

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3223

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to professions and occupations;
amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 521.3, which relates
to the Physician Assistant Act; prohibiting the
limiting of activities for certain employees; and
providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 521.3, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 521.3 A. A physician assistant licensed in this state
or licensed or authorized to practice in any other U.S. jurisdiction
or who is credentialed as a physician assistant by a federal
employer who is responding to a need for medical care created by an
emergency or a state or local disaster may render such care that the
physician assistant is able to provide.

B. A physician assistant so responding who voluntarily and
gratuitously, and other than in the ordinary course of employment or
practice, renders emergency medical assistance shall not be liable
for civil damages for any personal injuries that result from acts or

1 omissions which may constitute ordinary negligence. The immunity
2 granted by this section shall not apply to acts or omissions
3 constituting gross, willful or wanton negligence.

4 C. Nothing in the Physician Assistant Act shall limit the
5 activities of a physician assistant employed or contracted by the
6 federal government, including, but not limited to, the United States
7 Armed Forces, United States Public Health Service, United States
8 Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Indian Health Service, in
9 the performance of his or her duties. Provided, any physician
10 assistant who is employed or contracted by the federal government
11 shall be a licensed physician assistant in Oklahoma or any other
12 jurisdiction of the United States, or be credentialed as a physician
13 assistant by a federal agency. Any physician assistant who
14 practices outside of the federal system or a facility that is
15 contracted by the federal government shall be subject to the
16 Physician Assistant Act while practicing in a nonfederal system
17 facility.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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