

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 14, 2022

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1668

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6 An Act relating to long-term care; amending 63 O.S.
7 2021, Section 330.53, which relates to qualifications
8 for license or certification of long-term care
9 administrators; broadening types of administrators
10 exempt from certain requirement; providing that
11 certain experience shall substitute for certain
12 degree; requiring Oklahoma State Board of Examiners
13 for Long-Term Care Administrators to grant assistant
14 administrator certification to applicants who meet
15 certain criteria; providing for full licensure of
16 certified assistant administrators; requiring Board
17 to grant provisional licensure to applicants who meet
18 certain criteria; granting provisional licensee
19 certain rights; providing for licensure by
20 endorsement; providing for revocation of provisional
21 license; requiring Board to approve certain
22 organizations or agencies for certain training
23 program under certain condition; requiring Board to
24 ensure availability of at least two training
programs; authorizing Board to provide training; and
providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, 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

1 administrators, and shall establish qualification criteria for each
2 type of long-term care administrator.

3 B. No license or certification shall be issued to a person as a
4 long-term care administrator unless:

5 1. The person shall have submitted evidence satisfactory to the
6 Board that the person is:

7 a. not less than twenty-one (21) years of age, and

8 b. of reputable and responsible character; and

9 2. The person shall have submitted evidence satisfactory to the
10 Board of the person's ability to supervise the defined facility type
11 in which he or she is licensed or certified to serve as a long-term
12 care administrator.

13 C. 1. All persons currently licensed or certified or lawfully
14 serving as an administrator in their defined facility type shall be
15 permitted to continue to serve in their current capacity under their
16 current terms of authorization. The Board may promulgate rules
17 pursuant to Section 330.57 of this title to address future
18 certification and licensure requirements for all long-term care
19 administrator types without effect on the licensure or certification
20 status of those currently certified or licensed. The Board shall
21 not include a requirement for a four-year degree in any future
22 licensing or certification requirements for assisted living
23 administrators, residential care ~~or~~ administrators, adult day care
24 administrators, or certified assistant administrators. Until such

1 rules are promulgated, current licensure and certification processes
2 and standards shall remain in place.

3 2. For licensure or certification of nursing facility
4 administrators, ten (10) years of experience as a certified
5 assistant administrator of a nursing facility shall substitute for
6 requirement of completion of a four-year degree.

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

14 E. 1. The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care
15 Administrators shall grant assistant administrator certification to
16 any applicant for who:

17 a. has obtained a high school diploma or General
18 Educational Development (GED) credential, and

19 b. has passed the state standards examination.

20 2. The Board shall grant full licensure as a long-term care
21 administrator to any applicant currently certified as an assistant
22 administrator who:

23 a. has completed the required coursework offered by the
24 Board,

1 b. has completed a training program approved by the
2 Board, and

3 c. meets all other qualifications for licensure of long-
4 term care administrators.

5 F. 1. The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care
6 Administrators shall grant a provisional license to any applicant
7 who:

8 a. is licensed as a long-term care administrator in
9 another state,

10 b. has passed a nationally recognized examination for
11 long-term care administrators, and

12 c. has been recently hired or offered a position as a
13 long-term care administrator at a facility licensed by
14 the State Department of Health.

15 2. A provisional licensee shall have all the same rights as a
16 long-term care administrator licensed by the Board.

17 3. Upon issuance of a provisional license, the Board shall
18 determine if the provisional licensee meets the criteria for
19 licensure by endorsement as provided by rules of the Board. If the
20 provisional licensee meets the qualification criteria for full
21 licensure, the Board shall grant a full long-term care facility
22 administrator license to the provisional licensee not later than six
23 (6) months after issuance of the provisional license and shall
24 revoke the provisional license upon issuance of the full license.

1 If the Board determines the provisional licensee does not meet
2 qualification criteria for full licensure, the Board shall revoke
3 the provisional license.

4 G. The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care
5 Administrators shall approve organizations or agencies to provide
6 the training program required by the Board. Each such organization
7 or agency shall meet such requirements as may be prescribed by rules
8 of the Board. The Board shall ensure that at all times at least two
9 organizations or agencies offer the training program. In addition
10 to such approved organizations or agencies, the Board may offer the
11 training program.

12 H. The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care
13 Administrators shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of
14 this section.

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

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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