

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 11, 2013

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 459

By: Shumate of the Senate

and

Pittman of the House

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8 **[hospice care - creating the Task Force on**
9 **Regulatory Standards for Hospice Care - effective**
10 **date -**

emergency]

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

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

15 A. There is hereby created, to continue until December 31,
16 2013, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law,
17 a Task Force on Regulatory Standards for Hospice Care.

18 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
19 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

20 A. The membership of the Task Force on Regulatory Standards for
21 Hospice Care shall be as follows:

22 1. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services,
23 or a designee;

24 2. The State Commissioner of Health, or a designee;

1 3. Two representatives from the hospice care industry,
2 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker
3 of the House, respectively;

4 4. Two representatives from the home healthcare industry,
5 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker
6 of the House, respectively;

7 5. Two Senators, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
8 Senate;

9 6. Two Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

10 B. Appointments to the task force shall be made by August 1,
11 2013. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing
12 authority. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the
13 original appointing authority.

14 C. The task force shall meet monthly and at other such times as
15 deemed necessary by members. A majority of members present at a
16 meeting shall constitute a quorum to transact business and a
17 majority present may act for the task force.

18 D. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
19 their service, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and
20 necessary travel expenses as follows:

21 1. Nonlegislative members who are state officers or employees
22 shall be reimbursed by their respective agencies for their necessary
23 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in
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1 accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement
2 Act.

3 2. Members who are not legislators or officers or employees of
4 the state shall be reimbursed by their appointing authorities in
5 accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement
6 Act.

7 3. Legislative members shall be reimbursed for their necessary
8 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in
9 accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

10 E. The Task Force on Regulatory Standards for Hospice Care
11 shall examine disparities in regulatory standards between hospice
12 care and similar industries in Oklahoma, and shall make specific
13 recommendations to the Legislature to ensure adequate regulation,
14 education, and training of hospice care employees.

15 F. The Oklahoma Department of Human Services shall provide
16 staff assistance to the Task Force on Regulatory Standards for
17 Hospice Care.

18 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

19 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
20 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
24 February 11, 2013 - DO PASS AS AMENDED