

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3   1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 HOUSE BILL 1410

  By: Griffith

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6   AS INTRODUCED

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8                   An Act relating to long term care; creating the Long  
9                   Term Care Insurance Accessibility Task Force; stating  
10                  purpose; providing for membership; requiring  
11                  appointment within certain time period; requiring  
12                  meeting within certain time period; providing for  
13                  selection of chairs or cochairs; providing for quorum  
14                  requirement; providing for meetings as required to  
15                  perform duties; requiring examination of certain  
16                  methods related to long term care insurance access;  
17                  authorizing travel reimbursement pursuant to  
18                  specified statutes; requiring final report; providing  
19                  for noncodification; providing an effective date; and  
20                  declaring an emergency.

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

22                  SECTION 1.           NEW LAW           A new section of law not to be  
23                  codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

24                  A.   There is hereby created until December 31, 2017, the "Long  
                  Term Care Insurance Accessibility Task Force".   The purpose of the  
                  Task Force shall be to evaluate the use of tax credits and other  
                  incentives to encourage the purchase of long term care insurance  
                  thereby making the long term care insurance more accessible to the  
                  citizens of Oklahoma.

1 B. The Task Force shall be comprised of the following persons:

2 1. The Commissioner of the Oklahoma Insurance Department;

3 2. The three members of the Oklahoma Tax Commission; and

4 3. One member who represents the interests of the long term  
5 care industry, selected by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of  
6 Representatives from a list of recommendations submitted by a long  
7 term care organization.

8 C. Appointment to the Task Force shall be made within thirty  
9 (30) days after the effective date of this act. The Task Force  
10 shall meet within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this act.  
11 The Task Force shall select from among its membership a chair and  
12 vice-chair or cochairs.

13 D. A majority of the members who are present at a meeting shall  
14 constitute a quorum for the conduct of any business authorized or  
15 required by the provisions of this section.

16 E. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet as often as  
17 required to perform the duties imposed upon it by law.

18 F. The Task Force shall:

19 1. Examine the existing conditions related to long term care  
20 insurance availability in the state, including current premiums,  
21 cost and policies available in this state;

22 2. Examine methods to provide incentives to potential purchasers  
23 of long term care insurance, including but not limited to, any tax  
24 incentives for the purchase of long term care insurance; and

1           3. Such other matters that the Task Force deems to be in the  
2 interest of promoting, developing, supporting and communicating with  
3 interested stakeholders regarding the purchase of long term care  
4 insurance.

5           G. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for  
6 serving on the task force, but shall be reimbursed by the public  
7 entity which the member is employed by or by their respective  
8 appointing authorities for necessary travel expenses incurred in the  
9 performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel  
10 Reimbursement Act.

11           H. The Task Force shall submit its recommendations and final  
12 report by November 30, 2017, to the Governor, the Speaker of the  
13 House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the  
14 Senate.

15           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

16           SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
17 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
18 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
19 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES AND LONG-TERM  
22 CARE, dated 02/15/2017 - DO PASS.

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