

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 HOUSE BILL 1748

 By: Crosswhite Hader

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health and safety; amending
8 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-1201, which relates to
9 hotels; requiring the State Board of Health to
 promulgate certain rules regarding tornado safety;
 and providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-1201, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 1-1201. ~~(a)~~ A. It shall be unlawful for any person to
15 operate or maintain a hotel unless he or she shall have first
16 obtained, and holds, a license issued for such purpose by the State
17 Commissioner of Health. Unless otherwise provided by rule by the
18 State Board of Health, each such license shall expire on the 30th
19 day of June next following its issuance, and the Commissioner shall
20 charge and collect therefor an annual fee to be fixed by the Board
21 of Health. The term "hotel" as used in this section shall mean and
22 include any hotel, motel, tourist court, apartment house, rooming
23 house, or other place where sleeping accommodations are furnished,
24 or offered, for pay for transient guests, if four or more rooms are

1 available therein for transient guests. This section shall apply to
2 the operation of a hotel by a state board.

3 ~~(b)~~ B. The State Board of Health may adopt reasonable
4 standards, rules and regulations for hotels as to the following:
5 buildings and appurtenances thereto, including plumbing, ventilation
6 and lighting; construction, cleanliness and bactericidal treatment
7 of equipment and utensils; cleanliness and hygiene of personnel;
8 toilet facilities; disposal of wastes; water supply; and any other
9 items deemed necessary to safeguard the health, comfort and safety
10 of guests accommodated therein. The Board shall promulgate rules
11 requiring hotels to conspicuously post tornado safety information in
12 every room and common area in the same manner as fire evacuation
13 information. The tornado safety information shall be designed by
14 the Board and posted immediately by all hotels under new
15 construction and by existing hotels as those hotels' safety
16 information is updated. At a minimum, the tornado safety
17 information shall list the county the hotel is in, the hotel's
18 location on a state map, information regarding what a hotel guest
19 should do to stay safe during a tornado and, if applicable, the day
20 and time of community tornado siren testing.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE, dated
24 02/03/2021 - DO PASS.