

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2168

By: McCullough, Matthews,
Osborn, Denney, Sherrer,
Hoskin and Shelton of the
House

4 and

5 Newberry of the Senate

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8 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
9 amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.14, as amended by
10 Section 9, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp.
11 2014, Section 46.14), which relates to the State
12 Architectural and Registered Interior Designers Act;
13 modifying license and certificate qualifications;
14 defining terms; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section
15 199.11, as last amended by Section 9, Chapter 260,
16 O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 199.11),
17 which relates to the Oklahoma Cosmetology and
18 Barbering Act; modifying license and certificate
19 qualifications; defining terms; amending 59 O.S.
20 2011, Section 475.18, as amended by Section 7,
21 Chapter 139, O.S.L. 2012 (59 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section
22 475.18), which relates to engineering and land
23 surveying; modifying license and certificate
24 qualifications; defining terms; amending 59 O.S.
2011, Section 532, which relates to the Oklahoma
Athletic Trainers Act; modifying license
qualifications; defining terms; amending 59 O.S.
2011, Section 858-723, which relates to the Oklahoma
Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act; modifying
license and certificate qualifications; defining
terms; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 887.13, as
amended by Section 2, Chapter 324, O.S.L. 2014 (59
O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 887.13), which relates to
the Physical Therapy Practice Act; modifying license
qualifications; defining terms; amending 59 O.S.
2011, Section 888.9, which relates to the
Occupational Therapy Practice Act; modifying license;
defining terms; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1370,
which relates to the Psychologists Licensing Act;
modifying license qualifications; defining terms;

1 amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1503A, which relates
2 to the Oklahoma Pawnshop Act; modifying license
3 qualifications; defining terms; amending 59 O.S.
4 2011, Section 1619, which relates to the Speech-
5 Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act;
6 modifying license qualifications; defining terms;
7 amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1912, as amended by
8 Section 12, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp.
9 2014, Section 1912), which relates to the Licensed
10 Professional Counselors Act; modifying license
11 qualifications; defining terms; amending 59 O.S.
12 2011, Section 1925.15, as amended by Section 24,
13 Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section
14 1925.15), which relates to the Marital and Family
15 Therapist Licensure Act; modifying license
16 qualifications; defining terms; amending 59 O.S.
17 2011, Section 1941, as amended by Section 34, Chapter
18 229, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 1941),
19 which relates to the Licensed Behavioral Practitioner
20 Act; modifying license qualifications; defining
21 terms; and providing an effective date.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 46.14, as
amended by Section 9, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2014,
Section 46.14), is amended to read as follows:

Section 46.14 A. The Board shall have power to suspend, to
revoke or refuse to renew a license, registration, certificate of
authority or certificate of title issued by it, pursuant to the
provisions of the State Architectural and Registered Interior
Designers Act, when the holder thereof:

1 1. Has been convicted of a felony crime that substantially
2 relates to the practice of architecture, landscape architecture or
3 interior design or poses a reasonable threat to public safety;

4 2. Has been guilty of fraud or misrepresentation;

5 3. Has been guilty of gross incompetence or recklessness in the
6 practice of architecture relating to the construction of buildings
7 or structures, or of dishonest practices;

8 4. Has been guilty of gross incompetence or recklessness in the
9 practice of landscape architecture, or of dishonest practices;

10 5. Presents the license, registration or certification of
11 another as his or her own;

12 6. Gives false or forged evidence to the Board;

13 7. Conceals information relative to any inquiry, investigation
14 or violation of this act or rules promulgated under this act; or

15 8. Has been found to be guilty of a violation of a provision of
16 the State Architectural and Registered Interior Designers Act, or
17 the rules of the Board; provided, that a person or entity complained
18 of shall be afforded the opportunity for a formal hearing carried
19 out as described under the current Administrative Procedures Act or
20 settled by the Board with a consent order or final order approved by
21 the Board.

22 The Board shall keep a record of the evidence in, and a record
23 of each proceeding for the suspension, revocation of or refusal to
24 renew a license or certificate of authority and shall make findings

1 of fact and render a decision therein. If, after a hearing, the
2 charges shall have been found to have been sustained by the vote of
3 a majority of the members of the Board it shall immediately enter
4 its order of suspension, revocation, penalties, probation,
5 educational course work and objectives or refusal to renew, as the
6 case may be.

7 B. As used in this section:

8 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct
9 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the
10 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or
11 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

12 2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal
13 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat
14 of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability
15 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

16 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 199.11, as
17 last amended by Section 9, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp.
18 2014, Section 199.11), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 199.11 A. The State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering
20 is hereby authorized to deny, revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew
21 any license, certificate, or registration that it is authorized to
22 issue under the Oklahoma Cosmetology and Barbering Act for any of
23 the following causes:

