

An Act relating to professions and occupations; creating the Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors Act; citing act; defining terms; prohibiting the infringement of the act upon the pursuits of specified professionals; prohibiting specified professionals from using certain title; construing act; creating the Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors; providing for composition of Board, qualifications of members, terms, vacancies, removal from office and reimbursement of members for travel expenses; providing for officers, terms of officers, meetings of the Board, quorums; powers and duties and compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; requiring certificate or license to practice as certified or licensed alcohol and drug counselor unless exempted by the act; providing procedures and qualifications for application for certificate or license to practice as a certified or licensed alcohol and drug counselor; allowing certain persons to be granted a certificate or a license subject to application to the Board prior to a specified date; requiring the successful passing of an examination for licensure or certification subsequent to specified date; providing procedures for examinations; stating prerequisites for certification or licensure; providing for expiration of initial certifications or licenses; allowing for annual renewal and stating criteria thereto; stating consequences of failure to renew certificate or license; stating conditions for allowing or prohibiting reinstatement of certificate or license; providing for confidentiality and providing exception; requiring certain rules comply with state and federal law; providing for certain unlawful acts; providing for application of subsection of law; providing for penalty; construing section of law; providing grounds for denial, revocation suspension or placing on probation any certificate or license; requiring notice; making certain persons subject to an administrative penalty, stating amount maximum of such penalty and providing for enforceability; requiring deposit of all administrative penalties into specified fund; requiring promulgation of specified rules by the Board; creating fund and providing procedures thereto; requiring specified fees be fixed by the Board and providing procedures thereto; limiting amount of fees; requiring fee accompany application for a replacement license; construing act; amending Section 1, Chapter 138, O.S.L. 2003(59 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 493.5), 59 O.S. 2001, Sections 1355, 1361, 1362.1, 1367, 1368, 1369 and 1370, which relate to special volunteer medical license, qualifications of examiners, code of ethics, health service psychologists, amount of fees, licenses, list of licensed psychologists and standards of conduct; modifying eligibility for recipients of special volunteer medical license; modifying reappointment provisions for members of the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists; allowing Board to take into account certain principles and codes of conduct; modifying criteria for certification as a health service psychologist; deleting language relating to certain fees; making certain language gender neutral; allowing the Board to set specified fee; modifying time in which certain list shall be published; clarifying language relating to certain acts and offenses; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.