

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1731

By: Johnson (Constance)

AS INTRODUCED

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; 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. In order to carry out the provisions of this section, the State Department of Health shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 110.1 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes when "tangible

assets", as used in Section 110.1 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, are durable medical equipment intended to be permanently or temporarily fitted for a specific child.

SECTION 2. 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.

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