

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 SENATE BILL 645

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to occupational licensure; amending
8 Section 1, Chapter 196, O.S.L. 2006 (59 O.S. Supp.
9 2010, Section 4000), which relates to license
10 exemptions; expanding requirement of certain
11 licensing authorities to develop certain procedures
12 for certain purpose; including nonviolent offense;
13 adding items for license consideration; and declaring
14 an emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 196, O.S.L.
17 2006 (59 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 4000), is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 Section 4000. A. All state entities that are charged with
20 evaluating qualifications and providing oversight of occupational
21 licenses shall establish procedures by which individuals who are
22 convicted of or plead guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or
23 misdemeanor offense where substance abuse or mental illness is the
24 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,~~ or the offense is nonviolent may

1 appeal to the Board or other licensing authority to have an
2 occupational license reinstated.

3 B. All state entities described in this section may consider
4 the length of time since the plea or conviction together with the
5 type of license, occupation and employment history of the person
6 prior to the offense. Other items that may be considered are
7 education since the plea or conviction, recovery status since the
8 plea or conviction if the underlying crime was alcohol- or drug-
9 related, and the public safety of allowing an individual to return
10 to the specific occupation.

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

14 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
15 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
16 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
17 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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