

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 448

By: Quinn of the Senate

and

Manger of the House

An Act relating to the State Department of Health; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1550.41, which relates to offenses; authorizing the State Commissioner of Health to take certain actions; amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-324.1, which relates to prohibited acts; correcting reference; modifying applicability of section; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Issuance of identification documents by State Commissioner of Health

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1550.41, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1550.41. A. As used in this section and Section 1550.42 of this title, "identification document", "identification card", or "identification certificate" means any printed form which contains:

1. The name and photograph of a person;
2. The name and any physical description of a person;
3. The name and social security number of a person; or

4. Any combination of information provided for in paragraphs 1 through 3 of this subsection; and

which by its format, is capable of leading a person to believe said document, card, or certificate has been issued for the purpose of identifying the person named thereon, but shall not include any printed form which, on its face, conspicuously bears the term "NOT FOR IDENTIFICATION" in not less than six-point type.

B. It is a misdemeanor for any person:

1. To purchase an identification document, identification card, or identification certificate which bears altered or fictitious information concerning the date of birth, sex, height, eye color, weight, a fictitious or forged name or signature or a photograph of any person, other than the person named thereon;

2. To display or cause or permit to be displayed or to knowingly possess an identification document, identification card or identification certificate which bears altered or fictitious information concerning the date of birth, sex, height, eye color, weight, or fictitious or forged name or signature or a photograph of any person, other than the person named thereon;

3. To display or cause or permit to be displayed or to knowingly possess any counterfeit or fictitious identification document, identification card, or identification certificate; or

4. To use the "Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma" or facsimile thereof, on any identification document, identification card, or identification certificate which is not issued by an entity of this state or political subdivision thereof, or by the United States. Provided, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit the use of the "Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma" for authorized advertising, including, but not limited to, business cards, calling cards and stationery.

C. It is a felony for any person:

1. To create, publish or otherwise manufacture an identification document, identification card or identification certificate or facsimile thereof, or to create, manufacture or

possess an engraved plate or other such device for the printing of an identification document, identification card or identification certificate or facsimile thereof, which purports to identify the bearer of such document, card, or certificate whether or not intended for use as identification, and includes, but is not limited to, documents, cards, and certificates purporting to be driver licenses, nondriver identification cards, birth certificates, social security cards, and employee identification cards, except as authorized by state or federal law;

2. To sell or offer for sale an identification document, identification card, or identification certificate or facsimile thereof, which purports to identify the bearer of such document, card, or certificate whether or not intended for use as identification, and includes, but is not limited to, documents, cards, and certificates purporting to be driver licenses, nondriver identification cards, birth certificates, social security cards, and employee identification cards, except as authorized by state or federal law; or

3. To display or present an identification document, identification card or identification certificate which bears altered, false or fictitious information for the purpose of:

- a. committing or aiding in the commission of a felony in any commercial or financial transaction,
- b. misleading a peace officer in the performance of duties, or
- c. avoiding prosecution.

D. 1. The violation of any of the provisions of subsection B of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

2. The violation of any of the provisions of subsection C of this section shall constitute a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or a term of imprisonment in the State Penitentiary not to exceed seven (7) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

E. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the chief administrator of a federal or state law enforcement, military, or intelligence agency may request the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety or State Commissioner of Health to authorize the issuance of an identification document, identification card, or identification certificate within the scope of their authority which would otherwise be a violation of this section, to identify a law enforcement officer or agent as another person for the sole purpose of aiding in a criminal investigation or a military or intelligence operation. A person displaying or possessing such identification shall not be prosecuted for a violation of this section. Upon termination of the investigation or operation, the person to whom such identification document, identification card or identification certificate was issued shall return such identification to the Department of Public Safety or State Department of Health, as appropriate.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-324.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-324.1. A. It shall be unlawful for any person to commit any of the following specified acts in relation to birth, death or stillbirth certificates issued by this state:

1. Create, issue, present or possess a fictitious birth, death or stillbirth certificate;
2. Apply for a birth, death or stillbirth certificate under false pretenses;
3. Alter information contained on a birth, death or stillbirth certificate;
4. Obtain, display or represent a birth certificate of any person as one's own by any person, other than the person named on the birth certificate;
5. Obtain, display or represent a fictitious death or stillbirth certificate for the purpose of fraud;

6. Make a false statement or knowingly conceal a material fact or otherwise commit fraud in an application for a birth, death or stillbirth certificate; or

7. Knowingly presenting a false or forged certificate for filing.

B. Except as otherwise provided in subsection C D of this section, it is a felony for any employee or person authorized to issue or create a birth, death or stillbirth certificate or related record under this title to knowingly issue such certificate or related record to a person not entitled thereto, or to knowingly create or record such certificate bearing erroneous information thereon.

C. A violation of any of the provisions of this section shall constitute a felony.

D. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the State Commissioner of Health or a designated agent, upon the request of a chief administrator of a health or law enforcement agency, may authorize the issuance, display or possession of a birth, death or stillbirth certificate, which would otherwise be in violation of this section, for the sole purpose of education with regard to public health or safety; provided, however, any materials used for such purposes shall be marked "void".

E. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any request made to the State Department of Health pursuant to subsection E of Section 1550.41 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

Passed the Senate the 5th day of March, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 18th day of April, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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