

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 158

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to disclosure of firearms; defining  
8 terms; providing guidelines for certain inquiries  
9 regarding firearms; providing for exclusions;  
10 providing penalties; providing for codification; and  
11 providing an effective date.

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 1-124 of Title 63, unless there  
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. For purposes of this section:

17 1. "Health care practitioner" has the same meaning as those  
18 practitioners regulated pursuant to Title 59 of the Oklahoma  
19 statutes; and

20 2. "Patient" means a person under the care of or who seeks  
21 professional services from a health care practitioner.

22 B. Except as provided in subsection D of this section, a health  
23 care practitioner may not refuse to treat or to accept a referral  
24 for treatment of a patient based on:

1 1. The lawful ownership, possession, handling, storage,  
2 maintenance or other legal conduct involving firearms or ammunition  
3 by the patient or a member of the patient's household; or

4 2. The patient, and if the patient is a minor, the patient's  
5 parents' or guardians' refusal to disclose such information.

6 C. Except as provided in subsection D of this section, a health  
7 care practitioner who questions a patient, and if the patient is a  
8 minor, who questions the patient's parent or guardian about the  
9 ownership, possession, handling, storage, maintenance or other  
10 conduct involving firearms or ammunition by the patient or a member  
11 of the patient's household shall first inform the patient, parent or  
12 guardian that they will be asked about firearms, about the purpose  
13 of such question and that failure to answer the question will not  
14 result in refusal or termination of treatment.

15 D. The requirements of subsections B and C of this section  
16 shall not apply if:

17 1. The health care practitioner reasonably believes the patient  
18 is in immediate possession or control of a firearm or ammunition and  
19 poses an imminent threat to the patient's self or another with such  
20 firearm or ammunition;

21 2. The patient has brought a firearm or ammunition into an area  
22 where such firearm or ammunition is prohibited;

1           3. The patient, and if the patient is a minor, the patient's  
2 parent or guardian volunteers information about a firearm or  
3 ammunition without being asked about it; or

4           4. The health care practitioner reasonably and in good faith  
5 believes that disclosure of the requested information is necessary  
6 to diagnose or treat a specific illness or injury, but this  
7 exception shall not apply to a generalized belief that firearms are  
8 harmful to health or safety.

9           E. 1. The agency for Health Care Administration of this state  
10 may impose an administrative fine upon a health care practitioner  
11 who violates any provision of subsection C or D of this section.  
12 The fine shall not exceed Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)  
13 for non-willful violations and the fine shall not exceed Five  
14 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for intentional and willful violations.  
15 Each intentional and willful violation constitutes a separate  
16 violation and is subject to a separate fine.

17           2. A violation of any provision of subsection C or D of this  
18 section shall also subject the health care practitioner to  
19 appropriate discipline under their license authority.

20           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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