

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT  
TO  
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1817

By: Crain of the Senate

3 and  
4 Holland of the House

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8 ( treat the eyes of a newborn infant - State Board of  
9 Health - religious grounds - repealing -  
10 effective date )

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13 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the stricken title, enacting clause and  
14 entire bill and insert

15 "An Act relating to public health and safety;  
16 amending 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-510, which relates  
17 to eye care for newborns; deleting obsolete  
18 language; requiring certain persons to treat the  
19 eyes of a newborn infant; authorizing certain  
20 refusal; requiring certain documentation; directing  
21 the State Board of Health to promulgate certain  
22 rules; repealing 63 O.S. 2001, Sections 1-511, 1-  
23 512, 1-513, and 1-514, which relate to eye care for  
24 newborns; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-510, is  
amended to read as follows:

1 Section 1-510. A. It shall be the duty of any physician,  
2 ~~surgeon, obstetrician, manager midwife, or other person in charge of~~  
3 ~~a maternity home or hospital or other public or private institution~~  
4 ~~in the State of Oklahoma, parent, relative and persons attendant on~~  
5 ~~or assisting in any way whatsoever any infant, or the mother of any~~  
6 ~~infant, at childbirth or any time within twenty four (24) hours~~  
7 ~~after childbirth, knowing that there exists the condition referred~~  
8 ~~to in the preceding section, to report within six (6) hours and~~  
9 ~~confirm such fact in writing within three (3) days to the local~~  
10 ~~health officer serving the county in which the infant or its mother~~  
11 ~~resides, who shall immediately give to the parents or persons having~~  
12 ~~charge of such infant a warning of the dangers to the eye or eyes of~~  
13 ~~the infant~~ attendant upon the birth of a newborn infant to ensure  
14 treatment of the eyes of the infant with a prophylactic ophthalmic  
15 agent as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and  
16 Prevention as prophylaxis against ophthalmia neonatorum.

17 B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a  
18 parent or legal guardian of a newborn infant from refusing  
19 prophylactic treatment on religious grounds or when such person  
20 deems that it is in the best interest of the child. If the parent  
21 or legal guardian of the newborn infant refuses the prophylactic  
22 treatment, the health care provider shall document the refusal in  
23 the medical file of the newborn infant.

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