

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1110

By: Stipe of the Senate
and
Gray of the House

[Licensed Behavioral Practitioner Act -
emergency]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 133, O.S.L.
1999 (59 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1933), is amended to read as
follows:

Section 1933. A. 1. There is hereby created the "Oklahoma
Licensed Behavioral Practitioners Advisory Board" whose duty shall
be to advise the State Department of Health on the provisions of the
Licensed Behavioral Practitioner Act, except as otherwise provided
by law.

2. The Advisory Board shall consist of seven (7) members who
shall be appointed by the State Commissioner of Health with the
advice and consent of the State Board of Health. Four members shall
be licensed behavioral practitioners, ~~one~~; provided, initial
behavioral practitioner appointees shall not be required to be
licensed under the Licensed Behavioral Practitioner Act before the
end of the first year that the license is available. One member
shall be a licensed mental health professional other than a licensed
behavioral practitioner, and two members shall be lay persons who
are not affiliated with any practice of behavioral health service
delivery or delivering of health or mental health services. The
Commissioner shall appoint successors for a four-year term.

3. All professional appointees shall be selected from a list of qualified candidates submitted by the Executive Board of the North American Association of Masters in Psychology acting in conjunction with the executive committees of all state professional behavioral health associations which represent a specialty recognized pursuant to the Licensed Behavioral Practitioner Act.

B. Vacancies occurring in the Advisory Board shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the Commissioner with the advice and consent of the State Board from a list of qualified candidates submitted within thirty (30) days of such vacancy by the Executive Board of the North American Association of Masters in Psychology acting in conjunction with the executive committees of all state professional behavioral health associations which represent a specialty recognized pursuant to the Licensed Behavioral Practitioner Act. Such appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after the candidates' names have been submitted if possible.

C. Any Advisory Board member may be removed by the Commissioner, after written notice, for incapacity, incompetence, neglect of duty, or misfeasance or malfeasance in office.

D. Members of the Advisory Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed their actual and necessary travel expenses as provided by the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

E. Advisory Board members shall be ineligible for reappointment for a period of three (3) years following completion of their term.

F. The Advisory Board shall hold at least four regular meetings each year. Meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Advisory Board may provide. The Advisory Board shall elect annually the following officers: A chair, a vice-chair, and a secretary. Four members of the Advisory Board shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 6th day of March, 2000.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives