

1 Short Title: Public health and safety; providing that hospitals and  
2 health plans shall not discriminate against physicians based on  
3 certain criteria; effective date.  
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1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 HOUSE BILL 3231

By: Moore

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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  
12 participation in certain certifications; and  
providing an effective date.

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 accordance 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,

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

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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