

Oklahoma Lawmakers Override Governor's Veto, Enact 340B Contract Pharmacy Access Law

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In the final hours of Oklahoma's legislative session late last night, lawmakers overwhelmingly voted to override Gov. Kevin Stitt's (R) veto of a 340B contract pharmacy access bill that had easily cleared both legislative chambers.

On May 29, the Oklahoma House voted 79-9 and the Senate voted 42-3 to override Stitt's [veto](#) of the "340B Nondiscrimination Act" ([H.B. 2048](#)). Lawmakers needed a two-thirds majority to override the veto—a threshold that they easily cleared.

Oklahoma's new law, which also prohibits pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) and insurers from differentially reimbursing 340B providers, will take effect Nov. 1.

With the veto override, Oklahoma is now the 15th state to [enact](#) a 340B contract pharmacy access law—and the seventh to do so in 2025. Oklahoma also joins more than two-thirds of states that have [passed](#) 340B-PBM antidiscrimination laws.

Campaign to Override the Veto

H.B. 2048 had passed both Republican-controlled legislative chambers by near-unanimous margins—83-8 in the House and 40-5 in the Senate—before Stitt's May 17 veto. In a message explaining his decision, Stitt argued that the 340B program "is in deep need of reform at the federal level to improve transparency."

Following the veto, the bill's sponsors and the state attorney general aggressively pushed for a veto override and criticized the governor.

Rep. Preston Stinson (R) and Sen. Brent Howard (R), who sponsored the legislation, released a May 21 statement **arguing** that "drug companies and the dark money interests working for them successfully derailed the most important legislation introduced this year to help the health care providers who serve our most vulnerable communities."

They were referring in part to an ad campaign from Building America's Future, a Washington D.C.-based 501(c)(4) advocacy group that does not disclose its donors. The group, which has spread misinformation targeting 340B contract pharmacy access bills in multiple GOP-controlled state legislatures, **called on Stitt** to "veto H.B. 2048" and let President Donald Trump "fix 340B."

Meanwhile, Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond (R) also released a May 22 **statement** strongly criticizing Stitt's record-setting number of vetoes. He encouraged lawmakers to override vetoes of multiple specific bills, including H.B. 2048.

"These vetoes, a number of which are plainly inexplicable, clearly show the Governor's contempt for the legislative process," Drummond said. "He has utilized the veto pen far more often than his predecessors and routinely criticizes the legislature for the bills that land on his desk. No Oklahoma Governor in recent history has issued as many vetoes as he has