing
13 Act and who has earned a doctoral degree from a regionally
14 accredited institution of higher learning in the field of speech and
15 language pathology; and

16 9. The letters "Ph.D.", "Ed.D." or other letters representing a
17 doctoral degree by a person licensed as an audiologist pursuant to
18 the Speech Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act and who has earned
19 a doctoral degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher
20 learning in the field of audiology.

21 B. Unless otherwise specifically provided in a particular
22 section or chapter of the Oklahoma Statutes, the word "doctor" or

1 "doctors" shall mean and include each of the nine classes of persons
2 listed in subsection A of this section.

3 C. Unless otherwise specifically provided in a particular
4 section or chapter of the Oklahoma Statutes, the word "physician" or
5 "physicians" shall mean and include each of the classes of persons
6 listed in paragraphs 1 through 6 of subsection A of this section.
7 The term "physician" shall not include any person specified in
8 paragraphs 7 through 9 of subsection A of this section unless such
9 person is otherwise authorized to use such designation pursuant to
10 this section.

11 D. A physician listed in this section may be certified as a
12 "First Responder" pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-2503 of
13 Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes upon receiving certification in
14 Basic Disaster Skills. Basic Disaster skills certification shall
15 include, but not be limited to:

16 1. Patient assessment in a limited time frame including, but
17 not limited to, vital signs, airway, breathing, circulation and
18 consciousness;

19 2. Documentation according to current national emergency
20 protocol including, but not limited to:

21 a. symptoms/signs, allergies, medications, past pertinent
22 history, last meal, events leading to injury (SAMPLE)
23 history, and

1 b. onset, provocation, quality of pain, radiation,
2 severity, time (OPQRST) focused/detailed, medial and
3 trauma evaluation;

4 3. Stabilization and transportation of the injured including,
5 but not limited to, log roll, stabilization of the cervical spine
6 and use of spine board and stretcher;

7 4. Current first aid techniques including, but not limited to,
8 bleeding control, shock, rapid splint and cold and heat emergencies,
9 as well as current Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Foreign
10 Body Airway Obstruction (FBAO), and Autonomic External
11 Defibrillation (AED), techniques as per the American Red Cross or
12 American Heart Association Protocol for health care providers; and

13 5. Possession and administration of any drug, medicine, serum
14 or vaccine provided a physician has satisfactorily completed one
15 hundred (100) classroom hours of clinical pharmacology of all
16 schedules and sixty (60) hours of clinical application of
17 pharmacotherapeutics and has been certified proficient by
18 examination in the field of clinical pharmacology.

19 E. Services rendered in an emergency by a First Responder shall
20 be governed by the provisions of Section 5 of Title 76 of the
21 Oklahoma Statutes, the "Good Samaritan Act."

22 F. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a
23 person licensed in this state to perform speech pathology or

1 audiology services is hereby designated to be a practitioner of the
2 healing art for purposes of making a referral for speech pathology
3 or audiology services pursuant to the provisions of the Individuals
4 with Disabilities Education Act, Amendment of 1997, Public Law 105-
5 17, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND
8 SECURITY, dated 2-21-05 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.