

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Address Confidentiality Program; defining terms; permitting certain medical care providers to apply for the Address Confidentiality Program; requiring certain information on applications; requiring the Attorney General to approve certain applications; providing for penalties; requiring approval to be revoked in certain circumstances; requiring the Attorney General to keep certain records confidential; providing for exceptions; 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 60.14A of Title 22, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1. "Address" means a residential street address, school address, or work address of an individual, as specified on the application of an individual to be a program participant under this section;

1 2. "Crime against a medical care provider" means an act as
2 defined in Section 650.4 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes and
3 includes a threat of such an act committed against a medical care
4 provider, as long as the assault, battery, assault and battery, or
5 threat of such an act has been reported to law enforcement officers;

6 3. "Medical care provider" means doctors, residents, interns,
7 nurses, nurses' aides, ambulance attendants and operators,
8 paramedics, emergency medical technicians, laboratory technicians,
9 radiologic technologists, physical therapists, physician assistants,
10 chaplains, volunteers, pharmacists, nursing students, medical
11 students, members of a hospital security force, and any other
12 employees working in or for a health care facility or independent
13 contractors in one of the listed categories as defined in subsection
14 B of Section 650.4 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

15 4. "Program participant" means a person certified as a program
16 participant under this section.

17 B. The Address Confidentiality Program shall be staffed by
18 unclassified employees, who have been subjected to a criminal
19 history records search.

20 C. A medical care provider who is the victim of a crime against
21 a medical care provider and has reported the crime to law
22 enforcement may apply to the Attorney General to have an address
23 designated by the Attorney General serve as the address of the
24 person. The Attorney General shall approve an application if it is

1 filed in the manner and on the form prescribed by the Attorney
2 General and if it contains:

3 1. A sworn statement by the applicant that the applicant has
4 good reason to believe that he or she is a victim of a crime against
5 a medical care provider and that the applicant fears for his or her
6 safety;

7 2. A designation of the Attorney General as agent for purposes
8 of service of process and for the purpose of receipt of mail;

9 3. The mailing address where the applicant can be contacted by
10 the Attorney General, and the phone number or numbers where the
11 applicant can be called by the Attorney General;

12 4. The new address or addresses that the applicant requests not
13 to be disclosed for the reason that disclosure will increase the
14 risk of retaliation for reporting to law enforcement regarding a
15 crime against a medical care provider; and

16 5. The signature of the applicant and application assistant who
17 assisted in the preparation of the application, if any, and the date
18 on which the applicant signed the application.

19 D. An adult or minor child who resides with the applicant who
20 also needs to be a program participant in order to ensure the safety
21 of the applicant may apply. Each adult living in the household
22 shall complete a separate application. An adult may apply on behalf
23 of a minor.

1 E. 1. Upon receiving a properly completed application, the
2 Attorney General shall certify the applicant as a program
3 participant. Applicants shall be certified for four (4) years
4 following the date of filing unless the certification is withdrawn
5 or invalidated before that date. The Attorney General shall by rule
6 establish a renewal procedure.

7 2. A person who falsely attests in an application that
8 disclosure of the address of the applicant would endanger the safety
9 of the applicant or the safety of the children of the applicant, or
10 who knowingly provides false or incorrect information upon making an
11 application, may be found guilty of perjury under Sections 500 and
12 504 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

13 F. 1. The Attorney General may cancel the certification of a
14 program participant if there is a change in the residential address,
15 unless the program participant provides the Attorney General notice
16 no later than seven (7) days after the change occurs.

17 2. The Attorney General may cancel certification of a program
18 participant if mail forwarded by the Attorney General to the address
19 of the program participant is returned as undeliverable.

20 3. The Attorney General shall cancel certification of a program
21 participant who applies using false information or who receives a
22 name change while participating in the program.

23 G. 1. A program participant may request that state and local
24 agencies use the address designated by the Attorney General as the

1 address of the participant. When creating a new public record,
2 state and local agencies shall accept the address designated by the
3 Attorney General as a substitute address for the program
4 participant, unless the Attorney General has determined that the
5 agency has a bona fide statutory or administrative requirement for
6 the use of the address which would otherwise be confidential under
7 this section and the address will be used only for those statutory
8 and administrative purposes.

9 2. A program participant may use the address designated by the
10 Attorney General as a work address.

11 3. The Office of the Attorney General shall forward all first
12 class, certified, and registered mail to the appropriate program
13 participants for no charge. The Attorney General shall not be
14 required to track or otherwise maintain records of any mail received
15 on behalf of a participant unless the mail is certified or
16 registered mail.

17 H. The Attorney General shall not make any records in a file of
18 a program participant available for inspection or copying, other
19 than the address designated by the Attorney General, unless directed
20 by a court order, to a person identified in the order or to verify
21 the participation of a specific program participant to a state or
22 local agency, in which case the Attorney General may only confirm
23 information supplied by the requester. No employee of a state or
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1 local agency shall knowingly and intentionally disclose a program
2 participant's actual address unless disclosure is permitted by law.

3 I. The Attorney General shall designate hospitals, health care
4 entities, and nonprofit agencies or member associations as
5 designated entities to assist persons in applying to be program
6 participants. A volunteer or employee of a designated entity that
7 is employed by a designated entity and has been trained by the
8 Attorney General shall be known as an application assistant. Any
9 assistance and counseling rendered by the Office of the Attorney
10 General or an application assistant to applicants shall in no way be
11 construed as legal advice.

12 J. The Attorney General may enter into agreements with
13 hospitals, health care entities, or member associations in this
14 state for purposes of the implementation of the Address
15 Confidentiality Program including the use and acceptance of the
16 substitute address designated by the Attorney General.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.
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