- 1 1. Conviction of a felony ~~as shown by a certified copy of the~~
2 ~~record of the court~~ crime that substantially relates to the practice
3 of cosmetology or poses a reasonable threat to public safety;
- 4 2. Gross malpractice or gross incompetence;
- 5 3. Fraud practiced in obtaining a license or registration;
- 6 4. A license or certificate holder's continuing to practice
7 while afflicted with an infectious, contagious, or communicable
8 disease;
- 9 5. Habitual drunkenness or addiction to use of habit forming
10 drugs;
- 11 6. Advertising by means of statements known to be false or
12 deceptive;
- 13 7. Continued or flagrant violation of any rules of the Board,
14 or continued practice by a Board licensee in a cosmetology or barber
15 establishment wherein violations of the rules of the Board are being
16 committed within the knowledge of the licensee;
- 17 8. Failure to display license or certificate as required by the
18 Oklahoma Cosmetology and Barbering Act;
- 19 9. Continued practice of cosmetology or barbering after
20 expiration of a license therefor;
- 21 10. Employment by a salon or barber establishment owner or
22 manager of any person to perform any of the practices of cosmetology
23 or barbering who is not duly licensed to perform the services;
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1 11. Practicing cosmetology or barbering in an immoral or
2 unprofessional manner;

3 12. Unsanitary operating practices or unsanitary conditions of
4 a school or establishment; or

5 13. Unsanitary operating practices of a licensee.

6 B. As used in this section:

7 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct
8 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the
9 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or
10 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

11 2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal
12 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat
13 of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability
14 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

15 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 475.18, as
16 amended by Section 7, Chapter 139, O.S.L. 2012 (59 O.S. Supp. 2014,
17 Section 475.18), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 475.18 A. As provided in subsections A and B of
19 Section 475.8 of this title, the Board shall have the power to deny,
20 place on probation, suspend, revoke or refuse to issue a certificate
21 or license, or fine, reprimand, issue orders, levy administrative
22 fines or seek other penalties, if a person or entity is found guilty
23 of:

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1 1. The practice of any fraud or deceit in obtaining or
2 attempting to obtain or renew a certificate of licensure, or a
3 certificate of authorization or in taking the examinations
4 administered by the Board or its authorized representatives;

5 2. Any fraud, misrepresentation, gross negligence,
6 incompetence, misconduct or dishonest practice, in the practice of
7 engineering or land surveying;

8 3. Conviction of or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo
9 contendere to ~~any crime under the laws of the United States, or any~~
10 ~~state or territory thereof, which is a felony, whether related~~ crime
11 that substantially relates to the practice or not of engineering or
12 land surveying or poses a reasonable threat to public safety; and or
13 conviction of or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to ~~any~~
14 ~~crime, whether a felony, misdemeanor, or otherwise,~~ an essential
15 element of which is dishonesty or ~~which is related to~~ is a violation
16 of the practice of engineering or land surveying;

17 4. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of Section
18 475.1 et seq. of this title or any of the rules or regulations
19 pertaining thereto;

20 5. Violation of the laws or rules of another state, territory,
21 the District of Columbia, a foreign country, the United States
22 government, or any other governmental agency, if at least one of the
23 violations is the same or substantially equivalent to those
24 contained in this section;

1 6. Failure, within thirty (30) days, to provide information
2 requested by the Board as a result of a formal or informal complaint
3 to the Board which would indicate a violation of Section 475.1 et
4 seq. of this title;

5 7. Knowingly making false statements or signing false
6 statements, certificates or affidavits;

7 8. Aiding or assisting another person or entity in violating
8 any provision of Section 475.1 et seq. of this title or the rules or
9 regulations pertaining thereto;

10 9. Violation of any terms imposed by the Board, or using a seal
11 or practicing engineering or land surveying while the professional
12 engineer's license or land surveyor's license is suspended, revoked,
13 nonrenewed, retired or inactive;

14 10. Signing, affixing the professional engineer's or land
15 surveyor's seal, or permitting the professional engineer's or land
16 surveyor's seal or signature to be affixed to any specifications,
17 reports, drawings, plans, design information, construction
18 documents, calculations, other documents, or revisions thereof,
19 which have not been prepared by, or under the direct control and
20 personal supervision of the professional engineer or land surveyor
21 in responsible charge;

22 11. Engaging in dishonorable, unethical or unprofessional
23 conduct of a character likely to deceive, defraud or harm the
24 public;

1 12. Providing false testimony or information to the Board;

2 13. Habitual intoxication or addiction to the use of alcohol or
3 to the illegal use of a controlled dangerous substance;

4 14. Performing engineering or surveying services outside any of
5 the licensee's areas of competence; and

6 15. Violating the Oklahoma Minimum Standards for the Practice
7 of Land Surveying.

8 B. The Board shall prepare and adopt Rules of Professional
9 Conduct for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors as provided
10 for in Section 475.8 of this title, which shall be made available in
11 writing to every licensee and applicant for licensure under Section
12 475.1 et seq. of this title. The Board may revise and amend these
13 Rules of Professional Conduct for Professional Engineers and Land
14 Surveyors from time to time and shall notify each licensee, in
15 writing, of such revisions or amendments.

16 C. Principals of a firm who do not obtain a certificate or
17 authorization as required by Section 475.1 et seq. of this title may
18 be subject to disciplinary action of individual licensure.

