

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

SENATE BILL 1712

By: Reynolds

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-860.7, which relates to hospice services; requiring certain notification to a specified party; requiring a certain written report; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-860.7, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-860.7 A. A hospice shall not discontinue or diminish care provided to a patient already in its care because of the patient's inability to pay for the care.

B. All Oklahoma hospices, upon official or unofficial denial of any service(s) for any reason, shall be required to:

1. Immediately orally inform any such denied person, or their representative, that other hospices may be able to assist them with the denied service(s), followed by written notification; and

2. Weekly submit a written report to the State Department of Health and the Oklahoma Hospice Advisory Board. Such a report shall contain the name, address and phone numbers of any person who was denied service(s) at their facility.

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

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