

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1725

6 By: Dossett

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8 An Act relating to indigenous or traditional healing  
9 therapies; defining terms; stating legislative  
10 intent; granting certain protections to traditional  
11 healing practitioners; prohibiting certain acts by  
12 traditional healing practitioners; providing for  
13 penalties; providing for codification; and providing  
14 an effective date.

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

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

19 A. As used in this section:

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

24 2. "Indigenous or traditional healing therapy" means any  
healing art, practice, ritual, ceremony, or modality that has been

1 historically performed or utilized by indigenous or native peoples  
2 or traditional healing practitioners; and

3 3. "Traditional healing practitioner" means any individual with  
4 a distinct culture, practice, belief, or healing system that is  
5 practiced or performed to support wellness.

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

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

23 D. A traditional healing practitioner shall not:

24 1. Perform surgery, or any intravenous medical procedure;

- 1        2. Set fractures;
- 2        3. Prescribe or administer x-ray 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 or treatments;
- 8        6. Conventionally diagnose a medical disease;
- 9        7. Move joints beyond their normal range of motion; or
- 10       8. State, advertise, or otherwise falsely represent to any
- 11 individual that the person is licensed by, certified by, or
- 12 registered with this state to practice as a health care
- 13 professional.

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

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

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