

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1817

By: Crain of the Senate

3 and

4 Holland of the House

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7 [treat the eyes of a newborn infant - State Board
8 of Health - religious grounds - repealing -
9 effective date]
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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

15 Section 1-510. A. It shall be the duty of any physician,
16 ~~surgeon, obstetrician, manager midwife, or other person in charge of~~
17 ~~a maternity home or hospital or other public or private institution~~
18 ~~in the State of Oklahoma, parent, relative and persons attendant on~~
19 ~~or assisting in any way whatsoever any infant, or the mother of any~~
20 ~~infant, at childbirth or any time within twenty four (24) hours~~
21 ~~after childbirth, knowing that there exists the condition referred~~
22 ~~to in the preceding section, to report within six (6) hours and~~
23 ~~confirm such fact in writing within three (3) days to the local~~
24 ~~health officer serving the county in which the infant or its mother~~

1 ~~resides, who shall immediately give to the parents or persons having~~
2 ~~charge of such infant a warning of the dangers to the eye or eyes of~~
3 ~~the infant~~ attendant upon the birth of a newborn infant to ensure
4 treatment of the eyes of the infant with a prophylactic ophthalmic
5 agent as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and
6 Prevention as prophylaxis against ophthalmia neonatorum.

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

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

16 SECTION 2. REPEALER 63 O.S. 2001, Sections 1-511, 1-512,
17 1-513, and 1-514, are hereby repealed.

18 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.
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1 Passed the Senate the 3rd day of March, 2010.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2010.

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