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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to transferring the Construction Industries Board to the Department of Labor; establishing authority to transfer personnel, committees, records, contracts, obligations, equipment, funds and responsibilities; allowing classified employees to be transferred into unclassified service with consent; providing for classified employees to retain certain status and salary; allowing transferred employees to retain leave and benefits; directing the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to coordinate transfer of employees; transferring certain funds; prohibiting use of transferred funds or property for purposes unrelated to the alarm and locksmith industry; restricting the Construction Industries Board from entering into certain contracts without certain approval; providing for certain board and committee members to retain appointment; transferring licenses, registrations and certifications; directing the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to coordinate transfer of certain funds and financial obligations; directing transfer to become a division of the Department of Labor; providing for regulation of certain statutory acts; construing certain reference to authority; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1000.1), which relates to Short title; changing name of certain act; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.2, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 157, O.S.L. 2016 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1000.2), which relates to the Construction Industries Board; clarifying language; adding the Commissioner of Labor as ex officio member; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.3, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 332, O.S.L.

2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1000.3), which relates to Board meetings; modifying language; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.4, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1000.4), which relates to powers and duties; authorizing Board to recommend rules; directing the Department of Labor to promulgate certain rules upon certain consideration; directing certain Administrator to continue as Division Director; proscribing certain appeal authority; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.5, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2013 (59) O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1000.5), which relates to fees; providing for certain fee recommendations; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.5a, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1000.5a), which relates to license reciprocity; modifying language; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.5b, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1000.5b), which relates to temporary licenses; prohibiting certain temporary license until certain condition is meet; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.6, which relates to Construction Industries Administrator; changing position to Division Director; directing hire by Commissioner of Labor; providing for continuation of position upon transfer; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.9, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1000.9), which relates to compliance of rules; directing administrative fines to be paid to Department of Labor; allowing civil action to collect fines; requiring written notice prior to revocation for nonpayment of fines; creating the Construction Industries Division of the Department of Labor; providing for certain employees to be employees of the Department of Labor; providing for noncodification; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

23 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be

codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. All powers, duties, responsibilities, employees, records and equipment of the Construction Industries Board relating to the regulation of construction industries occupational and professional licenses, registrations and certifications including, but not limited to, The Plumbing License Law of 1955, the Oklahoma Inspector Act, the Electrical License Act, the Mechanical licensing Act, the Home Inspection Licensing Act, and the Roofing Contractor Registration Act, are hereby transferred and shall be placed under the authority of the Department of Labor and the Commissioner of Labor. To the extent practicable, this shall include all computer hardware and software used in regulating the functions listed in this subsection. The Commissioner of Labor and the Office of Management and Enterprise Services may contract for additional legal and administrative services as necessary to effectuate the transfer.

B. The Commissioner of Labor and the Construction Industries
Board may enter into an agreement for the transfer of personnel
exclusively related to the regulation of construction industries
under the authority of the Construction Industries Board into the
unclassified service under the direction of the Commissioner of
Labor. No employee shall be transferred from the Construction
Industries Board into the unclassified service under the direction
of the Commissioner of Labor except on the freely given written
consent of the employee. The classified employees exclusively
related to the regulation of construction industries under the

authority of the Construction Industries Board and under the Merit System of Personnel Administration who are not transferred into the unclassified service as provided herein shall retain the status in the class occupied by the employee on the effective date of the transfer as allocated by the Office Management and Enterprise Services. The salary of such employee shall not be reduced as a result of such position allocation. Employees who are transferred as provided herein shall not be required to accept a lesser grade or salary than that in effect on the effective date of this act. All employees shall retain leave, sick and annual time earned, and any retirement and longevity benefits which have accrued during their tenure in the classified service. The transfer of personnel shall be coordinated with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

C. All unexpended funds, property, furnishings, equipment, supplies, records, personnel and outstanding financial obligations and encumbrances relating to the designated transfer of the Construction Industries Board are hereby transferred to the Department of Labor for the continuing performance of duties relating to the Construction Industries Board. No funds, property, furnishings, equipment, supplies, records, or personnel may be expended or used for any purpose other than the performance of duties and responsibilities as directed and required in this act.