19 D. As used in this section:

20 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct
21 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the
22 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or
23 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

1 2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal
2 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat
3 of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability
4 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

5 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 532, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 532. A. The Board may refuse to issue a license to an
8 applicant or may suspend or revoke the license of any licensee
9 athletic trainer or apprentice if he or she has:

10 1. Been convicted of a felony crime that substantially relates
11 to the occupation of athletic trainers or poses a reasonable threat
12 to the public safety or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;

13 2. Secured the license by fraud or deceit; or

14 3. Violated or conspired to violate the provisions of this act
15 or rules and regulations issued pursuant to this act.

16 B. Procedures for denial, suspension or revocation of a license
17 shall be governed by the Administrative Procedures Act.

18 C. As used in this section:

19 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct
20 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the
21 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or
22 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

23 2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal
24 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat

1 of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability
2 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

3 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 858-723, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 858-723. A. The Real Estate Appraiser Board, after
6 notice and opportunity for a hearing, pursuant to Article II of the
7 Administrative Procedures Act, may issue an order imposing one or
8 more of the following penalties whenever the Board finds, by clear
9 and convincing evidence, that a certificate holder has violated any
10 provision of the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act, or
11 rules promulgated pursuant thereto:

12 1. Revocation of the certificate with or without the right to
13 reapply;

14 2. Suspension of the certificate for a period not to exceed
15 five (5) years;

16 3. Probation, for a period of time and under such terms and
17 conditions as deemed appropriate by the Board;

18 4. Stipulations, limitations, restrictions, and conditions
19 relating to practice;

20 5. Censure, including specific redress, if appropriate;

21 6. Reprimand, either public or private;

22 7. Satisfactory completion of an educational program or
23 programs;

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1 8. Administrative fines as authorized by the Oklahoma Certified
2 Real Estate Appraisers Act; and

3 9. Payment of costs expended by the Board for any legal fees
4 and costs and probation and monitoring fees including, but not
5 limited to, administrative costs, witness fees and attorney fees.

6 B. 1. Any administrative fine imposed as a result of a
7 violation of the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act or
8 the rules of the Board promulgated pursuant thereto shall not:

9 a. be less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and shall not
10 exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each
11 violation of this act or the rules of the Board, or

12 b. exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for all
13 violations resulting from a single incident or
14 transaction.

15 2. All administrative fines shall be paid within thirty (30)
16 days of notification of the certificate holder by the Board of the
17 order of the Board imposing the administrative fine, unless the
18 certificate holder has entered into an agreement with the Board
19 extending the period for payment.

20 3. The certificate may be suspended until any fine imposed upon
21 the licensee by the Board is paid.

22 4. Unless the certificate holder has entered into an agreement
23 with the Board extending the period for payment, if fines are not
24 paid in full by the licensee within thirty (30) days of the

1 notification by the Board of the order, the fines shall double and
2 the certificate holder shall have an additional thirty-day period.
3 If the double fine is not paid within the additional thirty-day
4 period, the certificate shall automatically be revoked.

5 5. All monies received by the Board as a result of the
6 imposition of the administrative fine provided for in this section
7 shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers
8 Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 858-730 of this title.

9 C. The rights of any holder under a certificate as a trainee,
10 state licensed, state certified residential or state certified
11 general real estate appraiser may be revoked or suspended, or the
12 holder of the certificate may be otherwise disciplined pursuant to
13 the provisions of the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act,
14 upon any of the grounds set forth in this section. The Board may
15 investigate the actions of a trainee, state licensed, state
16 certified residential or state certified general real estate
17 appraiser, and may revoke or suspend the rights of a certificate
18 holder or otherwise discipline a trainee, state licensed, state
19 certified residential or state certified general real estate
20 appraiser for any of the following acts or omissions:

21 1. Procuring or attempting to procure a certificate pursuant to
22 the provisions of the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act
23 by knowingly making a false statement, knowingly submitting false
24 information, refusing to provide complete information in response to

1 a question in an application for certification or through any form
2 of fraud or misrepresentation;

3 2. Failing to meet the minimum qualifications established
4 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate
5 Appraisers Act;

6 3. Paying money other than provided for by the Oklahoma
7 Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act to any member or employee of
8 the Board to procure a certificate pursuant to the Oklahoma
9 Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act;

10 4. A conviction, including a conviction based upon a plea of
11 guilty or nolo contendere, of a felony ~~which is~~ crime that
12 substantially related relates to the ~~qualifications, functions, and~~
13 ~~duties of a person developing~~ practice of real estate appraisals and
14 ~~communicating real estate appraisals to others~~ or poses a reasonable
15 threat to public safety;

16 5. An act or omission involving dishonesty, fraud, or
17 misrepresentation with the intent to substantially benefit the
18 certificate holder or another person or with the intent to
19 substantially injure another person;

20 6. Violation of any of the standards for the development or
21 communication of real estate appraisals as provided in the Oklahoma
22 Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act;

