

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1551

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; 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; prohibiting Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care Administrators from including certain requirement relating to nursing facility administrators; 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 administrators, and shall establish qualification criteria for each type of long-term care administrator.

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 not include a requirement for completion of a four-year degree for
21 licensing or certification requirements for nursing facility
22 administrators if such individuals possess ten (10) years of
23 experience at a nursing facility. Until such rules are promulgated,

1 current licensure and certification processes and standards shall
2 remain in place.

3 D. The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care
4 Administrators shall, on or before July 1, 2017, promulgate rules
5 permitting eligible applicants to sit for the state standards
6 examination at a testing facility using procedures approved by the
7 National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Board,
8 including but not limited to the use of electronic or online methods
9 for examination.

10 E. The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care
11 Administrators shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of
12 this section.

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

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