

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 28, 2008

House Bill No. 2678
As Amended

HOUSE BILL NO. 2678 - By: SEARS of the House.

(state government - directing the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to
establish the Oklahoma Senior Card program - providing for certain
eligibility criteria for benefits – codification - effective date –
emergency)

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 9101 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:
- 4 A. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall establish the Oklahoma Senior
5 Card program to provide benefits of any kind to holders of the Oklahoma Senior Card.
6 Oklahoma Senior Card holders shall be entitled to any benefits granted to them by
7 private persons or organizations, the laws of this state, or ordinances or resolutions of
8 political subdivisions.
- 9 B. Before issuing an Oklahoma Senior Card to any person, the Department shall
10 establish the identity of the person applying, and shall ascertain that the person is sixty-
11 two (62) years of age or older and is a resident of this state.

1 C. Cards shall contain the signature of the cardholder and any other information
2 the Department considers necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

3 D. No person shall use an Oklahoma Senior Card except to obtain a benefit for the
4 holder of the card to which the holder is entitled under the conditions of the offer. The
5 card shall not be transferrable to any other person.

6 E. Records of the recipients of the Oklahoma Senior Card shall be confidential,
7 except for information that does not contain any personal or medical history and is used
8 solely to identify the recipient.

9 F. The Oklahoma Senior Card may be used in conjunction with any prescription
10 drug program or any health benefit plan in order to reduce the cost of drugs and aid in
11 the efficiency of administering programs. The card may be used in conjunction with the
12 benefits established pursuant to Section 2220 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and
13 any other benefit established pursuant to the laws of this state.

14 G. The Department shall promulgate rules implementing the Oklahoma Senior
15 Card program which include, but are not limited to:

- 16 1. Eligibility verification;
- 17 2. An enrollment process;
- 18 3. An informational and interactive web site;
- 19 4. Provider participation; and
- 20 5. Records of cardholders.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

1 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public
2 peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof
3 this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
5 FINANCIAL SERVICES, dated 02-27-08 - DO PASS, As Amended.