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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:

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

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

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

4 b. of reputable and responsible character; and

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

9 C. All persons currently licensed or certified or lawfully
10 serving as an administrator in their defined facility type shall be
11 permitted to continue to serve in their current capacity under their
12 current terms of authorization. The Board may promulgate rules
13 pursuant to Section 330.57 of this title to address future
14 certification and licensure requirements for all long-term care
15 administrator types without effect on the licensure or certification
16 status of those currently certified or licensed. The Board shall
17 not include a requirement for a four-year degree in any future
18 licensing or certification requirements for assisted living,
19 residential care or adult day care administrators. The Board shall
20 present language to promulgate in rule to be effective not later
21 than November 1, 2018, which defines a verifiable alternative path
22 to licensure as a nursing home administrator that does not include a
23 four-year degree requirement. In lieu of this four-year degree
24 requirement, the alternative path shall be based on experience in

1 the long term care administrator profession. In the absence of such
2 language being presented, effective November 1, 2018, the Board
3 shall no longer include a requirement for completion of a four-year
4 degree for licensing or certification requirements for nursing
5 facility administrators if such individuals possess ten (10) years
6 of supervisory experience, with five (5) consecutive years of
7 verified experience as a certified assistant administrator in an
8 Oklahoma licensed nursing facility.

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

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

18 E. The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care
19 Administrators shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of
20 this section.

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

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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