

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2687

By: Hasenbeck, Pittman and
Stark of the House

3 and

4 Bergstrom of the Senate

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7 [public health - creating the No Patient Left Alone
8 Act - effective date]
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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

16 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "No Patient Left
17 Alone Act".

18 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-706b of Title 63, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. Subject to the provisions of subsection D of this section,
22 each minor who is admitted to a hospital licensed pursuant to
23 Section 1-702 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes has the right to
24 have a parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis who

1 shall have the unrestricted privilege of being present while the
2 minor patient is receiving hospital care.

3 B. Subject to the provisions of subsection D of this section,
4 each adult who is admitted to a hospital licensed pursuant to
5 Section 1-702 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes has the right to
6 designate a spouse, family member, or friend who shall have the
7 unrestricted privilege of being present while the adult patient is
8 receiving hospital care.

9 C. The rights specified in this section may not be terminated,
10 suspended, or waived by the hospital, the State Department of
11 Health, or any governmental entity, notwithstanding declarations of
12 emergency declared by the Governor or the Legislature.

13 D. Hospitals may require visitors to wear personal protective
14 equipment, provided that any such required equipment shall be
15 provided by the hospital. Nothing in this section shall be
16 construed to require a hospital to allow a visitor to enter an
17 operating room or other typically restricted area or to remain
18 present during the administration of emergency care in critical
19 situations.

20 E. No hospital licensed pursuant to Section 1-702 of Title 63
21 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall require a patient to waive the rights
22 specified in this section.

23 F. Each hospital licensed pursuant to Section 1-702 of Title 63
24 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall post in a conspicuous place on the

1 licensed premises informational materials developed by the State
2 Department of Health explaining the rights specified in this
3 section.

4 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

5 Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of March, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2021.

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