- D. All transferred contract personnel and any written contracts or agreements, or portions thereof, relating to any transferred personnel or any right, obligation, responsibility, duty or authority subject to the transfer specified in subsection A of this section shall remain in full force and effect upon transfer.
- E. The Construction Industries Board shall not enter into any contract or agreement relating to the regulation of construction industries extending beyond the effective date of the transfer without approval by the Commissioner of Labor and the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.
- F. All board and committee members affected by the transfer provided in subsection A of this section shall retain such selection, appointment, assignment and membership term as provided by law, or any amendments thereto.
- G. All licenses, registrations, certifications and accreditations subject to the transfer provided in subsection A of this section shall remain in full force and effect upon transfer of the Construction Industries Board to the Department of Labor.
- H. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services is hereby directed to coordinate the transfer of funds, allotments, purchase orders, and outstanding financial obligations and encumbrances relating to the Construction Industries Board subject to transfer pursuant to the provisions of this act.

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1 I. Upon transfer to the Department of Labor, the Construction 2 Industries Board, its employees, and its functions, duties and responsibilities shall become a Division of the Department of Labor 3 to be hereinafter called the Construction Industries Division of the 4 5 Department of Labor. The Board shall continue to regulate The Plumbing License Law of 1955, the Oklahoma Inspector Act, the 6 Electrical License Act, the Mechanical licensing Act, the Home 7 Inspection Licensing Act, and the Roofing Contractor Registration 9 Act, during and following transfer as provided in this act. 10 references in The Plumbing License Law of 1955, the Oklahoma 11 Inspector Act, the Electrical License Act, the Mechanical licensing 12 Act, the Home Inspection Licensing Act, and the Roofing Contractor 13 Registration Act to the Construction Industries Board or the Construction Industries Board Act, shall be construed to comply with 14 15 provisions of this act, except where to do so would clearly be contrary to the application of such provision. 16 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.1, as 17

amended by Section 1, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1000.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1000.1. Sections 1000.1 through 1000.9 of this title shall be known and may be cited as the "Construction Industries Board Act".

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SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.2, as
last amended by Section 1, Chapter 157, O.S.L. 2016 (59 O.S. Supp.

2017, Section 1000.2), is amended to read as follows:
Section 1000.2. A. The Construction Industries Board is hereby
re-created to continue until July 1, 2020, in accordance with the
provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law. The Board shall regulate the

o provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law. The Board shall regulate the

plumbing, electrical and mechanical trades, the building and

construction inspectors, and the roofing contractors through the

powers and duties set forth in the Construction Industries Board Act

and in the respective licensing or registration acts for such

trades, or as otherwise provided by law.

- B. 1. Beginning July 1, 2013 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary on the effective date of transfer as provided in Section 1 of this act, the Board shall continue as established prior to transfer. The Construction Industries Board shall be composed of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, as follows:
 - a. two members shall have at least ten (10) years' experience in the plumbing trade, of which one shall be a plumbing contractor and one shall be a journeyman plumber,
 - b. two members shall have at least ten (10) years' experience in the electrical trade, of which one shall

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be an electrical contractor and one shall be a journeyman electrician,

- c. two members shall have at least ten (10) years' experience in the mechanical trade, of which one shall be a mechanical contractor and one shall be a mechanical journeyman, and
- d. one member shall have at least ten (10) years'
 experience as a building and construction inspector;
 and
- e. the Commissioner of the Department of Labor, or designee, shall serve as a non-voting ex officio member beginning on the date of this act.
- 2. Members shall be appointed for staggered terms of four (4) years, as designated by the Governor. Members shall continue in office until a successor is appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall fill all vacancies and unexpired terms in the same manner as the original appointment of the member whose position is to be filled. A member may be removed by the Governor at any time.

