

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1832

By: Hefner and Lawson of the  
House

6 and

7 Alvord of the Senate

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to intermediate care facilities;  
11 amending 63 O.S. 2021, Sections 1-1956.1, 1-1956.2,  
12 1-1956.3, 1-1956.5, and 1-1956.6, which relate to  
13 electronic monitoring in long-term care facilities;  
14 defining term; modifying to include intermediate care  
15 facilities; updating statutory references; and  
16 providing an effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-1956.1, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 1-1956.1. As used in Section ~~1-1953.1~~ 1-1956.1 et seq.  
of this title:

21 1. "Assisted living center" shall have the same meaning as  
22 provided by Section 1-890.2 of this title;

23 2. "Authorized electronic monitoring" means the placement of  
24 electronic monitoring devices only in the common areas ~~or~~ for

1 intermediate care facilities and both the common areas or room of a  
2 resident of a nursing facility, assisted living center or continuum  
3 of care facility and the tapes or recordings from such devices  
4 pursuant to the provisions of Section ~~1-1953.1~~ 1-1956.1 et seq. of  
5 this title;

6 3. "Authorized electronic monitoring devices" means:

7 a. video surveillance cameras installed only in the  
8 common areas ~~or~~ for intermediate care facilities and  
9 both the common areas or resident's room under the  
10 ~~provisions of Section 1-1953.1 et seq. of this title~~  
11 in a nursing facility, assisted living center, or  
12 continuum of care facility, or

13 b. audio devices installed in the room of a resident  
14 under the provisions of Section ~~1-1953.1~~ 1-1956.1 et  
15 seq. of this title that are designed to acquire  
16 communications or other sounds occurring in the room;

17 4. "Continuum of care facility" shall have the same meaning as  
18 provided by Section 1-890.2 of this title;

19 5. "Intermediate care facility" means an institution that is  
20 primarily for the diagnosis, treatment, or rehabilitation of the  
21 intellectually disabled or persons with related conditions, and  
22 provides in a protected residential setting, ongoing evaluation,  
23 planning, twenty-four-hour supervision, coordination, and  
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1 integration of health or rehabilitative services to help each  
2 individual function at his or her greatest ability;

3 ~~5.~~ 6. "Nursing facility" means the term as defined in Section  
4 1-1902 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

5 ~~6.~~ 7. "Representative of a resident" means a court-appointed  
6 guardian or, if there is no court-appointed guardian, the parent of  
7 a minor, a relative or other person, designated in writing by the  
8 resident; provided, that any owner, operator, administrator or  
9 employee of a facility subject to the provisions of the Nursing Home  
10 Care Act, the Continuum of Care and Assisted Living Act, the  
11 Residential Care Act or the Group Homes for the Developmentally  
12 Disabled or Physically Handicapped Persons Act shall not be  
13 appointed guardian or limited guardian of a resident of the nursing  
14 facility, assisted living center, intermediate care facility, or  
15 continuum of care facility unless the owner, operator, administrator  
16 or employee is the spouse of the resident or a relative of the  
17 resident within the second degree of consanguinity and is otherwise  
18 eligible for appointment;

19 ~~7.~~ 8. "Resident" means a person residing in a nursing facility,  
20 assisted living center, intermediate care facility, or continuum of  
21 care facility; and

22 ~~8.~~ 9. "Unauthorized electronic monitoring" means electronic,  
23 mechanical, or other devices that do not meet the provisions of  
24 Section ~~1-1953.1~~ 1-1956.1 et seq. of this title and that are

1 specifically used for the nonconsensual interception of wire or  
2 electronic communications.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-1956.2, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 1-1956.2. A. A nursing facility, assisted living  
6 center, or continuum of care facility shall provide written notice  
7 to each resident, or to the representative of a resident, that  
8 authorized electronic monitoring of a resident's room conducted  
9 under the provisions of Section ~~1-1953.1~~ 1-1956.1 et seq. of this  
10 title is not compulsory and shall only be conducted with the written  
11 consent of the resident or the representative of the resident.

12 B. A nursing facility, assisted living center, or continuum of  
13 care facility shall not refuse to admit an individual to residency  
14 in the facility or center and shall not remove a resident from a  
15 facility or center because of authorized electronic monitoring of a  
16 resident's room.

17 C. A nursing facility, assisted living center, intermediate  
18 care facility, or continuum of care facility shall post at or near  
19 its main entrances a sign that clearly states that electronic  
20 monitoring and audio devices may be in use in the facility or  
21 center.

22 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-1956.3, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

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1 Section 1-1956.3. A. No person or entity shall intentionally  
2 hamper, obstruct, tamper with, or destroy an electronic monitoring  
3 device installed in a nursing facility, assisted living center,  
4 intermediate care facility, or continuum of care facility.