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- 1 7. Failure or refusal without good cause to exercise reasonable
2 diligence in developing an appraisal, preparing an appraisal report
3 or communicating an appraisal;
- 4 8. Negligence or incompetence in developing an appraisal, in
5 preparing an appraisal report, or in communicating an appraisal;
- 6 9. Willfully disregarding or violating any of the provisions of
7 the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act or the regulations
8 of the Board for the administration and enforcement of the
9 provisions of the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act;
- 10 10. Accepting an appraisal assignment when the employment
11 itself is contingent upon the appraiser reporting a predetermined
12 estimate, analysis or opinion, or where the fee to be paid is
13 contingent upon the opinion, conclusion, or valuation reached, or
14 upon the consequences resulting from the appraisal assignment;
- 15 11. Violating the confidential nature of governmental records
16 to which the appraiser gained access through employment or
17 engagement as an appraiser by a governmental agency;
- 18 12. Entry of a final civil judgment against the person on
19 grounds of deceit, fraud, or willful or knowing misrepresentation in
20 the making of any appraisal of real property;
- 21 13. Violating any of the provisions in the code of ethics set
22 forth in this act; or
- 23 14. Failing to at any time properly identify themselves
24 according to the specific type of certification held.

1 D. In a disciplinary proceeding based upon a civil judgment,
2 the trainee, state licensed, state certified residential or state
3 certified general real estate appraiser shall be afforded an
4 opportunity to present matters in mitigation and extenuation, but
5 may not collaterally attack the civil judgment.

6 E. 1. A complaint may be filed with the Board against a
7 trainee or state licensed or state certified appraiser for any
8 violations relating to a specific transaction of the Oklahoma
9 Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act by any person who is the
10 recipient of, relies upon or uses an appraisal prepared for a
11 federally related transaction or real-estate-related financial
12 transaction as described in Section 858-701 of this title.

13 2. Any person with knowledge of any circumstances surrounding
14 an act or omission by a trainee or state licensed or state certified
15 appraiser involving fraud, dishonesty or misrepresentation in any
16 real property valuation-related activity, not limited to federally
17 related transactions, may file a complaint with the Board setting
18 forth all facts surrounding the act or omission.

19 3. A complaint may be filed against a trainee or state licensed
20 or state certified appraiser directly by the Board, if reasonable
21 cause exists for violations of the code of ethics set forth in this
22 act.

23 4. Any complaint filed pursuant to this subsection shall be in
24 writing and signed by the person filing same and shall be on a form

1 approved by the Board. The trainee or state licensed or state
2 certified appraiser shall be entitled to any hearings or subject to
3 any disciplinary proceedings provided for in the Oklahoma Certified
4 Real Estate Appraisers Act based upon any complaint filed pursuant
5 to this subsection.

6 F. As used in this section:

7 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct
8 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the
9 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or
10 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

11 2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal
12 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat
13 of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability
14 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

15 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 887.13, as
16 amended by Section 2, Chapter 324, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2014,
17 Section 887.13), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 887.13 A. The State Board of Medical Licensure and
19 Supervision may refuse to issue or renew, or may suspend or revoke a
20 license to any person, after notice and hearing in accordance with
21 rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the Physical Therapy
22 Practice Act and the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act
23 of the Oklahoma Statutes who has:

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1 1. Practiced physical therapy for workers' compensation claims
2 other than under the referral of a physician, surgeon, dentist,
3 chiropractor or podiatrist duly licensed to practice medicine or
4 surgery, a physician assistant, or in the case of practice as a
5 physical therapist assistant, has practiced other than under the
6 direction of a licensed physical therapist;

7 2. Treated or attempted to treat ailments or other health
8 conditions of human beings other than by physical therapy as
9 authorized by the Physical Therapy Practice Act;

10 3. Failed to refer patients to other health care providers if
11 symptoms are known to be present for which physical therapy
12 treatment is inadvisable or if symptoms indicate conditions for
13 which treatment is outside the standards of practice as specified in
14 the rules and regulations promulgated by the Board pursuant to the
15 provisions of the Physical Therapy Practice Act;

16 4. Used drugs, narcotics, medication, or intoxicating liquors
17 to an extent which affects the professional competency of the
18 applicant or licensee;

19 5. Been convicted of a felony crime that substantially relates
20 to the occupation of physical therapy or poses a reasonable threat
21 to public safety or of a misdemeanor crime involving moral
22 turpitude;

23 6. Obtained or attempted to obtain a license as a physical
24 therapist or physical therapist assistant by fraud or deception;

1 7. Been grossly negligent in the practice of physical therapy
2 or in acting as a physical therapist assistant;

3 8. Been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent
4 jurisdiction and has not subsequently been lawfully declared sane;

5 9. Been guilty of conduct unbecoming a person licensed as a
6 physical therapist or physical therapist assistant or guilty of
7 conduct detrimental to the best interests of the public or the
8 profession;

9 10. Been guilty of any act in conflict with the ethics of the
10 profession of physical therapy; or

11 11. Had a license suspended or revoked in another state.

