

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED  
5 SENATE BILL NO. 1817

By: Crain of the Senate

and

Holland of the House

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10 An Act relating to public health and safety; amending  
11 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-510, which relates to eye  
12 care for newborns; deleting obsolete language;  
13 requiring certain persons to treat the eyes of a  
14 newborn infant; authorizing certain refusal;  
15 requiring certain documentation; directing the State  
16 Board of Health to promulgate certain rules;  
17 repealing 63 O.S. 2001, Sections 1-511, 1-512, 1-513,  
18 and 1-514, which relate to eye care for newborns; and  
19 providing an effective date.

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

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

25 Section 1-510. A. It shall be the duty of any physician,  
26 ~~surgeon, obstetrician, manager midwife, or other person in charge of~~  
27 ~~a maternity home or hospital or other public or private institution~~  
28 ~~in the State of Oklahoma, parent, relative and persons attendant on~~  
29 ~~or assisting in any way whatsoever any infant, or the mother of any~~

1 ~~infant, at childbirth or any time within twenty-four (24) hours~~  
2 ~~after childbirth, knowing that there exists the condition referred~~  
3 ~~to in the preceding section, to report within six (6) hours and~~  
4 ~~confirm such fact in writing within three (3) days to the local~~  
5 ~~health officer serving the county in which the infant or its mother~~  
6 ~~resides, who shall immediately give to the parents or persons having~~  
7 ~~charge of such infant a warning of the dangers to the eye or eyes of~~  
8 ~~the infant attendant upon the birth of a newborn infant to ensure~~  
9 ~~treatment of the eyes of the infant with a prophylactic ophthalmic~~  
10 ~~agent as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and~~  
11 ~~Prevention as prophylaxis against ophthalmia neonatorum.~~

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

19 C. The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules as  
20 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

21 SECTION 2. REPEALER 63 O.S. 2001, Sections 1-511, 1-512,  
22 1-513, and 1-514, are hereby repealed.

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SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

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