 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.3, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1000.3), is amended to read as follows:
- Section 1000.3. A. 1. The Construction Industries Board shall organize on September 1 each year, by electing from among its members a chair and a vice-chair. The Board shall hold regularly

scheduled meetings at least once each quarter at a time and place determined by the Board and may hold special meetings, emergency meetings, or continued or reconvened meetings as found by the Board to be necessary. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

- 2. The chair shall preside at meetings of the Board, set the agenda, sign orders and other required documents, coordinate Board activities, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board Commissioner of Labor or authorized by law.
- 3. The vice-chair shall perform the duties of the chair during the absence or disability of the chair and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board, the Commissioner of Labor or authorized by law.
- 4. The Construction Industries Administrator, at the discretion of the Board Division Director of the Department of Labor shall:
 - a. keep a record of all proceedings of the Board and certify to actions of the Board,
 - b. oversee the receipt and deposit of all monies received by the $\frac{\text{Board}}{\text{Division}}$ in the appropriate revolving funds,
 - c. submit, at the first regular meeting of the Board

 after the end of each fiscal year, a full itemized

 report of the receipts and disbursements for the prior

 fiscal year, showing the amount of funds on hand, and

d. perform such other duties as are prescribed in the Construction Industries Board Act or as may be prescribed by the Board, Commissioner of Labor or required by law.

- B. The Board shall act in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, the Oklahoma Open Records Act, and the Administrative Procedures Act.
- C. All members of the Board and such employees as determined by the Board Commissioner of Labor shall be bonded as required by Sections 85.26 through 85.31 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- D. The liability of any <u>Board</u> member or employee of the Board acting within the scope of Board duties or employment <u>by the</u>

 <u>Department of Labor</u> shall be governed by The Governmental Tort

 Claims Act.
- E. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed by the Department of Labor for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.
- SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.4, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1000.4), is amended to read as follows:
- Section 1000.4. A. 1. Pursuant to and in compliance with

 Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act, the Construction

 Industries Board shall have the power to adopt, amend, repeal, and

promulgate recommend rules as may be necessary to regulate the

plumbing, electrical and mechanical trades, building and

construction inspectors and home inspectors. All rules recommended

by the Board and promulgated by the Board Department of Labor shall

be reviewed and approved as provided in subsection F of Section 308

of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Department of Labor shall

promulgate rules for the Construction Industries Division upon

consideration of the recommendations of the Board.

- 2. The Board shall have the power to enforce the provisions of the Construction Industries Board Act, The Plumbing License Law of 1955, the Oklahoma Inspectors Act, the Electrical License Act, the Mechanical Licensing Act, the Home Inspection Licensing Act, and the Roofing Contractor Registration Act, as provided in the respective acts or as authorized by law.
- B. The Board shall have the following powers:

- 1. Exercise all incidental powers and duties which are necessary to effectuate the provisions of The Plumbing License Law of 1955, the Oklahoma Inspectors Act, the Electrical License Act, the Mechanical Licensing Act, and the Home Inspection Licensing Act;
- 2. Serve as a code variance and appeals board for the trades and industries it regulates which do not have statutory code variance and appeals boards;
- 3. Order or subpoena the attendance of witnesses, the inspection of records and premises, and the production of relevant

books and papers for the investigation of matters that may come before the Board through the Department of Labor;

- 4. Initiate disciplinary proceedings, request prosecution of and initiate injunctive proceedings against any person who violates any of the provisions of the Plumbing License Law of 1955, the Oklahoma Inspectors Act, the Electrical License Act, the Mechanical Licensing Act, and the Home Inspection Licensing Act, and the Roofing Contractor Registration Act;
- 5. Maintain Be supported by an administrative staff assigned by the Department of Labor including, but not limited to, a

 Construction Industries Administrator Division Director whose appointment shall be made as provided in Section 1000.6 of this title. The current acting Administrator of the Construction

