

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

SENATE BILL NO. 321

BY: HOOPER

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS;

AMENDING SECTION 15, CHAPTER 145, O.S.L. 1985, AS
AMENDED BY SECTION 2, CHAPTER 92, O.S.L. 1986 (59
O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1915), WHICH RELATES TO
LICENSURE OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS; REQUIRING
CERTAIN INVESTIGATION AS A CONDITION OF LICENSURE;
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 15, Chapter 145, O.S.L.
1985, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 92, O.S.L. 1986 (59 O.S.
Supp. 1990, Section 1915), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1915. A. Until October 1, 1986, the Board, upon
receipt of applicant's proper application, completion of examination
and payment of fees, shall issue licenses to persons who prior to
September 1, 1986:

1. Have practiced full time as a professional counselor for at
least five (5) years and possess a master's degree with course work
concentrating in mental health counseling, community psychology,
psychology, guidance counseling or rehabilitative counseling from a
college or university accredited by an agency recognized by the
United States Department of Education or have practiced full time as

a professional counselor for at least two (2) years and possess a master's degree from a college or university accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education with at least forty-five (45) semester hours of graduate credit with course work concentrating in mental health counseling, community psychology, psychology, guidance counseling or rehabilitative counseling; and

2. Are currently practicing as a professional counselor; and

3. Otherwise comply with the licensure requirements of the Licensed Professional Counselors Act, Sections 1901 et seq. of this title.

B. The Commissioner shall consider experience of the applicant prior to application for licensure pursuant to the provisions of this section as a waiver of all or part of the supervised experience requirement required by paragraph 2 of subsection C of Section 1906 of this title.

C. The Commissioner shall require applicants for licensure pursuant to the provisions of this section to file a Statement of Professional Disclosure as provided by Section 1916 of this title.

D. The Commissioner shall further require applicants for licensure as drug or alcohol counselors to undergo a criminal history investigation conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, and to supply a copy of the results of said investigation to the Department as a condition of licensure.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1991.

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