

SHORT TITLE: Healing arts; clarifying language and updating designations; increasing minimum fine; effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

SENATE BILL NO. 306

By: Long

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to healing arts; amending 59 O.S.

1991, Sections 725.1, 725.2, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 168, O.S.L. 1993, and 725.3 (59 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 725.2), which relate to use of certain designations; clarifying language and updating designations; increasing minimum fine; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 725.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 725.1 Every person who writes or prints, or causes to be written or printed, his or her name (whether or not the word "Doctor", or an abbreviation thereof, is used in ~~connection~~ conjunction therewith) in any manner in connection with such person ~~in any manner~~ engaging in, or ~~in any manner~~ holding himself or herself out to the public as engaging in, any of the recognized branches of the healing ~~art~~ arts, as ~~defined set forth~~ in ~~59 O.S. 1991~~ Section ~~702~~ 725.2 of this title, must append to ~~his~~ the name so written or printed, in the same size letters as ~~his~~ the name, appropriate and ~~generally and~~ easily understood words or letters, which clearly show and indicate the branch of the healing ~~art~~ arts in which ~~he~~ the person is licensed to practice ~~and is engaged~~.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 725.2, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 168, O.S.L. 1993 (59 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 725.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 725.2 A. The following seven classes of persons may use the word "Doctor", or an abbreviation thereof, and shall have the right to use, whether or not in conjunction with the word "Doctor", or any abbreviation thereof, the following designations:

1. The letters "D.P.M." by a person licensed to practice ~~podiatry~~ podiatric medicine under Chapter 4 of this title;

2. The letters "D.C." by a person licensed to practice chiropractic under Chapter 5 of this title;

3. The letters "D.D.S." by a person licensed to practice dentistry under Chapter 7 of this title;

4. The letters "M.D." by a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery under Chapter 11 of this title;

5. The letters "O.D." by a person licensed to practice optometry under Chapter 13 of this title; and

6. The letters "D.O." by a person licensed to practice ~~osteopathy~~ osteopathic medicine under Chapter 14 of this title; and

7. The letters PhD., EdD. or PsyD. by a person licensed as a health service psychologist pursuant to the Psychologists Licensing Act.

B. Unless otherwise specifically provided in a particular section or chapter of the Oklahoma Statutes, the word "doctor" or "doctors" shall mean and include each of the seven classes of persons listed in subsection A of this section.

C. Unless otherwise specifically provided in a particular section or chapter of the Oklahoma Statutes, the word "physician" or "physicians" shall mean and include each of the classes of persons listed in paragraphs 1 through 6 of subsection A of this section. The term "physician" shall not include a person who is licensed as a health service psychologist pursuant to the Psychologists Licensing

Act unless such person is otherwise authorized to use such designation pursuant to this section.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 725.3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 725.3 Any person who ~~shall violate~~ violates the provisions of ~~this act~~ Section 725.1 or 725.2 of this title shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than ~~Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)~~ One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than five (5) days nor more than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day ~~this act is violated~~ of such violation shall constitute a separate and distinct offense ~~and shall be punishable as such.~~

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

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