12 B. As used in this section:

13 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct
14 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the
15 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or
16 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

17 2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal
18 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat
19 of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability
20 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

21 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 888.9, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 888.9 A. The Board may deny or refuse to renew a
24 license, or may suspend or revoke a license, or may censure a

1 licensee, publicly or otherwise, or may impose probationary
2 conditions where the licensee or applicant for license has been
3 guilty of unprofessional conduct which has endangered or is likely
4 to endanger the health, welfare, or safety of the public. Such
5 unprofessional conduct includes:

6 1. Obtaining a license by means of fraud, misrepresentation, or
7 concealment of material facts;

8 2. Engaging in unprofessional conduct as defined by the rules
9 established by the Board, or violating the Code of Ethics adopted
10 and published by the Board;

11 3. Being convicted of ~~any federal or state law, excepting any~~
12 ~~misdemeanor, traffic law or municipal ordinance~~ a felony crime that
13 substantially relates to the occupation of occupational therapy or
14 poses a reasonable threat to public safety;

15 4. Violating any lawful order, rule, or regulation rendered or
16 adopted by the Board; and

17 5. Violating any provisions of this act.

18 B. Such denial, refusal to renew, suspension, revocation,
19 censure, or imposition of probationary conditions upon a license may
20 be ordered by the Board in a decision made after a hearing in the
21 manner provided by the rules and regulations adopted by the Board.

22 One (1) year from the date of the revocation, refusal of renewal,
23 suspension, or probation of the license, application may be made to
24 the Board for reinstatement. The Board shall have discretion to

1 accept or reject an application for reinstatement and may, but shall
2 not be required to, hold a hearing to consider such reinstatement.

3 C. As used in this section:

4 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct
5 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the
6 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or
7 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

8 2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal
9 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat
10 of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability
11 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

12 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1370, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 1370. A. A psychologist and any other persons under
15 the supervision of the psychologist shall conduct their professional
16 activities in conformity with ethical and professional standards
17 promulgated by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists by
18 rule.

19 B. The Board shall have the power and duty to suspend, place on
20 probation, require remediation, or revoke any license to practice
21 psychology or to take any other action specified in the rules
22 whenever the Board shall find by clear and convincing evidence that
23 the psychologist has engaged in any of the following acts or
24 offenses:

- 1 1. Fraud in applying for or procuring a license to practice
2 psychology;
- 3 2. Immoral, unprofessional, or dishonorable conduct as defined
4 in the rules promulgated by the Board;
- 5 3. Practicing psychology in a manner as to endanger the welfare
6 of clients or patients;
- 7 4. Conviction of a felony. ~~A copy of the record of conviction,~~
8 ~~certified by the clerk of the court entering the conviction shall be~~
9 ~~conclusive evidence of conviction~~ crime that substantially relates
10 to the business practices of psychology or poses a reasonable threat
11 to public safety;
- 12 5. ~~Conviction of any crime or offense that reflects the~~
13 ~~inability of the practitioner to practice psychology with due regard~~
14 ~~for the health and safety of clients or patients;~~
- 15 6. Harassment, intimidation, or abuse, sexual or otherwise, of
16 a client or patient;
- 17 7. 6. Engaging in sexual intercourse or other sexual contact
18 with a client or patient;
- 19 8. 7. Use of repeated untruthful, deceptive or improbable
20 statements concerning the licensee's qualifications or the effects
21 or results of proposed treatment, including practicing outside of
22 the psychologist's professional competence established by education,
23 training, and experience;

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1 ~~9.~~ 8. Gross malpractice or repeated malpractice or gross
2 negligence in the practice of psychology;

3 ~~10.~~ 9. Aiding or abetting the practice of psychology by any
4 person not approved by the Board or not otherwise exempt from the
5 provisions of Section 1351 et seq. of this title;

6 ~~11.~~ 10. Conviction of or pleading guilty or nolo contendere to
7 fraud in filing Medicare or Medicaid claims or in filing claims with
8 any third-party payor. A copy of the record of plea or conviction,
9 certified by the clerk of the court entering the plea or conviction,
10 shall be conclusive evidence of the plea or conviction;

11 ~~12.~~ 11. Exercising undue influence in a manner to exploit the
12 client, patient, student, or supervisee for financial advantage
13 beyond the payment of professional fees or for other personal
14 advantage to the practitioner or a third party;

15 ~~13.~~ 12. The suspension or revocation by another state of a
16 license to practice psychology. A certified copy of the record of
17 suspension or revocation of the state making such a suspension or
18 revocation shall be conclusive evidence thereof;

19 ~~14.~~ 13. Refusal to appear before the Board after having been
20 ordered to do so in writing by the executive officer or chair of the
21 Board;

22 ~~15.~~ 14. Making any fraudulent or untrue statement to the Board;

23 ~~16.~~ 15. Violation of the code of ethics adopted in the rules
24 and regulations of the Board; and

1 ~~17.~~ 16. Inability to practice psychology with reasonable skill
2 and safety to patients or clients by reason of illness, inebriation,
3 misuse of drugs, narcotics, alcohol, chemicals, or any other
4 substance, or as a result of any mental or physical condition.

5 C. No license shall be suspended or revoked nor the licensee
6 placed on probation or reprimanded until the licensee has been given
7 an opportunity for a hearing before the Board pursuant to the
8 provisions of subsection D of this section. Whenever the Board
9 determines that there has been a violation of any of the provisions
10 of the Psychologists Licensing Act or of any order of the Board, it
11 shall give written notice to the alleged violator specifying the
12 cause of complaint. The notice shall require that the alleged
13 violator appear before the Board at a time and place specified in
14 the notice and answer the charges specified in the notice. The
15 notice shall be delivered to the alleged violator in accordance with
16 the provisions of subsection E of this section not less than ten
17 (10) days before the time set for the hearing.

