

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1668

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 330.53, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 330.53. A. The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for
24 Long-Term Care Administrators shall have authority to issue licenses

1 or certifications to qualified persons as long-term care
2 administrators, and shall establish qualification criteria for each
3 type of long-term care administrator.

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

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

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

9 b. of reputable and responsible character; and

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

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

1 administrators, or certified assistant administrators. Until such
2 rules are promulgated, current licensure and certification processes
3 and standards shall remain in place.

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

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

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

- 18 a. has obtained a high school diploma or General
19 Educational Development (GED) credential, and
20 b. has passed the state standards examination.

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

- a. has completed the required coursework offered by the Board,
- b. has completed a training program approved by the Board, and
- c. meets all other qualifications for licensure of long-term care administrators.

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

- a. is licensed as a long-term care administrator in another state,
- b. has passed a nationally recognized examination for long-term care administrators, and
- c. has been recently hired or offered a position as a long-term care administrator at a facility licensed by the State Department of Health.

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

3. Upon issuance of a provisional license, the Board shall determine if the provisional licensee meets the criteria for licensure by endorsement as provided by rules of the Board. If the provisional licensee meets the qualification criteria for full licensure, the Board shall grant a full long-term care facility administrator license to the provisional licensee not later than six

1 (6) months after issuance of the provisional license and shall
2 revoke the provisional license upon issuance of the full license.
3 If the Board determines the provisional licensee does not meet
4 qualification criteria for full licensure, the Board shall revoke
5 the provisional license.

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

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

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

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