

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 549

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to professions and occupations; creating the Joint Legislative Task Force on the Definition of a Physician; stating purpose; providing for composition, officers, convening of the first meeting, staffing, reporting and sunseting of the Task Force; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Joint Legislative Task Force on the Definition of a Physician. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to study who should be defined by statute as a physician.

B. 1. The Task Force shall be composed of six members of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and six members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, appointed by Speaker of the House of Representatives.

2. In addition, the following directors shall serve on the Task Force:

- a. the Director of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision,
- b. the Director of the Oklahoma Board of Osteopathic Examiners,
- c. one director from one of the six different occupations currently described in statute as physicians, appointed by the Governor, and

d. the director of a statewide association representing hospitals.

3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint the chair of the Task Force from among members of the State Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint the vice-chair of the Task Force from among members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

C. The chair of the Task Force shall convene the first meeting of the Task Force on or before September 1, 2005.

D. Staffing for the Task Force shall be provided by the staffs of the State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

E. The Task Force shall issue a report of its findings to the Legislature on or before January 31, 2006

F. The Joint Legislative Task Force on the Definition of a Physician shall sunset on January 31, 2006.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2005.

SECTION 3. 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.