

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1897</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>FULLPCS2 (6789)</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Representative Cox</b>
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**Bill Summary**

Research Analyst: Marcia Goff

The measure establishes within the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision an Allied Professional Peer Assistance Program to rehabilitate allied medical professionals whose competency may be compromised due to drug or alcohol abuse. The bill directs the board to employ a program coordinator and provides that a portion of licensing fees be used to implement the assistance program. The bill also authorizes the executive director of the board to summarily suspend the license of an allopathic physician immediately upon learning that the physician is in violation of a board-ordered probation and assign a hearing date for the matter. The measure modifies the definition of “unprofessional conduct” to include failure to provide a proper and safe medical facility setting and qualified assistive personnel for a medical procedure and also adds personal conduct that may negatively affect patient care.

Finally, the measure authorizes the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision to issue a temporary license to practice orthotics and prosthetics to individuals who have met certain requirements but have not yet passed the licensure exam.

**Fiscal Summary**

Fiscal Analyst: Mark Newman

The FULLPCS2 for HB1897 contains new language creating the Allied Professional Peer Assistance Program to rehabilitate allied medical professionals whose competency is compromised by drug or alcohol abuse. This legislation also contains amendatory language to clarify the requirements of foreign applicants seeking a medical license from the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. The FULLPCS2 for HB 1897 also amends portions of the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act and the Orthotics and Prosthetics Practice Act by modifying the authority for suspension of a license, modifying the definition of unprofessional conduct, and adding the authority to issue a temporary license.

**Fiscal Analysis**

All funding for the implementation of the provisions of the FULLPCS2 for HB 1897 will come from license fees of the medical professional licensing boards involved. This legislation will have no fiscal impact on appropriated agencies or appropriated funds.

**Long Term Fiscal Considerations**

None

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