An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2282

By: Murphey of the House

and

Standridge and Pittman of the Senate

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 330.53, which relates to licensing of long-term care administrators; requiring Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care Administrators to promulgate certain rules for examination; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Licensing of long-term care administrators

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 330.53, is amended to read as follows:

Section 330.53 A. The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care Administrators shall have authority to issue licenses or certifications to qualified persons as long-term care administrators, and shall establish qualification criteria for each type of long-term care ~~administrators~~ administrator.

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

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

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

b. of reputable and responsible character; and

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

C. All persons currently licensed or certified or lawfully serving as an administrator in their defined facility type shall be permitted to continue to serve in their current capacity under their current terms of authorization. The Board may promulgate rules pursuant to Section 330.57 of this title to address future certification and licensure requirements for all long-term care administrator types without effect on the licensure or certification status of those currently certified or licensed. The Board shall not include a requirement for a four-year degree in any future licensing or certification requirements for assisted living, residential care or adult day care administrators. Until such rules are promulgated, current licensure and certification processes and standards shall remain in place.

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

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

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

Passed the House of Representatives the 28th day of April, 2016.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 13th day of April, 2016.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 2nd day of May, 2016, at 3:40 o'clock P M.

By: Audrey Rockwell

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 5th day of May, 2016, at 2:53 o'clock P M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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