5 B. Any person or entity that intentionally hampers, obstructs,  
6 tampers with, or destroys a recording or an electronic monitoring  
7 device installed in a nursing facility, assisted living center,  
8 intermediate care facility, or continuum of care facility shall be  
9 subject to the penalties prescribed in Section 1993 of Title 21 of  
10 the Oklahoma Statutes.

11 C. No person or entity shall intercept a communication or  
12 disclose or use an intercepted communication of an electronic  
13 monitoring device placed or installed in a common area of a nursing  
14 facility, assisted living center, intermediate care facility, or  
15 continuum of care facility without the express written consent of  
16 the facility, or, for an electronic monitoring device installed in a  
17 resident's room, the express written consent of the resident or the  
18 representative of the resident.

19 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-1956.5, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 1-1956.5. A. A resident or the representative of a  
22 resident may conduct authorized electronic monitoring of the  
23 resident's room through the use of authorized electronic monitoring  
24 devices placed in the room pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-

1 ~~1953.1~~ 1-1956.1 et seq. of this title at the expense of such person  
2 or representative of the resident and with the written consent of  
3 any other resident living in the room.

4 B. A resident who conducts authorized electronic monitoring or  
5 the representative of the resident may post and maintain a notice at  
6 the entrance to the resident's room stating that the room is being  
7 monitored by an electronic monitoring device.

8 C. Nothing in Section ~~1-1953.1~~ 1-1956.1 et seq. of this title  
9 shall be construed to prevent a resident or the representative of  
10 the resident from placing an electronic monitoring device in the  
11 resident's room at the expense of such person; however, if such  
12 resident is sharing a room with any other resident, the resident or  
13 the representative of the resident shall obtain written consent from  
14 such other resident or the representative of the resident living in  
15 the room and such consent shall be on a form prescribed by the State  
16 Department of Health and shall be placed on file with the  
17 administrator of the facility.

18 D. If a resident residing in a shared room, or the  
19 representative of a resident residing in a shared room, desires to  
20 utilize an authorized electronic monitoring device and another  
21 resident living in such shared room refuses to consent to the use of  
22 an authorized electronic monitoring device, the nursing facility,  
23 assisted living center, or continuum of care facility shall  
24 accommodate the resident or the representative of the resident

1 desiring to utilize an authorized electronic monitoring device to  
2 move to another room if the resident or resident's representative  
3 requests such a room change within a reasonable amount of time.

4 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-1956.6, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 1-1956.6. A. A resident or representative of a  
7 resident who wishes to conduct authorized electronic monitoring  
8 shall be required to notify the nursing facility, assisted living  
9 center, or continuum of care facility on the consent form prescribed  
10 by the State Department of Health.

11 B. The consent form prescribed by the Department shall require  
12 the resident or the representative of a resident to obtain the  
13 consent of any other resident in the room or the representative of a  
14 resident, using the consent form prescribed for this purpose by the  
15 Department, if the resident resides in a room with another resident.

16 C. Consent may be given only:

- 17 1. By the resident or any other resident in the room; or  
18 2. By the representative of the resident or representative of  
19 any other resident in the room.

20 D. Another resident in the room may:

- 21 1. When the proposed electronic monitoring device is a video  
22 surveillance camera, condition consent on the camera being pointed  
23 away from the consenting resident; and  
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1           2. Condition consent on the use of an audio electronic  
2 monitoring device being limited or prohibited.

3           E. Except as provided for in Section ~~1-1953.7~~ 1-1956.7 of this  
4 title, authorized electronic monitoring may begin only after the  
5 required consent forms specified in Section ~~1-1953.1~~ 1-1956.1 et  
6 seq. of this title have been completed and returned to the nursing  
7 facility, assisted living center, or continuum of care facility and  
8 placed on file with the administrator of such facility or center.

9           F. If authorized electronic monitoring is being conducted in  
10 the room of a resident, another resident may not be moved into the  
11 room unless the resident or representative of the resident has  
12 consented to the use of existing electronic monitoring, in  
13 accordance with Section ~~1-1953.1~~ 1-1956.1 et seq. of this title.

14           G. The Department may include other information that it  
15 considers to be appropriate on any form it is required to prescribe  
16 under the provisions of Section ~~1-1953.1~~ 1-1956.1 et seq. of this  
17 title.

18           H. The Department shall prescribe the forms required by Section  
19 ~~1-1953.1~~ 1-1956.1 et seq. of this title no later than November 1,  
20 2013, and shall make such forms available on its website.

21           SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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