 Industries Board shall continue to act in such position upon transfer to the Department of Labor as the Division Director;
- 6. Establish Recommend and levy administrative fines for violations of law or rule in the trades and industries the Board licenses or regulates or against any person or entity denying the Department of Labor, Board or its representatives access to a job site for purposes of enforcing any of the provisions of the Plumbing License Law of 1955, the Oklahoma Inspectors Act, the Electrical License Act, and the Mechanical Licensing Act, or the Roofing Contractor Registration Act; provided, however, the Board is not authorized to inspect or issue administrative violations or fines

for public utilities, public service corporations, intrastate gas pipeline companies, gas gathering pipeline companies, gas processing companies, rural electric associations, municipal utilities or their subsidiaries, chemical plants, gas processing plants or petroleum refineries where the entity uses their employees or contractors to work on their own facilities or equipment;

- 7. Direct such other Request expenditures as may be necessary in the performance of its duties including, but not limited to, expenditures for office space, equipment, furnishings and contracts for legal services. All expenditures shall be made pursuant to the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act upon approval of the Commissioner of Labor; and
- 8. Enforce provisions of the plumbing, electrical and mechanical codes as adopted by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission pursuant to the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Act.
- C. The Board Department of Labor shall account for all receipts and expenditures of the monies of by the Board and the Construction Industries Division, including annually preparing and publishing a statement of receipts and expenditures of by the Board for each fiscal year. The Board's annual statement of receipts and expenditures required by this subsection shall be audited by the State Auditor and Inspector or an independent accounting firm in accordance with the provisions of subsection B of Section 212 of

Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and the audit report shall be certified to the Governor of this state to be true and correct, under oath, by the chair and vice-chair of the Board. A copy of such certified report shall be delivered to the chairs of the respective Senate and House of Representatives Committees having authority over matters relating to business, labor and construction industry licensing or regulation not later than February 1 each year.

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D. The Board Construction Industries Division shall account for all fines, penalties and fees assessed and collected pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act or any rule promulgated for regulation of any industry and trade under the authority of the Construction Industries Board or the Construction Industries Division of the Department of Labor. All fines, penalties and fees assessed for any violation of law or rule shall be automatically reviewed and brought before the entire Board for consideration and vote not later than the last day of the monthly quarter in which it was imposed. Director of the Construction Industries Administrator Division shall present to the Board a written recommendation and summary for each case in which an assessment of a fine, penalty or fee was imposed after administrative proceedings. The Board shall consider the recommendations for each case at the next meeting date and at such meeting shall either vote to affirm the recommendations or vote to deny the recommendations and remand the case for further

administrative hearing, with or without instructions. No

administrative case shall be delayed or continued by the Board after

being placed on an agenda for final Board review, except with the

consent of all parties. The licensee or persons affected by the

imposition of an administrative fine, penalty or fee on final review

by the Board shall have all rights of appeal preserved pursuant to

the Administrative Procedures Act until final action by the Board.

- E. The Construction Industries Board shall hear all appeals timely made from an administrative ruling relating to an industry and trade regulated by the Board; however, this appeal authority shall not be in addition to the appeal process authorized by the Administrative Procedures Act. Any ruling by the Board from an administrative hearing may be further appealed to the district court of Oklahoma County. The district court, upon conclusion of an appeal from a Board ruling, shall be authorized to award reasonable legal fees to the prevailing party.
- F. The Department of Labor and the Commissioner of Labor shall not have appeal authority from any administrative ruling of the

 Board relating to an industry or trade regulated by the Board.

 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.5, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1000.5), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1000.5. A. The Construction Industries Board <u>may</u> recommend a system of fees to the Department of Labor who may

establish a system of fees by rule to be charged for the application for licenses, for the issuance and renewal of licenses and permits, for administration of examinations, for formal project reviews and dishonored checks under the Board's authority. This provision is subject to the following limitations:

- 1. No schedule of fees may be established or amended by the Board except during such times as the Legislature is in session; provided, the Board Department of Labor may establish or amend a schedule of fees at a time when the Legislature is not in session if the fees or schedule of fees has been specifically authorized by the Legislature pursuant to paragraph 2 of this subsection. The Board Department must follow the procedures required by Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act for adoption of rules in establishing or amending any such schedule of fees; and
- 2. The Board Construction Industries Division of the Department of Labor shall charge fees only within the following ranges, except as may be otherwise specified in this section or another provision of law.

