

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1710

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health and safety; amending
8 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-707b, which relates to staff
9 privileges; providing that hospitals and health plans
10 shall not discriminate against physicians who have
11 been awarded certification by certain specialty
boards irrespective of recertification status or
participation in certain certifications; and
providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-707b, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1-707b A. The administrator in charge of or the
17 governing board of each hospital licensed by the State Commissioner
18 of Health shall adopt written criteria for use in determining which
19 licensed medical doctors, doctors of osteopathy, doctors of
20 podiatry, and health service psychologists shall be granted
21 professional and/or medical staff privileges by the hospital. A
22 licensed hospital shall not deny an application based solely on the
23 applicant's license, as long as the applicant is licensed to
24 practice:

1 1. Medicine by the State Board of Medical Licensure and
2 Supervision;

3 2. Osteopathy by the State Board of ~~Osteopathy~~ Osteopathic
4 Examiners;

5 3. Podiatry by the State Board of Podiatry; or

6 4. As a health service psychologist by the Oklahoma State Board
7 of Examiners of Psychologists.

8 B. The accordane and delineation of medical staff membership
9 or clinical privileges shall be determined on an individual basis
10 commensurate with an applicant's education, training, experience and
11 demonstrated clinical competence.

12 C. When medical education training and specialty board
13 certification are considerations in the credentialing and
14 recredentialing of physicians, hospitals and health plans shall give
15 equal recognition to those bodies recognized by the federal
16 government for the training and certification of such physicians.
17 Hospitals and health plans shall not discriminate, on the basis of
18 education, against eligible physicians who have:

19 1. Graduated from medical schools and postdoctoral programs
20 approved by either the American Osteopathic Association or the
21 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; or

22 2. Been awarded board eligibility or board certification by
23 specialty boards recognized by either the American Osteopathic
24 Association or the American Board of Medical Specialties,

irrespective of recertification status or participation in
Osteopathic Continuing Certification or Maintenance of
Certification.

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

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