

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1725

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to indigenous and traditional healing therapies; defining terms; stating legislative findings; granting certain protections to practitioners of indigenous and traditional healing therapies; prohibiting certain acts by practitioners; providing for penalties; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 732 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1. "Culture" means a way of life of a group of people including, but not limited to, the behaviors, beliefs, values, customs, traditional practices, art, rituals, and ceremonies specific to a people;

2. "Indigenous" or "native" means any individual with a distinct language, culture, and belief; and

1           3. "Indigenous and traditional healing therapies" means any  
2 healing art, practice, ritual, ceremony, or modality that has been  
3 historically performed and utilized by indigenous or native peoples.

4           B. The Legislature intends, by its enactment of this section,  
5 to protect and preserve by this state, unfettered public access to  
6 all indigenous and traditional healing therapies and to protect and  
7 preserve the right to practice and provide services according to  
8 this section.

9           C. Notwithstanding any other state law or rule, an individual  
10 who does not hold a license, permit, certification, or registration  
11 as a health care professional issued by this state shall not be in  
12 violation of any health care professional practice act or other law  
13 or rule if that individual or agent provides care or treatment in  
14 compliance with subsection D of this section and does not falsely  
15 represent himself or herself as a licensed practitioner of medicine  
16 or other healthcare professional as described in Title 59 of the  
17 Oklahoma Statutes, or fraudulently use any title or degree  
18 appertaining to the licensed practice thereof, or falsely claim any  
19 training, certification, or approval of any organization that he or  
20 she does not have.

21           D. A practitioner of indigenous and traditional healing  
22 therapies shall not:

23           1. Perform surgery, or any other procedure that harmfully  
24 penetrates the body;

1 2. Set fractures;

2 3. Prescribe or administer X or Gamma ray radiation, or any  
3 other radiation field not inherent to the human body;

4 4. Prescribe or administer a prescription drug or device, or  
5 any controlled substance;

6 5. Recommend interruption or elimination of prescribed  
7 medications and/or treatments;

8 6. Conventionally diagnose a medical disease;

9 7. Forcefully move joints, or move joints beyond their normal  
10 range of motion;

11 8. State, advertise, or otherwise falsely represent to any  
12 individual that the person is licensed by, certified by, or  
13 registered with this state to practice as a healthcare professional;  
14 or

15 9. Have a felony conviction of any crime involving the  
16 intentional harm of another person or moral turpitude.

17 E. Any person who fails to comply with this section may, as  
18 provided by law, be subject to administrative action by the  
19 appropriate licensing board, criminal prosecution, civil liability,  
20 or any other remedies provided by law.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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