STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; making

providing penalties; defining terms; providing for

certain acts unlawful; providing exceptions;

codification; and providing an effective date.

HOUSE BILL 1172 By: Stark

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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 650.12 of Title 21, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

- A. It shall be unlawful for a health care provider, in the course of participating in or overseeing a professional instruction or clinical training program, or a student undertaking a course of instruction or participating in a clinical training or residency program for a profession, to perform a breast, pelvic, urogenital, prostate, or rectal examination on a patient who is anesthetized or unconscious, unless one of the following conditions is met:
- 1. The patient or authorized representative of the patient has provided prior written informed consent to the examination, and the

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examination is necessary for preventative, diagnostic, treatment, or educational purposes;

- 2. The patient or authorized representative of the patient has provided prior written informed consent to a surgical procedure or diagnostic examination to be performed on the patient, and the performance of the examination is within the scope of care ordered for that surgical procedure or diagnostic examination;
- 3. An emergency exists, it is impracticable to obtain written informed consent, and the examination is necessary for diagnostic or treatment purposes; or
- 4. A court has ordered the performance of the examination for the purpose of the collection of evidence.

A health care provider or student who violates the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of not more than five (5) years, or a fine of not less than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment. In addition to the penalties provided for in this subsection, the person shall be subject to penalties established pursuant to law by the licensing board which has authority to regulate the health care provider or student.

B. As used in this section:

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1. "Authorized representative" means an individual who is authorized to make health care decisions for or exercise rights on

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behalf of the patient including, for a patient who is under eighteen (18) years of age, the parent or legal guardian of the patient;

- 2. "Health care provider" means a person who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by the laws of this state to administer health care in the ordinary course of business or practice of a profession;
- 3. "Patient" means an individual under the care of a health care provider or authorized representative;
- 4. "Student" means an individual currently enrolled in an approved medical college, education program, or training program; and
- 5. "Written informed consent" means the written consent of a patient to the performance of an examination after the patient has received a description of the examination, the purpose for providing the examination, and any risks or alternatives to the examination so that a reasonably prudent patient may make an informed decision as to the examination.
- SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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