

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL 1551

By: Faught of the House

and

Bergstrom of the Senate

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An Act relating to long-term care administrators;
amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 330.53, as amended by
Section 1, Chapter 241, O.S.L. 2016 (63 O.S. Supp.
2016, Section 330.53), which relates to licensing of
long-term care administrators; directing Oklahoma
State Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care
Administrators to present certain language; defining
contents of language; providing consequences for
failure to present certain language; and providing an
effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 330.53, as
amended by Section 1, Chapter 241, O.S.L. 2016 (63 O.S. Supp. 2016,
Section 330.53), is amended to read as follows:

Section 330.53 A. The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for
Long-Term Care Administrators shall have authority to issue licenses
or certifications to qualified persons as long-term care

1 administrators, and shall establish qualification criteria for each
2 type of long-term care administrator.

3 B. No license or certification shall be issued to a person as a
4 long-term care administrator unless:

5 1. The person shall have submitted evidence satisfactory to the
6 Board that the person is:

7 a. not less than twenty-one (21) years of age, and

8 b. of reputable and responsible character; and

9 2. The person shall have submitted evidence satisfactory to the
10 Board of the person's ability to supervise the defined facility type
11 in which he or she is licensed or certified to serve as a long-term
12 care administrator.

13 C. All persons currently licensed or certified or lawfully
14 serving as an administrator in their defined facility type shall be
15 permitted to continue to serve in their current capacity under their
16 current terms of authorization. The Board may promulgate rules
17 pursuant to Section 330.57 of this title to address future
18 certification and licensure requirements for all long-term care
19 administrator types without effect on the licensure or certification
20 status of those currently certified or licensed. The Board shall
21 not include a requirement for a four-year degree in any future
22 licensing or certification requirements for assisted living,
23 residential care or adult day care administrators. The Board shall
24 present language to promulgate in rule to be effective not later

1 than November 1, 2018, which defines a verifiable alternative path
2 to licensure as a nursing home administrator that does not include a
3 four-year degree requirement. In lieu of this four-year degree
4 requirement, the alternative path shall be based on experience in
5 the long term care administrator profession. In the absence of such
6 language being presented, effective November 1, 2018, the Board
7 shall no longer include a requirement for completion of a four-year
8 degree for licensing or certification requirements for nursing
9 facility administrators if such individuals possess ten (10) years
10 of supervisory experience, with five (5) consecutive years of
11 verified experience as a certified assistant administrator in an
12 Oklahoma licensed nursing facility.

13 Until such rules are promulgated, current licensure and
14 certification processes and standards shall remain in place.

15 D. The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care
16 Administrators shall, on or before July 1, 2017, promulgate rules
17 permitting eligible applicants to sit for the state standards
18 examination at a testing facility using procedures approved by the
19 National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Board,
20 including but not limited to the use of electronic or online methods
21 for examination.

22 E. The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care
23 Administrators shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of
24 this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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