

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 407

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to topical ophthalmic anesthetic drugs; defining term; prohibiting prescription of topical ophthalmic anesthetic drug; limiting administration of topical ophthalmic anesthetic drug to certain health care practitioners and certain facilities; requiring certain storage procedures; directing promulgation of rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-1432 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section, "topical ophthalmic anesthetic drug" means a drug in the form of eyedrops, a gel or an ointment that contains a local anesthetic and is intended for administration directly into the eye for the treatment of ocular pain or to numb the eye or eyes before surgery, after injury or before certain tests or procedures. Topical ophthalmic anesthetic may include, but shall not be limited to, an agent, formulation or solution that contains proparacaine, tetracaine or lidocaine.

1 B. No person in this state shall prescribe any topical
2 ophthalmic anesthetic drug to a patient. Only a healthcare
3 practitioner duly authorized to administer a topical ophthalmic
4 anesthetic drug may administer such drug to a patient, and only as
5 provided in this section.

6 C. A topical ophthalmic anesthetic drug may only be stored and
7 administered to patients in a facility or portion of a facility
8 licensed or certified by the State Department of Health as an
9 emergency department or an urgent care clinic. The appropriate
10 authority of the facility shall ensure that any topical ophthalmic
11 anesthetic drugs and supplies are stored in a locked cabinet and are
12 not visible to patients.

13 D. The State Commissioner of Health shall promulgate rules to
14 implement the provisions of this section.

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

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