

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1725

By: Pugh of the Senate

3 and

4 Osburn of the House

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6 [ Occupational Licensing Review Act - Advisory  
7 Commission - sunset date - effective date -  
8 emergency ]

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

10 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2021, Section 800.1, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 800.1. There is hereby created the Occupational  
13 Licensing Advisory Commission.

14 The Commission shall consist of twelve (12) members to be  
15 appointed and serve as follows:

16 1. The Commissioner of Labor shall serve coterminous with his  
17 or her office;

18 2. Two members of the House of Representatives shall be  
19 appointed by the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives.  
20 Each member shall serve an initial term of three (3) years;

21 3. One member of the House of Representatives shall be  
22 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives,  
23 who shall serve an initial term of two (2) years;

1        4. Two members of the Senate shall be appointed by the Majority  
2 Leader of the Senate. Each member shall serve an initial term of  
3 three (3) years;

4        5. One member of the Senate shall be appointed by the Minority  
5 Leader of the Senate, who shall serve an initial term of two (2)  
6 years;

7        6. The Chief Information Officer of the Office of Management  
8 and Enterprise Services shall serve coterminous with his or her  
9 position;

10       7. Three members shall be appointed by the Governor, who shall  
11 represent an occupation or profession licensed in the state, and who  
12 shall each serve an initial term of one year. One appointee shall  
13 be a member of the medical community, which may include but is not  
14 limited to a licensed physician, pharmacist or psychologist. One  
15 appointee shall be a member of a trade profession, which may include  
16 but is not limited to a licensed alarm or locksmith professional or  
17 electrician. One appointee shall be a member of the business  
18 community, which may include but is not limited to a licensed public  
19 accountant or member of the real estate industry; and

20       8. One member shall be appointed by the Governor who shall  
21 represent a not-for-profit organization that advocates for low-  
22 income persons or disadvantaged persons and who shall serve an  
23 initial term of one year.

1       The Commission shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act  
2 and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

3       During membership on the Commission, no appointed member shall  
4 serve on any board, agency, committee or commission that regulates  
5 or governs the occupation or profession such member is appointed to  
6 represent.

7       Members shall serve staggered three-year terms, except for the  
8 initial term of office. Upon the expiration of a member's term of  
9 office, such member may be reappointed. No member shall serve more  
10 than two consecutive full three-year terms. Any member vacancy  
11 shall be filled in the same manner by the appointing authority for  
12 the unexpired term. A member may be removed by either the  
13 appointing authority or a majority of the Commission members for  
14 failure to attend meetings or for cause.

15       The Commissioner of Labor, or his or her designee, shall chair  
16 each meeting. The Department of Labor shall provide staff and  
17 administrative support to the Commission.

18       Seven members shall constitute a quorum for purposes of  
19 conducting the business of the Commission. Meetings shall be called  
20 by the chair and may be held by electronic media or in any location  
21 deemed appropriate by the chair.

22       The purpose of the Commission is to conduct a review of each  
23 occupational or professional licensing act in this state not less  
24 than once every four (4) years and make recommendations to the

1 Legislature. The first meeting of the Commission shall be held  
2 before September 30, 2018, to develop a four-year schedule showing  
3 when each licensing act will be reviewed. Any new licensing act or  
4 new category of license enacted by the Legislature for regulation by  
5 an existing licensing board, agency or commission shall be added to  
6 the four-year schedule and shall be initially reviewed within ninety  
7 (90) days of enactment.

8 Annually the Commission shall hold at least one public meeting  
9 to present its findings on any occupational or professional license  
10 it has reviewed. At the public meeting, the Commission shall allow  
11 public comments, make recommendations, and may vote whether to  
12 recommend to the Legislature that such license be maintained,  
13 modified, or repealed. The results of any public meeting held for  
14 the purpose of making legislative recommendations shall be provided  
15 in a written report to the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the  
16 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives prior to the  
17 legislative deadline set for requesting legislation for the upcoming  
18 legislative session. The report shall be made available on the  
19 Department of Labor's website for public inspection.

20 9. The provisions of this section shall cease to have the force  
21 and effect of law and the Commission shall be dissolved by operation  
22 of law on December 31, 2022.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.  
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SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 23rd day of March, 2022.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2022.

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of Representatives