

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2517

By: Young, Blackwell and Nance
of the House

and

Fisher of the Senate

(professions and occupations - state entities -
codification -

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.

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of March, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate