

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1506

By: David of the Senate

and

Cox of the House

An Act relating to residential care homes; permitting residential care homes to participate in certain dispute resolution panels; providing for certain procedures; authorizing the Oklahoma State Department of Health to appoint members to informal dispute resolution panels; directing promulgation of rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Residential care homes

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 1-830.1 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Upon written request to the State Department of Health, a residential care home as defined by the Residential Care Act may choose to participate in an informal dispute resolution panel or an alternate dispute resolution panel. Such request shall be made within thirty (30) days of the receipt of a Statement of Deficiencies from the Department.

B. The informal dispute resolution process provided by subsection A of this section shall be the same as that provided by Sections 1-1914.3 through 1-1914.10 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

C. The alternate informal dispute resolution process provided by subsection A of this section shall be the same provided by Sections 1-1914.13 through 1-1914.16 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

D. The State Department of Health shall appoint the informal dispute resolution panel, to be comprised of the following impartial members:

1. Two members who are representative volunteers with experience in the operation of a residential care home;

2. One member that is an employee of the Department with experience in residential care home surveys;

3. One representative from the aging and disabled community but not representing a state agency; and

4. One member who is a lay member and is not employed by the Department.

E. The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this act.

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

Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2016.

James D. Hall
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of April, 2016.

John T. Danner
Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 13th

day of April, 20 16, at 2:00 o'clock P M.

By: *Audrey Kerkwell*

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 19th

day of April, 20 16, at 3:21 o'clock P M.

Mary Fallin
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 19th

day of April, 20 16, at 4:05 o'clock P M.

By: *Ch. Benge*