For application for license not to exceed \$30.00

20 For administration of license

21 examinations: not to exceed \$200.00

For license or permit issuance: not to exceed \$300.00

For license or permit renewal: not to exceed \$200.00

1 For formal project review for code conformance: 2 not to exceed \$200.00 3 For permit issuance for the use of alternative materials or 4 5 methods: not to exceed \$50.00 For dishonored checks: not to exceed amount 6 7 pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 9 1121 of Title 47 of the 10 Oklahoma Statutes.

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- B. The Board Construction Industries Division shall base its schedule of fees upon the reasonable costs of review and inspection services rendered in connection with each license, permit, or review, but shall be within the ranges specified in paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section, except as otherwise specified in this section or provided by law. The Board shall establish a system of training for all personnel who render review and inspection services in order to assure uniform statewide application of rules. The Board Department of Labor shall include the reasonable costs associated with such training in the fees provided for in this section.
- C. The Board Construction Industries Division may exempt by rule any class of licensee or permittee from the requirements of the fee schedule if the Board determines that the creation of such a

1 schedule for any such class would create an unreasonable economic
2 hardship.

- D. All fee changes adopted by the Board rule shall be reviewed and approved as provided in subsection F of Section 308 of Title 75 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- E. Unless otherwise provided, licenses and permits issued by the Construction Industries Board Division shall be for a one-year period.
- F. When, at the time of application or renewal of any license or registration, payment is made by check for fees and the check is not paid by the bank on which drawn for any reason, such license or registration issued at that time shall be invalid. In all such cases, the license or registration shall be subject to the license or registration fees and penalties provided in subsection A of this section and treated as though no attempt to apply for or renew a license or registration had been made. The Board Construction Industries Division may charge and collect from the licensee, registrant or other obligor of fees or fines, a fee for each return by a bank or other depository institution of a dishonored check, negotiable order of withdrawal or share draft issued by the licensee, registrant or other obligor.
- 22 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.5a, as
 23 amended by Section 6, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017,
 24 Section 1000.5a), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1000.5a. A. Except as otherwise provided by law, by way of reciprocity and without examination, an application for any license issued by any committee or board under the authority of the Construction Industries Board to engage in any work or trade in this state subject to the Board's regulatory authority may be made to the Board or Construction Industries Division Director in writing on a form and in a manner prescribed by the Board Department of Labor. The application shall be accompanied by a fee pursuant to Section 1000.5 of this title, which shall not be refundable under any circumstances. If the application is disapproved by the Board or Division Director, it shall be returned to the applicant with the reason for its disapproval stated thereon.

- B. The Board may, in its discretion, issue a license by reciprocity to an applicant who is currently licensed to practice an applicable trade in another state, country, territory, province or city outside of the State of Oklahoma, upon a satisfactory showing of the following:
- 1. That the requirements for licensure in the city, state, country, territory or province in which the applicant is licensed are deemed by the Board to be substantially the same or equivalent to the requirements for obtaining an original license by examination in force in this state at the date of such license;
- 2. That one (1) year immediately prior to the date of payment of the required fee the applicant lawfully practiced an applicable

trade within and under the laws of city, state, country, territory
or province pursuant to a license issued thereby authorizing such
practice;

- 3. That no disciplinary matters are pending against the applicant in any city, state, country, territory or province, and relating to the applicable trade in which the applicant seeks reciprocity;
- 4. That the license being reciprocated was obtained by examination in the city, state, country, territory or province wherein it was issued; and
- 5. That the applicant meets all other requirements of the Construction Industries Board Act, including payment of the applicable license fee.
- SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.5b, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1000.5b), is amended to read as follows:
 - Section 1000.5b. A. The Construction Industries Board or the Construction Industries Division shall offer examinations for temporary journeyman plumber, temporary journeyman electrician, and temporary mechanical journeyman at least once every thirty (30) days following a declaration by the Governor of this state of a state of emergency in response to a disaster involving the destruction of dwelling units and shall continue do so for at least six (6) months following the declaration.

