

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4 HOUSE BILL 3020

 By: Fetgatter of the House

5 and

6 **Jett** of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 An Act relating to COVID-19 visitation policies;
11 making certain requirements; providing for
 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

18 A. A minor child who is admitted to an Oklahoma licensed
19 hospital or long-term care facility has the right to receive
20 visitation from a registered clergy member who represents the
21 patient's sincerely held religious beliefs. Clergy members who
22 exercise these visitation rights may be required to comply with
23 certain requirements including, but not limited to:

- 24 1. Signing an acknowledgement of risks document;

1 2. Receiving a health screening administered by facility staff;
2 and

3 3. Wearing personal protective equipment provided by the
4 facility.

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

11 1. Signing an acknowledgement of risks document;

12 2. Receiving a health screening administered by facility staff;
13 and

14 3. Wearing personal protective equipment provided by the
15 facility.

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

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

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

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3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES AND LONG-TERM
4 CARE, dated 03/02/2022 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.
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