

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1410

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to long term care; creating the Long Term Care Insurance Accessibility Task Force; stating purpose; providing for membership; requiring appointment within certain time period; requiring meeting within certain time period; providing for selection of chairs or cochairs; providing for quorum requirement; providing for meetings as required to perform duties; requiring examination of certain methods related to long term care insurance access; authorizing travel reimbursement pursuant to specified statutes; requiring final report; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2017, the "Long Term Care Insurance Accessibility Task Force". The purpose of the Task Force shall be to evaluate the use of tax credits and other incentives to encourage the purchase of long term care insurance thereby making the long term care insurance more accessible to the citizens of Oklahoma.

1 B. The Task Force shall be comprised of the following persons:

2 1. The Commissioner of the Oklahoma Insurance Department;

3 2. The three members of the Oklahoma Tax Commission; and

4 3. One member who represents the interests of the long term
5 care industry, selected by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
6 Representatives from a list of recommendations submitted by a long
7 term care organization.

8 C. Appointment to the Task Force shall be made within thirty
9 (30) days after the effective date of this act. The Task Force
10 shall meet within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this act.
11 The Task Force shall select from among its membership a chair and
12 vice-chair or cochairs.

13 D. A majority of the members who are present at a meeting shall
14 constitute a quorum for the conduct of any business authorized or
15 required by the provisions of this section.

16 E. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet as often as
17 required to perform the duties imposed upon it by law.

18 F. The Task Force shall:

19 1. Examine the existing conditions related to long term care
20 insurance availability in the state, including current premiums,
21 cost and policies available in this state;

22 2. Examine methods to provide incentives to potential purchasers
23 of long term care insurance, including but not limited to, any tax
24 incentives for the purchase of long term care insurance; and

1 3. Such other matters that the Task Force deems to be in the
2 interest of promoting, developing, supporting and communicating with
3 interested stakeholders regarding the purchase of long term care
4 insurance.

5 G. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for
6 serving on the task force, but shall be reimbursed by the public
7 entity which the member is employed by or by their respective
8 appointing authorities for necessary travel expenses incurred in the
9 performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel
10 Reimbursement Act.

11 H. The Task Force shall submit its recommendations and final
12 report by November 30, 2017, to the Governor, the Speaker of the
13 House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the
14 Senate.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

16 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
17 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
18 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
19 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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