

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2295

3 By: Hilbert of the House

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7 An Act relating to hospital license; prohibiting the
8 transfer of hospital licenses from one address to
9 another; providing administrative requirements;
and providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-702.1 of Title 63, unless
14 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 No public trust hospital license or main provider location under
16 a provider agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
17 Services (CMS), as provided for under 42 C.F.R., Sections 489.1
18 through 489.18, shall be transferred from its current address to an
19 address greater than fifteen (15) miles away, if the public trust
20 hospital is located in a community with a population of fewer than
21 thirty thousand (30,000) residents, according to the latest Federal
22 Decennial Census. If a public trust hospital facility announces a
23 closure, before the closure of the facility, a mediator shall be

1 appointed. The municipality beneficiary of the public trust
2 hospital shall also appoint a mediator. The two mediators shall
3 appoint a mutually agreed-upon third mediator. The three mediators
4 shall agree upon a sales price for the hospital, in accordance with
5 appropriate due diligence and financial audits received from the
6 public trust hospital, if the hospital and the municipality cannot
7 agree without mediation. The hospital shall be transferred to the
8 beneficiary municipality if the beneficiary municipality is willing
9 to pay the agreed-upon purchase price set forth by the mediators and
10 has the appropriate staff identified to operate the hospital.

11 In the event the public trust hospital is sold to another
12 entity, the trustees of the hospital shall certify that they have
13 not entered into any agreement, formal or informal, with the
14 prospective owners of the hospital regarding any position, role, or
15 employment for themselves or their direct relatives, and they shall
16 also certify that they have not and will not receive any financial
17 benefit from the prospective owners, whether in-kind or otherwise.

18 In the event a public, third party, has been leasing the public
19 trust hospital and operating the public trust hospital under a
20 lease, upon termination of that lease, the hospital CMS provider
21 number shall revert back to the public trust hospital immediately
22 upon lease termination, in accordance with the provisions of 42
23 C.F.R., Section 489.18.

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1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-702.2 of Title 63, unless
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 All public trust hospital trustees shall be required to complete
5 a trustee education program, approved in advance by a statewide
6 hospital organization, leading to certification as a Certified
7 Hospital Trustee by a statewide hospital organization approved by
8 the State Department of Health. Trustee education shall commence
9 within ninety (90) days of appointment to the office of trustees for
10 the public trust hospital.

11 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

12 Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of March, 2025.

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15 Presiding Officer of the House
16 of Representatives
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18 Passed the Senate the _____ day of _____, 2025.

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