

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2624

By: West (Kevin), Murphey and
Ritze

7
8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9
10 An Act relating to public health and safety; defining
11 term; requiring health care facility to grant
12 religious exemption to employees who object to
13 immunization; providing for codification; and
14 providing 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 1-725 of Title 63, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 As used in this act, "health care facility" means any public or
20 private organization, corporation, authority, partnership, sole
21 proprietorship, association, agency, network, joint venture or other
22 entity that is involved in providing health care services including
23 a hospital, clinic, medical center, ambulatory surgical center,
24 private physician's office, pharmacy, nursing home, university

1 hospital, medical school, nursing school, medical training facility,
2 inpatient health care facility or other place where health care
3 services are provided.

4 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-726 of Title 63, unless there
6 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 A health care facility that requires immunizations shall be
8 required to grant a religious exemption to any employee who objects
9 to an immunization upon the grounds that it conflicts with the
10 employee's bona fide religious beliefs and practices.

11 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

12

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 02/20/2018 -
14 DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24