18 D. On the basis of the evidence produced at the hearing, the
19 Board shall make findings of fact and conclusions of law and enter
20 an order thereon in writing or stated in the record. A final order
21 adverse to the alleged violator shall be in writing. An order
22 stated in the record shall become effective immediately, provided
23 the Board gives written notice of the order to the alleged violator
24 and to the other persons who appeared at the hearing and made

1 written request for notice of the order. If the hearing is held
2 before any person other than the Board itself, such person shall
3 transmit the record of the hearing together with recommendations for
4 findings of fact and conclusions of law to the Board, which shall
5 thereupon enter its order. The Board may enter its order on the
6 basis of such record or, before issuing its order, require
7 additional hearings or further evidence to be presented. The order
8 of the Board shall become final and binding on all parties unless
9 appealed to the district court as provided for in the Administrative
10 Procedures Act.

11 E. Except as otherwise expressly provided for by law, any
12 notice, order, or other instrument issued by or pursuant to the
13 authority of the Board may be served on any person affected, by
14 publication or by mailing a copy of the notice, order, or other
15 instrument by registered mail directed to the person affected at the
16 last-known post office address of such person as shown by the files
17 or records of the Board. Proof of the service shall be made as in
18 case of service of a summons or by publication in a civil action.
19 Proof of mailing may be made by the affidavit of the person who
20 mailed the notice. Proof of service shall be filed in the office of
21 the Board.

22 F. Every certificate or affidavit of service made and filed as
23 provided for in this section shall be prima facie evidence of the
24 facts stated therein, and a certified copy thereof shall have same

1 force and effect as the original certificate or affidavit of
2 service.

3 G. If the psychologist fails or refuses to appear, the Board
4 may proceed to hearing and determine the charges in his or her
5 absence. If the psychologist pleads guilty, or if upon hearing the
6 charges, a majority of the Board finds them to be true, the Board
7 may enter an order suspending or revoking the license of the
8 psychologist, reprimanding the psychologist, or placing the
9 psychologist on probation or any combination of penalties authorized
10 by the provisions of this section.

11 H. The secretary of the Board shall preserve a record of all
12 proceedings of the hearings and shall furnish a transcript of the
13 hearings to the defendant upon request. The defendant shall prepay
14 the actual cost of preparing the transcript.

15 I. Upon a vote of four of its members, the Board may restore a
16 license which has been revoked, reduce the period of suspension or
17 probation, or withdraw a reprimand.

18 J. As used in this section:

19 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct
20 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the
21 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or
22 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

23 2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal
24 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat

1 of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability
2 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

3 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1503A, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 1503A. A. To be eligible for a pawnshop license, an
6 applicant shall:

- 7 1. Be of good moral character;
- 8 2. Have net assets of at least Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
9 (\$25,000.00); and
- 10 3. Show that the pawnshop will be operated lawfully and fairly
11 within the purpose of the Oklahoma Pawnshop Act, ~~Section 1501 et~~
12 ~~seq. of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes.~~

13 B. The Administrator shall find ineligible an applicant who has
14 a ~~felony~~ conviction ~~which directly~~ for a felony crime that
15 substantially relates to the ~~duties and responsibilities of the~~
16 occupation of a pawnbroker or poses a reasonable threat to public
17 safety.

18 C. If the Administrator is unable to verify that the applicant
19 meets the net assets requirement for a pawnshop license, the
20 Administrator may require a finding, including the presentation of a
21 current balance sheet, by an accounting firm or individual holding a
22 permit to practice public accounting in this state, that the
23 accountant has reviewed the books and records of the applicant and
24 that the applicant meets the net assets requirement.

1 D. As used in this section:

2 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct
3 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the
4 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or
5 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

6 2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal
7 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat
8 of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability
9 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

10 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1619, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 1619. A. The Board of Examiners for Speech-Language
13 Pathology and Audiology may impose separately, or in combination,
14 any of the following disciplinary actions on a licensee after formal
15 disciplinary action as provided in the Speech-Language Pathology and
16 Audiology Licensing Act: suspend or revoke a license, issue a
17 letter of reprimand, impose probationary conditions, impose an
18 administrative fine not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00),
19 and assess reasonable costs. Disciplinary actions may be taken by
20 the Board upon proof that the licensee:

21 1. Has been guilty of fraud or deceit in connection with the
22 person's services rendered as a speech-language pathologist and/or
23 audiologist;

1 2. Has aided or abetted a person who is not a licensed speech-
2 language pathologist and/or audiologist and who is not an employee
3 of and under the supervision of a licensed speech-language
4 pathologist or audiologist and subject to the rules of the Board, in
5 illegally engaging in the practice of speech-language pathology or
6 audiology within this state;

7 3. Has been guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by the
8 rules established by the Board or has violated the code of ethics
9 made and published by the Board;

10 4. Has used fraud or deception in applying for a license or in
11 passing an examination provided for in the Speech-Language Pathology
12 and Audiology Licensing Act;

13 5. Has been grossly negligent in the practice of the person's
14 profession;

15 6. Has willfully violated any of the provisions of the Speech-
16 Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act or any rules
17 promulgated pursuant thereto;

18 7. Has violated federal, state or local laws relating to the
19 profession. A copy of the record of conviction, certified by the
20 clerk of the court entering the conviction, shall be conclusive
21 evidence of conviction; or

22 8. Has been convicted of or has pled guilty or nolo contendere
23 to a felony crime that substantially relates to the business
24 practices of speech-language pathology or audiology or poses a

1 reasonable threat to public safety or to a crime involving moral
2 turpitude, ~~whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending~~
3 ~~to have the conviction or plea set aside. A copy of the record of~~
4 ~~conviction, certified by the clerk of the court entering the~~
5 ~~conviction, shall be conclusive evidence of conviction.~~

6 B. 1. No disciplinary action shall be imposed until after a
7 hearing before the Board. A notice of at least thirty (30) days
8 shall be served, either personally or by certified mail, to the
9 licensee charged, stating the time and place of the hearing, and
10 setting forth the ground or grounds constituting the charges against
11 the licensee. The licensee shall be entitled to be heard in such
12 person's defense either in person or by counsel, and may produce
13 testimony and may testify in the person's own behalf.

14 2. A record of such hearing shall be taken and preserved.

15 3. The hearing may be adjourned from time to time. If, after
16 due receipt of notice of a hearing, the licensee shall be unable to
17 appear for good cause shown, then a continuance shall be granted by
18 the Board. The time allowed shall be at the discretion of the
19 Board, but in no instance shall it be less than two (2) weeks from
20 the originally scheduled date of the hearing.

21 4. If a licensee pleads guilty, or if upon hearing the charges,
22 a majority of the Board finds them to be true, the Board shall
23 impose its disciplinary action against the licensee. The Board
24 shall record its findings and order in writing.

1 C. 1. The Board, through its chairman or vice-chairman, may
2 administer oaths and may compel the attendance of witnesses and the
3 production of physical evidence before it from witnesses upon whom
4 process is served anywhere within the state, as in civil cases in
5 the district court, by subpoena issued over the signature of the
6 chairman or vice-chairman and the seal of the Board.

7 2. Upon request by an accused speech-language pathologist
8 and/or audiologist, and statement under oath that the testimony or
9 evidence is reasonably necessary to the person's defense, the Board
10 shall use this subpoena power in behalf of the accused speech-
11 language pathologist and/or audiologist.

12 3. The subpoenas shall be served, and a return of service
13 thereof made, in the same manner as a subpoena is served out of the
14 district courts in this state, and as a return in such case is made.

15 4. If a person fails and refuses to attend in obedience to such
16 subpoena, or refuses to be sworn or examined or answer any legally
17 proper question propounded by any member of said Board or any
18 attorney or licensee upon permission from said Board, such person
19 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, may be
20 punished by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)
21 or by confinement in the county jail not to exceed ninety (90) days,
22 or both.

23 D. 1. Any person who feels aggrieved by reason of the
24 imposition of disciplinary action may appeal to the Board for a

1 review of the case or may seek judicial review pursuant to the
2 Administrative Procedures Act.

3 2. The suit shall be filed against the Board as defendant, and
4 service of process shall be upon either the chairman or executive
5 secretary of the Board.

6 3. The judgment of the district court may be appealed to the
7 Supreme Court of Oklahoma in the same manner as other civil cases.

8 E. Upon a vote of three of its members, the Board may restore a
9 license which has been revoked or reduce the period of suspension.

10 F. As used in this section:

11 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct
12 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the
13 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or
14 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

15 2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal
16 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat
17 of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability
18 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

19 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1912, as
20 amended by Section 12, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2014,
21 Section 1912), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 1912. A. The State Board of Behavioral Health
23 Licensure may deny, revoke, suspend or place on probation any
24 license or specialty designation issued pursuant to the provisions

1 of the Licensed Professional Counselors Act to a licensed
2 professional counselor, if the person has:

3 1. Been convicted of a felony crime that substantially relates
4 to the practice of counseling or poses a reasonable threat to public
5 safety;

6 2. Been convicted of a misdemeanor ~~determined to be of such a~~
7 ~~nature as to render the person convicted unfit to practice~~
8 ~~counseling~~ involving moral turpitude;

9 3. Engaged in fraud or deceit in connection with services
10 rendered or in establishing needed qualifications pursuant to the
11 provisions of this act;

12 4. Knowingly aided or abetted a person not licensed pursuant to
13 these provisions in representing himself as a licensed professional
14 counselor in this state;

15 5. Engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by the rules
16 established by the Board;

17 6. Engaged in negligence or wrongful actions in the performance
18 of his or her duties; or

19 7. Misrepresented any information required in obtaining a
20 license.

