

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 2517

By: Young, Blackwell and Nance
of the House

and

Fisher and Johnson
(Constance) of the Senate

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An Act relating to professions and occupations;
requiring state entities with oversight of
occupational licenses to establish certain
procedures; providing for nonapplicability to certain
boards; providing for codification; and providing an
effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4000 of Title 59, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. All state entities that are charged with oversight of
occupational licenses shall establish procedures by which
individuals who are convicted of a felony or misdemeanor where
substance abuse or mental illness is the underlying cause of the
crime, or plead guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or misdemeanor
where substance abuse or mental illness is the underlying cause of
the crime, may appeal to have an occupational license reinstated.

B. All state entities described in this section may consider
the length of time since the plea or conviction. Other items that
may be considered are education since the plea or conviction,
recovery status since the plea or conviction if the underlying crime

was alcohol- or drug-related, and the public safety of allowing an individual to return to the specific occupation.

C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to professional licensure boards that currently recognize and comply with the spirit and intent of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

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