

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2678

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to state government; directing the
7 Oklahoma Department of Commerce to establish the
8 Oklahoma Senior Card program; stating purpose;
9 providing for certain eligibility criteria for
10 benefits; limiting use; providing for confidentiality
11 of certain recipient records; authorizing the
12 promulgation of rules; providing for codification;
13 providing an effective date; and declaring an
14 emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 9101 of Title 74, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall establish the
20 Oklahoma Senior Card program to provide benefits of any kind to
21 holders of the Oklahoma Senior Card. Oklahoma Senior Card holders
22 shall be entitled to any benefits granted to them by private persons
23 or organizations, the laws of this state, or ordinances or
24 resolutions of political subdivisions.

B. Before issuing an Oklahoma Senior Card to any person, the
Department shall establish the identity of the person applying, and

1 shall ascertain that the person is sixty-two (62) years of age or
2 older and is a resident of this state.

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

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

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

14 F. The Oklahoma Senior Card may be used in conjunction with any
15 prescription drug program or any health benefit plan in order to
16 reduce the cost of drugs and aid in the efficiency of administering
17 programs. The card may be used in conjunction with the benefits
18 established pursuant to Section 2220 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
19 Statutes and any other benefit established pursuant to the laws of
20 this state.

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

- 23 1. Eligibility verification;
- 24 2. An enrollment process;

1 3. An informational and interactive web site;

2 4. Provider participation; and

3 5. Records of cardholders.

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

5 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
6 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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