21 B. If the Board determines that a felony conviction of an
22 applicant renders the convicted applicant unfit to practice
23 counseling, the Board shall provide notice and opportunity to the
24 applicant, by certified mail at the last-known address, for an

1 administrative hearing to contest such determination before the
2 Board may deny the application. The request shall be made by the
3 applicant within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the notice.

4 C. No license or specialty designation shall be suspended or
5 revoked, nor a licensed professional counselor placed on probation
6 until notice is served upon the licensed professional counselor and
7 a hearing is held in conformity with Article II of the
8 Administrative Procedures Act.

9 D. As used in this section:

10 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct
11 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the
12 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or
13 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

14 2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal
15 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat
16 of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability
17 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

18 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1925.15, as
19 amended by Section 24, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2014,
20 Section 1925.15), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 1925.15 A. The State Board of Behavioral Health
22 Licensure may deny, revoke, suspend or place on probation any
23 license issued subject to the provisions of the Marital and Family
24 Therapist Licensure Act, if the person has:

1 1. Been convicted of a felony crime that substantially relates
2 to the practice of counseling or poses a reasonable threat to public
3 safety;

4 2. Been convicted of a misdemeanor crime ~~the Board determines~~
5 ~~after a hearing to be of such a nature as to render the person~~
6 ~~convicted unfit to practice marital and family therapy~~ involving
7 moral turpitude;

8 3. Violated ethical standards of such a nature as to render the
9 person found by the Board to have engaged in such violation unfit to
10 practice marital and family therapy;

11 4. Misrepresented any information required in obtaining a
12 license;

13 5. Engaged in fraud or deceit in connection with services
14 rendered or in establishing needed qualifications pursuant to the
15 provisions of the Marital and Family Therapist Licensure Act;

16 6. Knowingly aided or abetted a person not licensed pursuant to
17 these provisions in representing himself or herself as a licensed
18 marital and family therapist in this state;

19 7. Engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by the rules
20 promulgated by the Board; or

21 8. Engaged in negligence or wrongful actions in the performance
22 of the duties of such person.

23 B. If the Board determines that a felony conviction of an
24 applicant renders the convicted applicant unfit to practice

1 counseling, the Board shall provide notice and opportunity to the
2 applicant, by certified mail at the last-known address, for an
3 administrative hearing to contest such determination before the
4 Board may deny the application. The request shall be made by the
5 applicant within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the notice.

6 C. No license shall be suspended, revoked or placed on
7 probation until notice is served upon the licensed marital and
8 family therapist and a hearing is held in such manner as is required
9 by the Marital and Family Therapist Licensure Act.

10 D. Any person who is determined by the Board to have violated
11 any of the provisions of the Marital and Family Therapist Licensure
12 Act or any rule promulgated or order issued pursuant thereto may be
13 subject to an administrative penalty. The maximum fine shall not
14 exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). All administrative
15 penalties collected pursuant to the Marital and Family Therapist
16 Licensure Act shall be deposited into the Licensed Marital and
17 Family Therapist Revolving Fund. Administrative penalties imposed
18 pursuant to this subsection shall be enforceable in the district
19 courts of this state.

20 E. As used in this section:

21 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct
22 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the
23 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or
24 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

1 2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal
2 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat
3 of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability
4 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

5 SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1941, as
6 amended by Section 34, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2014,
7 Section 1941), is amended to read as follows:

8 Section 1941. A. The State Board of Behavioral Health
9 Licensure may deny, revoke, suspend, or place on probation any
10 license or specialty designation issued pursuant to the provisions
11 of the Licensed Behavioral Practitioner Act to a licensed behavioral
12 practitioner, if the person has:

13 1. Been convicted of a felony crime that substantially relates
14 to the practice of behavioral health or poses a reasonable threat to
15 public safety;

16 2. Been convicted of a misdemeanor ~~determined to be of such a~~
17 ~~nature as to render the person convicted unfit to practice~~
18 ~~behavioral health~~ involving moral turpitude;

19 3. Engaged in fraud or deceit in connection with services
20 rendered or in establishing needed qualifications pursuant to the
21 provisions of this act;

22 4. Knowingly aided or abetted a person not licensed pursuant to
23 these provisions in representing himself or herself as a licensed
24 behavioral practitioner in this state;

1 5. Engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by the rules
2 established by the Board;

3 6. Engaged in negligence or wrongful actions in the performance
4 of the licensee's duties; or

5 7. Misrepresented any information required in obtaining a
6 license.

7 B. If the Board determines that a felony conviction of an
8 applicant renders the convicted applicant unfit to practice
9 counseling, the Board shall provide notice and opportunity to the
10 applicant, by certified mail at the last-known address, for an
11 administrative hearing to contest such determination before the
12 Board may deny the application. The request shall be made by the
13 applicant within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the notice.

14 C. No license or specialty designation shall be suspended or
15 revoked, nor a licensed behavioral practitioner placed on probation,
16 until notice is served upon the licensed behavioral practitioner and
17 a hearing is held in conformity with Article II of the
18 Administrative Procedures Act.

19 D. As used in this section:

20 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct
21 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the
22 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or
23 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and
24

1 2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal
2 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat
3 of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability
4 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

5 SECTION 14. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

6 Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of March, 2015.

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Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2015.

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