

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1817

By: Crain of the Senate

and

Holland of the House

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-510, which relates to eye care for newborns; deleting obsolete language; requiring certain persons to treat the eyes of a newborn infant; authorizing certain refusal; requiring certain documentation; directing the State Board of Health to promulgate certain rules; repealing 63 O.S. 2001, Sections 1-511, 1-512, 1-513, and 1-514, which relate to eye care for 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:

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

~~charge of such infant a warning of the dangers to the eye or eyes of the infant attendant upon the birth of a newborn infant to ensure treatment of the eyes of the infant with a prophylactic ophthalmic agent as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as prophylaxis against ophthalmia neonatorum.~~

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

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

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 REPEALER 63 O.S. 2001, Sections 1-511, 1-512, 1-513, and 1-514, are hereby repealed.

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

Passed the Senate the 28th day of April, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of April, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives