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3 POLICY COMMITTEE
4 RECOMMENDATION

5 FOR

6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2051

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8 POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

9 An Act relating to practice of medicine; creating the
10 Supervised Physicians Act; defining terms; limiting
11 scope of supervised physician practice; specifying
12 applicability of supervision requirements; directing
13 the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision
14 to promulgate certain rules; specifying duration of
15 licensure; authorizing certain penalties for
16 noncompliance with specified standards; specifying
17 allowed professional titles; making supervising
18 physician responsible for supervised physicians;
19 requiring collaborative practice arrangement within
20 specified time period; stipulating requirements for
21 supervising physician and collaborative practice
22 arrangement; requiring arrangement to include certain
23 provisions; directing promulgation of additional
24 rules; imposing certain limits on collaborative
25 practice arrangements; prohibiting certain
26 disciplinary actions under certain circumstances;
27 providing for identification and reporting of
28 supervising physicians; providing for publication and
29 tracking of certain information; granting certain
30 protections to supervising physicians and supervised
31 physicians; requiring certain identification badges;
32 requiring completion of certification course;
33 specifying applicability of collaborative practice
34 agreements; providing for codification; and providing
35 an effective date.

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

2 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
3 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.1 of Title 59, unless there
4 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Supervised
6 Physicians Act".

7 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.2 of Title 59, unless there
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 As used in this act:

11 1. "Medical school graduate" means any person who has graduated
12 from a medical school as described in Section 493.1 of Title 59 of
13 the Oklahoma Statutes or a school of osteopathic medicine as
14 described in Section 630 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

15 2. "Supervised physician" means a medical school graduate who:
16 a. is a resident and citizen of the United States,
17 b. has successfully completed Step 1 and Step 2 of the
18 United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE),
19 or the equivalent of Step 1 and Step 2 of any other
20 medical licensing examination or combination of
21 examinations that is approved by the State Board of
22 Medical Licensure and Supervision or the State Board
23 of Osteopathic Examiners, within the same calendar
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1 year as the person's graduation from a medical school
2 or school of osteopathic medicine,

3 c. has successfully graduated from an Oklahoma medical
4 school with a doctorate of medicine or a doctorate of
5 osteopathic medicine; notwithstanding any other
6 provisions of this act, this subparagraph is the
7 controlling provision for the location of the medical
8 school the supervised physician may be a graduate of,
9 and

10 d. has entered into a supervised physician collaborative
11 practice arrangement as defined in paragraph 3 of this
12 section; and

13 3. "Supervised physician collaborative practice arrangement"
14 means an agreement between a licensed supervising physician and a
15 supervised physician that meets the requirements of this act.

16 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.3 of Title 59, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 Supervised physicians shall be subject to the supervision
20 requirements established in any controlling federal law, any
21 supervision requirements provided in this act, and any supervision
22 requirements established by the State Board of Medical Licensure and
23 Supervision. Supervised physicians are not subject to any
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1 additional supervision requirements, other than the supervision
2 requirements provided in this section.

3 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.4 of Title 59, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. The State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, in
7 consultation with the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, with the
8 input and assistance of designated institutional officers and
9 graduate medical education departments at the state's medical
10 schools, shall promulgate rules:

11 1. To establish the process for temporary licensure of
12 supervised physicians, supervision requirements, and additional
13 requirements for supervised physician collaborative practice
14 arrangements;

15 2. To set fees in an amount greater than or equal to the total
16 costs necessary to facilitate the supervised physician collaborative
17 practice arrangement each year; and

18 3. To address any other matters necessary to protect the public
19 and discipline the profession.

20 B. A supervised physician's temporary license issued pursuant
21 to this act and the rules promulgated by the State Board of Medical
22 Licensure and Supervision shall only be valid for two (2) years from
23 the date of the supervised physician's medical school graduation and
24 is not subject to renewal. The State Board of Medical Licensure and

1 Supervision or the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners may deny an
2 application for temporary licensure or suspend or revoke the
3 temporary license of a supervised physician for violation of the
4 standards provided in the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical
5 Licensure and Supervision Act or the Oklahoma Osteopathic Medicine
6 Act, or such other standards of conduct established by the State
7 Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision or the State Board of
8 Osteopathic Examiners by rule.

9 C. This act shall not be construed to be an alternative pathway
10 to full licensure. The license created in this act shall only be
11 temporary for the amount of time allowed in this act.

12 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.5 of Title 59, unless there
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A supervised physician shall clearly identify himself or herself
16 as a supervised physician and shall clearly be identified as a
17 supervised physician on his or her name tag or lab coat. A
18 supervised physician shall not practice, or attempt to practice,
19 without a supervised physician collaborative practice arrangement,
20 except as otherwise provided in this act.

21 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.6 of Title 59, unless there
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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1 The licensed supervising physician collaborating with a
2 supervised physician shall be responsible for directly supervising
3 the activities of the supervised physician and shall accept full
4 responsibility for the services provided by the supervised
5 physician.

6 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.7 of Title 59, unless there
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 A. This act applies to all supervised physician collaborative
10 practice arrangements. To be eligible to practice as a supervised
11 physician, a temporary licensed supervised physician shall enter
12 into a supervised physician collaborative practice arrangement with
13 a supervising physician by the end of the calendar year of his or
14 her graduation from medical school.

15 B. Only a physician licensed by the State Board of Medical
16 Licensure and Supervision or the State Board of Osteopathic
17 Examiners may enter into a supervised physician collaborative
18 practice arrangement with a supervised physician. Supervised
19 physician collaborative practice arrangements shall take the form of
20 a written agreement that includes mutually agreed-upon protocols and
21 any standing orders for the delivery of services. Supervised
22 physician collaborative practice arrangements may delegate to a
23 supervised physician the authority to prescribe, administer, or
24 dispense drugs and provide treatment, as long as the delivery of the

1 services is within the scope of the supervising physician's practice
2 and is consistent with the supervised physician's skill, training,
3 and competence and the skill, training, and competence of the
4 supervising physician; except that a supervised physician shall not
5 prescribe controlled dangerous substances. The supervising
6 physician shall be board-certified in the specialty that the
7 supervised physician is practicing.

8 C. The supervised physician collaborative practice arrangement
9 shall contain the following provisions:

10 1. Complete names, home and business addresses, and telephone
11 numbers of the supervising physician and the supervised physician;

12 2. A requirement that the supervised physician practice at the
13 same location as the supervising physician;

14 3. A requirement that a prominently displayed disclosure
15 statement informing patients that they may be seen by a supervised
16 physician, and advising patients that the patient has the right to
17 see the supervising physician;

18 4. All specialty or board certifications of the supervising
19 physician and all certifications of the supervised physician;

20 5. The manner of collaboration between the supervising
21 physician and the supervised physician, including how the
22 supervising physician and the supervised physician will engage in
23 collaborative practice consistent with each professional's skill,
24 training, education, and competence;

1 6. A requirement that the supervised physician shall not
2 provide patient care during an absence of the supervising physician
3 for any reason;

4 7. A list of all other supervised physician collaborative
5 practice arrangements of the supervising physician and the
6 supervised physician;

7 8. The duration of the supervised physician collaborative
8 practice arrangement between the supervising physician and the
9 supervised physician;

10 9. A provision describing the time and manner of the
11 supervising physician's review of the supervised physician's
12 delivery of services. The provision shall require the supervising
13 physician shall review one hundred percent (100%) of the charts
14 documenting the supervised physician's delivery of services; and

15 10. A requirement that a supervising physician directly
16 supervise the supervised physician at all times while seeing
17 patients.

18 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.8 of Title 59, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. The State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, in
22 consultation with the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, shall
23 promulgate rules regulating the use of supervised physician
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1 collaborative practice arrangements for supervised physicians. The
2 rules shall specify:

3 1. The methods of treatment that may be covered by the
4 supervised physician collaborative practice arrangement;

5 2. The educational methods and programs to be performed during
6 the collaborative practice service, developed in consultation with
7 deans of medical schools and residency program directors in this
8 state, which shall facilitate the advancement of the supervised
9 physician's medical knowledge and capabilities, the successful
10 completion of which may lead to credit toward a future residency
11 program that deems the documented educational achievements of the
12 supervised physician through the methods and programs acceptable;
13 and

14 3. Require review of the services provided under a supervised
15 physician collaborative practice arrangement.

16 B. A supervising physician shall not enter into a supervised
17 physician collaborative practice arrangement with more than three
18 supervised physicians at the same time.

19 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.9 of Title 59, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. Within thirty (30) days of any licensure change, the State
23 Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision or the State Board of
24 Osteopathic Examiners shall require every physician to identify

1 whether the physician is engaged in a supervised physician
2 collaborative practice arrangement, and to report to the physician's
3 licensing board the name of each supervised physician with whom the
4 physician has entered into an arrangement. Each board may make the
5 information available to the public. The State Board of Medical
6 Licensure and Supervision shall track the reported information and
7 may routinely conduct reviews or inspections to ensure that the
8 arrangements are being carried out in compliance with this act.

9 B. A contract or other agreement shall not require a physician
10 to act as a supervising physician for a supervised physician against
11 the physician's will. A physician has the right to refuse to act as
12 a supervising physician, without penalty, for a particular
13 supervised physician. A contract or other agreement shall not limit
14 the supervising physician's authority over any protocols or standing
15 orders, or delegate the physician's authority to a supervised
16 physician. However, this subsection does not authorize a physician
17 in implementing protocols, standing orders, or delegation to violate
18 applicable standards for safe medical practice established by a
19 hospital's medical staff.

20 C. A contract or other agreement shall not require a supervised
21 physician to serve as a supervised physician for any supervising
22 physician against the supervised physician's will. A supervised
23 physician has the right to refuse to collaborate, without penalty,
24 with a particular physician.

1 D. All supervising physicians and supervised physicians under a
2 supervised physician collaborative practice arrangement shall wear
3 identification badges while acting within the scope of the
4 arrangement. The identification badges shall prominently display
5 the licensure status of the supervising physician and the supervised
6 physician.

7 SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.10 of Title 59, unless there
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 A. The supervising physician shall complete a certification
11 course, which may include material on the laws pertaining to the
12 professional relationship. The certification course shall be
13 approved by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision or
14 the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

15 B. A supervised physician collaborative practice arrangement
16 shall supersede current hospital licensing regulations governing
17 hospital medication orders under protocols or standing orders for
18 the purpose of delivering inpatient or emergency care within a
19 hospital as defined in Section 1-701 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma
20 Statutes, if the protocols or standing orders have been approved by
21 the hospital's medical staff and pharmaceutical therapeutics
22 committee.

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SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 479.11 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The provisions of this act only apply to inpatient hospital settings in facilities that are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

SECTION 12. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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