B. The temporary journeyman examinations shall be neither less stringent nor more stringent than examinations for regular journeyman licenses in this state.

- C. No applicant for any temporary journeyman license shall be allowed more than one opportunity to take the temporary journeyman examination.
- D. No temporary journeyman license shall be extended or renewed. Upon expiration of the temporary journeyman license, the license holder shall be ineligible to work as a journeyman in this state unless qualified under other provisions of law.
- E. The temporary license shall be distinguishable from the regularly issued license.
- F. The Construction Industries Board shall not approve and the Construction Industries Division shall not issue a temporary license until the person demonstrates compliance with the requirements of Section 1701 et seq. of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- 17 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.6, is 18 amended to read as follows:
- Section 1000.6. A. No later than January 1, 2002, and
 thereafter, each Each time the position of Construction Industries

 Division Director becomes vacant, the Construction Industries Board
 Commissioner of Labor shall hire a Construction Industries
 Administrator. The Construction Industries Board may, upon a

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majority vote, terminate the employment of the Construction

Industries Administrator Director.
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- B. The Construction Industries Administrator Division Director shall assist the Construction Industries Board in the performance of its duties and shall report directly to the Board Commissioner of Labor. During and following transfer of the Construction Industries Board as provided in Section 1 of this act, the current acting Administrator shall become the Construction Industries Division Director in the Department of Labor.
- SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1000.9, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 2013 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1000.9), is amended to read as follows:
- Section 1000.9. A. In addition to any other remedies provided for by law, the Construction Industries Board or the Commissioner of Labor may issue a written order to any person or entity whom the Board has reason to believe is in violation of, or has violated, any law which the Board has authority to enforce or the standards or rules promulgated by the Board Department of Labor, and to whom the Board has served, no less than fifteen (15) days previously, a written notice of violation. The fifteen-day notice period may be reduced as, in the opinion of the Board, may be necessary to render the order reasonably effectual.
- B. The written order may require immediate compliance with the law or the standards or rules promulgated by the Board Department of

<u>Labor</u>, or within a specified time period, or both. The order may also assess an administrative fine for each day or part of a day that such person fails to comply with the order.

- C. Any order issued pursuant to this section shall state with specificity the nature of the violation. Any penalty assessed in the order shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per day of noncompliance with the order. In assessing such penalty, the Board shall consider the seriousness of the violation and any efforts to comply with applicable requirements.
- D. Any order issued pursuant to the provisions of this section shall become a final order unless, no later than fifteen (15) days after the order is served, the person or persons named therein request an administrative hearing. Upon such request, the Board shall promptly conduct a hearing. The Board may dismiss such proceedings when compliance with the order is demonstrated and all assessed fines, whether negotiated or not, are paid. A final order following a hearing determining a violation occurred shall assess an administrative fine based upon consideration of the evidence and as allowed by law or rule.
- E. Such orders and hearings are subject to the Administrative Procedures Act.
- F. All administrative fines shall be paid to the Construction

 Industries Division of the Department of Labor. The Department of

 Labor is authorized to commence civil action to collect an unpaid

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    administrative fine or to revoke a license or deny an application
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    is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
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    Construction Industries Division upon the transfer of the employees,
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    effective date of this act as provided in Section 1 of this act.
    All employees shall be deemed employees of the Department of Labor
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    and all salaries, benefits and operating expenses of the Division
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    Law of 1955, the Oklahoma Inspector Act, the Electrical License Act,
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    the Mechanical licensing Act, the Home Inspection Licensing Act, and
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    the Roofing Contractor Registration Act as determined by the
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    Commissioner of Labor.
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        SECTION 12. This act shall become effective January 1, 2019.
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