

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 188

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to prevention and control of disease; amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-503, which relates to reports of disease; providing for direct reporting to city-county health departments; updating and clarifying language; providing gender-neutral language; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-503, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-503. ~~(A)~~ A. The State ~~Board~~ Commissioner of Health shall promulgate rules ~~and regulations~~ establishing a system of reporting of cases of diseases diagnosed or detected by practicing physicians ~~and/or~~ or clinical laboratories which come within the purview of this article. The system of reporting shall also provide for direct reporting by practicing physicians or clinical laboratories to city-county health departments. A reporting system established by the ~~Board~~ Commissioner shall be applicable to penal and eleemosynary institutions. Failure or refusal to report

1 diseases as required by the ~~Board~~ Commissioner shall constitute a  
2 misdemeanor.

3 ~~(b)~~ B. It shall be the duty of each local health officer to  
4 report the existence of disease in ~~his~~ the officer's jurisdiction,  
5 as may be required by rules ~~and regulations~~ of the ~~State Board of~~  
6 ~~Health~~ Commissioner.

7 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
8 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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