

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 SENATE BILL 822

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; creating the
8 Task Force on the Review of Health Insurance
9 Mandates; providing for membership; requiring initial
10 meeting to be called by certain date; providing for
11 election of chair and vice chair; specifying quorum
12 requirements; providing for staffing; providing for
13 travel reimbursement; stating duties of the task
14 force; requiring certain report; providing for
15 noncodification; providing an effective date; and
16 declaring an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
19 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

20 A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2010, the "Task
21 Force on the Review of Health Insurance Mandates". The task force
22 shall consist of eleven (11) members as follows:

23 1. Four members to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
24 the Senate:

- 25 a. two of whom shall be members of the Senate,
- 26 b. one of whom shall be a representative of an insurer
27 issuing health insurance policies in Oklahoma, and

1 c. one of whom shall be a health care provider;

2 2. Four members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
3 Representatives:

4 a. two of whom shall be members of the House of
5 Representatives,

6 b. one of whom shall be a representative of a Health
7 Maintenance Organization, and

8 c. one of whom shall be a business owner.

9 3. Two members to be appointed by the Governor:

10 a. one of whom shall be a representative of a consumer
11 health advocacy group, and

12 b. one of whom shall be a private citizen; and

13 4. The Insurance Commissioner or designee.

14 B. The initial meeting of the task force shall be called by the
15 Insurance Commissioner on or before September 1, 2009. At the
16 initial meeting the task force shall elect from its membership a
17 chair and vice-chair.

18 C. A simple majority of the members of the task force shall
19 constitute a quorum. A quorum of the task force must be present in
20 order for the task force to take any official action including the
21 adoption of a final report.

22 D. The task force shall meet as often as may be required to
23 perform the duties imposed upon it.

1 E. Staffing for the task force shall be provided by the
2 Department of Insurance.

3 F. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
4 serving on the task force, but may receive travel reimbursement as
5 follows:

6 1. Legislative members of the task force may be reimbursed for
7 necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
8 duties, in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
9 Statutes, from the legislative body in which they serve; and

10 2. Other members of the task force may be reimbursed for travel
11 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties by their
12 respective appointing authorities in accordance with the State
13 Travel Reimbursement Act.

14 G. The purpose of the task force is to review and evaluate the
15 mandatory health insurance mandates that are currently provided for
16 by law. The task force shall make recommendations as to whether any
17 existing mandates should be revised or eliminated.

18 H. The task force shall submit a report on the findings and
19 recommendations of the task force to the President Pro Tempore of
20 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
21 Governor no later than December 1, 2010.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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