

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE BILL 3020

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

- 21 1. Signing an acknowledgement of risks document;
22 2. Receiving a health screening administered by facility staff;

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1 3. Wearing personal protective equipment provided by the
2 facility.

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

9 1. Signing an acknowledgement of risks document;

10 2. Receiving a health screening administered by facility staff;

11 and

12 3. Wearing personal protective equipment provided by the
13 facility.

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

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

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

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