

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 HOUSE BILL 1748

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health and safety; amending  
8 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-1201, which relates to  
9 hotels; requiring the State Board of Health to  
promulgate certain rules regarding tornado safety;  
and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-1201, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1-1201. ~~(a)~~ A. It shall be unlawful for any person to  
16 operate or maintain a hotel unless he or she shall have first  
17 obtained, and holds, a license issued for such purpose by the State  
18 Commissioner of Health. Unless otherwise provided by rule by the  
19 State Board of Health, each such license shall expire on the 30th  
20 day of June next following its issuance, and the Commissioner shall  
21 charge and collect therefor an annual fee to be fixed by the Board  
22 of Health. The term "hotel" as used in this section shall mean and  
23 include any hotel, motel, tourist court, apartment house, rooming  
24 house, or other place where sleeping accommodations are furnished,

1 or offered, for pay for transient guests, if four or more rooms are  
2 available therein for transient guests. This section shall apply to  
3 the operation of a hotel by a state board.

4 ~~(b)~~ B. The State Board of Health may adopt reasonable  
5 standards, rules and regulations for hotels as to the following:  
6 buildings and appurtenances thereto, including plumbing, ventilation  
7 and lighting; construction, cleanliness and bactericidal treatment  
8 of equipment and utensils; cleanliness and hygiene of personnel;  
9 toilet facilities; disposal of wastes; water supply; and any other  
10 items deemed necessary to safeguard the health, comfort and safety  
11 of guests accommodated therein. The Board shall promulgate rules  
12 requiring hotels to conspicuously post tornado safety information in  
13 every room and common area in the same manner as fire evacuation  
14 information. The tornado safety information shall be designed by  
15 the Board and posted immediately by all hotels under new  
16 construction and by existing hotels as those hotels' safety  
17 information is updated. At a minimum, the tornado safety  
18 information shall list the county the hotel is in, the hotel's  
19 location on a state map, information regarding what a hotel guest  
20 should do to stay safe during a tornado and, if applicable, the day  
21 and time of community tornado siren testing.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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