

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE

BILL NO. 1641

By: Jordan, Coody and Dorman of
the House

and

David of the Senate

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-502.1, which relates to transmission of communicable diseases; directing State Board of Health to promulgate certain rules and guidelines; updating certain reference; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Communicable diseases

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-502.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-502.1 A. All agencies and organizations that regularly employ emergency medical technicians, paramedics, fire fighters, peace officers, as defined in Section 648 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, correctional officers and employees, or health care workers, all mental health or mentally retarded treatment or evaluation programs that employ persons involved with providing care for patients, the J.D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities, and all juvenile institutions of the Department of Human Services shall implement the universal precautions for the prevention of the transmission of communicable diseases published by the Centers for Disease Control, U.S. Public Health Service, in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, Volume 36, Number 25 or as subsequently amended.

B. The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules and guidelines that will implement a system of notification of emergency medical technicians, paramedics, fire fighters, health care workers, funeral directors, and peace officers, and any person who in good faith renders aid in accordance with the Good Samaritan Act relating to risk exposures during health care activities, emergency response activities or funeral preparations. Risk exposure shall be defined by the State Board of Health to be exposure that is epidemiologically demonstrated to have the potential for transmitting a communicable disease.

C. The ~~Mental Health Board~~ of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Commission for Department of Human Services, Oklahoma Cerebral Palsy Commission, and State Board of Corrections shall each promulgate rules, guidelines or policies to provide for such notification of risk exposures to persons employed by such agencies.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

Passed the House of Representatives the 6th day of May, 2013.

Jan W. Murphy

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 17th day of April, 2013.

G. Shiffin

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 7th

day of May, 20 13, at 2:44 o'clock P M.

By: Kandi C. Batts

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 13th

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Mary Fallin

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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