

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1349

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; stating legislative findings and intent; providing definitions; allowing facilities to install certain surveillance cameras; requiring certain consent; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-1918.3 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Legislature finds that many acts of abuse have been performed on nursing home residents and that the installation of surveillance cameras in nursing homes helps to stop such criminal conduct. The Legislature further finds that it is important to protect the privacy of nursing home residents. It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature to encourage the use of surveillance cameras in nursing homes while providing for the privacy of nursing home residents.

B. For the purposes of this section:

1. "Public area" means any room or part of a facility which is intended for use by any resident, resident guest or staff; and

2. "Private room" means any room in a facility which is intended for use only by particular resident(s), resident guests and staff.

C. Surveillance cameras may be installed in public areas and private rooms of facilities at the expense of the facility.

However, surveillance cameras shall only be installed in private

rooms with the written consent of the resident(s) or the guardian of the resident(s) living in the private room.

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

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