

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3020

By: Fetgatter and Phillips of
the House

3 and

4 Jett of the Senate
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7 An Act relating to COVID-19 visitation policies;
8 providing for rights of minor children with respect
9 to hospitals or long-term care facilities; providing
10 for visitation by clergy; imposing requirements on
11 members of clergy with respect to visitation;
12 providing for rights of adults with respect to
13 hospitals or long-term care facilities; providing for
14 visitation by clergy; imposing requirements on
15 members of clergy with respect to visitation;
16 requiring compliance with safety protocols and rules
17 of conduct; authorizing revocation of rights based on
18 failure to comply with protocols or policies;
19 providing for codification; and providing an
20 effective date.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-706b of Title 63, unless there
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A minor child who is admitted to an Oklahoma licensed
hospital or long-term care facility has the right to receive
visitation from a registered clergy member who represents the
patient's sincerely held religious beliefs. Clergy members who

1 exercise these visitation rights may be required to comply with
2 certain requirements including, but not limited to:

- 3 1. Signing an acknowledgement of risks document;
- 4 2. Receiving a health screening administered by facility staff;
- 5 and
- 6 3. Wearing personal protective equipment provided by the
7 facility.

8 B. An adult who is admitted to an Oklahoma licensed hospital,
9 long-term care facility, or nursing home has the right to receive
10 visitation from a registered clergy member who represents the
11 patient's sincerely held religious beliefs. Clergy members who
12 exercise these visitation rights may be required to comply with
13 certain requirements including, but not limited to:

- 14 1. Signing an acknowledgement of risks document;
- 15 2. Receiving a health screening administered by facility staff;
- 16 and
- 17 3. Wearing personal protective equipment provided by the
18 facility.

19 C. Clergy members shall be required to comply with all
20 reasonable safety protocols and rules of conduct. The hospital,
21 long-term care facility, or nursing home may revoke visitation
22 rights to certain clergy members if the member fails to comply with
23 the safety protocols or visitation policies.

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1 D. Members of the clergy who have been suspended from
2 visitation shall have their visitation status reviewed by hospital,
3 long-term care facility, or nursing home administration every thirty
4 (30) days for reinstatement of visitation rights.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

6 Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 2022.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2022.

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