

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1931

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to healing arts; amending 59 O.S. 2001, Section 725.2, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 543, O.S.L. 2004 (59 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 725.2), which relates to uses of certain designations; restricting use of certain terms; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2001, Section 725.2, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 543, O.S.L. 2004 (59 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 725.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 725.2 A. The following nine 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 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;

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

7. The letters "Ph.D.", "Ed.D." or "Psy.D." by a person licensed as a health service psychologist pursuant to the Psychologists Licensing Act;

8. The letters "Ph.D.", "Ed.D." or other letters representing a doctoral degree by a person licensed as a speech and language pathologist pursuant to the Speech Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act and who has earned a doctoral degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning in the field of speech and language pathology; and

9. The letters "Ph.D.", "Ed.D." or other letters representing a doctoral degree by a person licensed as an audiologist pursuant to the Speech Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act and who has earned a doctoral degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning in the field of audiology.

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 nine 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 any person specified in paragraphs 7 through 9 of subsection A of this section unless such person is otherwise authorized to use such designation pursuant to this section.

D. The words "board certification" shall be used only by those classes of physicians listed in subsection C of this section upon demonstration to the licensing board for the physician that the physician has achieved board certification.

E. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a person licensed in this state to perform speech pathology or

audiology services is hereby designated to be a practitioner of the healing art for purposes of making a referral for speech pathology or audiology services pursuant to the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Amendment of 1997, Public Law 105-17, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

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