

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 597

By: Newhouse of the Senate

3 and

4 Hasenbeck of the House

5  
6 An Act relating to the State Board of Medical  
7 Licensure and Supervision; amending 59 O.S. 2021,  
8 Section 481, which relates to membership of the  
9 Board; allowing graduates of certain foreign medical  
10 schools to serve on the Board; allowing retired  
11 physicians to serve on the Board under certain  
12 condition; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 482, which  
13 relates to appointment to the Board; limiting certain  
14 restriction on appointment; amending 59 O.S. 2021,  
15 Section 509.1, which relates to disciplinary actions;  
16 making letters of concern privileged; requiring Board  
17 to keep certain information confidential and  
18 privileged; permitting information to be offered in  
19 certain proceedings; providing certain exclusions  
20 from specified law and proceedings; authorizing  
21 certain provision of information under specified  
22 conditions; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 503.2,  
23 which relates to administrative remedies for licensee  
24 violations; specifying applicability of remedies;  
amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 536.8, which relates  
to Registered Electrologists; eliminating certain  
requirements for licensees and county clerks; making  
language gender neutral; amending 59 O.S. 2021,  
Sections 2030 and 3203, which relate to duties of the  
Board; excluding social security number from certain  
information sharing requirements; establishing  
Anesthesiologist Assistants Advisory Committee;  
providing for appointment of members, expiration of  
terms, and filling of vacancies; prohibiting and  
requiring certain compensation; stating powers and  
duties; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 4000.1, as  
amended by Section 1, Chapter 279, O.S.L. 2022 (59  
O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 4000.1), which relates to  
grounds for denial of a license or certification to  
practice an occupation; modifying applicability of  
section; updating statutory language; providing for  
codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 481, is amended to read as follows:

Section 481. A. A State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision hereinafter referred to as the "Board", is hereby re-created, to continue until July 1, 2024, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law. The Board shall be composed of seven (7) allopathic physicians licensed to practice medicine in this state and represent the public and four (4) lay members.

B. The physician members of the Board shall be graduates of legally chartered medical schools recognized by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education or the Liaison ~~Council~~ Committee on Medical Education or foreign medical schools recognized by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. The physician members shall ~~have~~ :

1. Be currently licensed physicians who have actively practiced as licensed physicians continuously in this state for the three (3) years immediately preceding their appointment to the Board; or

2. Be retired physicians; provided, that such physicians must demonstrate satisfactorily to the Board that since retirement they have remained in compliance with, and are currently in compliance with, continuing medical education requirements of the Board.

1        C. All members of the Board shall be residents of this state  
2 and shall be appointed by the Governor as provided for in Section  
3 482 of this title. All present members of the Board shall continue  
4 to serve for the remainder of their current terms.

5        SECTION 2.        AMENDATORY        59 O.S. 2021, Section 482, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7        Section 482. Physician members of the State Board of Medical  
8 Licensure and Supervision shall be appointed for terms of seven (7)  
9 years. The lay members of the Board shall serve terms coterminous  
10 with that of the Governor and until a qualified successor has been  
11 duly appointed and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. No  
12 member shall be appointed to serve more than two complete  
13 consecutive terms. Each physician member shall hold office until  
14 the expiration of the term for which appointed or until a qualified  
15 successor has been duly appointed. An appointment shall be made by  
16 the Governor within ninety (90) days after the expiration of the  
17 term of any member or the occurrence of a vacancy on the Board due  
18 to resignation, death, or any cause resulting in an unexpired term.  
19 The appointment of allopathic physicians shall be made from a list  
20 of three names submitted to the Governor by the Oklahoma State  
21 Medical Association. The Association may submit names of members or  
22 nonmembers of the Association. No member of the Board shall be a  
23 stockholder in ~~or full-time salaried or full-time geographic member~~  
24 ~~of the faculty or board of trustees of~~ any medical school.

1       SECTION 3.       AMENDATORY       59 O.S. 2021, Section 509.1, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       Section 509.1. A. RANGE OF ACTIONS: The State Board of  
4 Medical Licensure and Supervision may impose disciplinary actions in  
5 accordance with the severity of violation of the Oklahoma Allopathic  
6 Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act. Disciplinary  
7 actions may include, but are not limited to the following:

8       1. Revocation of the medical license with or without the right  
9 to reapply;

10       2. Suspension of the medical license;

11       3. Probation;

12       4. Stipulations, limitations, restrictions, and conditions  
13 relating to practice;

14       5. Censure, including specific redress, if appropriate;

15       6. Reprimand;

16       7. A period of free public or charity service;

17       8. Satisfactory completion of an educational, training, and/or  
18 treatment program or programs; and

19       9. Administrative fines of up to Five Thousand Dollars  
20 (\$5,000.00) per violation.

21 Provided, as a condition of disciplinary action sanctions, the Board  
22 may impose as a condition of any disciplinary action, the payment of  
23 costs expended by the Board for any legal fees and costs and  
24 probation and monitoring fees including, but not limited to, staff

1 time, salary and travel expense, witness fees and attorney fees.  
2 The Board may take such actions singly or in combination as the  
3 nature of the violation requires.

4 B. LETTER OF CONCERN: The Board may authorize the secretary to  
5 issue a confidential and privileged letter of concern to a licensee  
6 when evidence does not warrant formal proceedings, but the secretary  
7 has noted indications of possible errant conduct that could lead to  
8 serious consequences and formal action. The letter of concern may  
9 contain, at the secretary's discretion, clarifying information from  
10 the licensee.

11 C. EXAMINATION/EVALUATION: The Board may, upon reasonable  
12 cause, require professional competency, physical, mental, or  
13 chemical dependency examinations of any licensee, including  
14 withdrawal and laboratory examination of body fluids.

15 D. DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST LICENSEES:

16 1. The Board shall promulgate rules describing acts of  
17 unprofessional or unethical conduct by physicians pursuant to the  
18 Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision  
19 Act; and

20 2. Grounds for Action: The Board may take disciplinary action  
21 for unprofessional or unethical conduct as deemed appropriate based  
22 upon the merits of each case and as set out by rule. The Board  
23 shall not revoke the license of a person otherwise qualified to  
24 practice allopathic medicine within the meaning of the Oklahoma

1 Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act solely  
2 because the person's practice or a therapy is experimental or  
3 nontraditional.

4 Reports of all disciplinary action provided for in this section  
5 will be available to the public upon request. Investigative files  
6 shall remain confidential and privileged. The Board, its employees,  
7 or other agents of the Board shall keep confidential and privileged  
8 all information that initiated, was obtained during, or is related  
9 to an investigation into possible violations of any and all acts  
10 governing any and all professional licensees under the legislative  
11 jurisdiction of the State Board of Medical Licensure and  
12 Supervision. However, such information may be offered by the state  
13 in administrative proceedings before the Board and if admitted the  
14 information then becomes a public record. Unless admitted into  
15 administrative proceedings, the information shall not be deemed to  
16 be a record as that term is defined in the Oklahoma Open Records  
17 Act, nor shall the information be subject to subpoena or discovery  
18 in any civil or criminal proceedings, except that the Board may give  
19 such information to law enforcement and other state agencies as  
20 necessary and appropriate in the discharge of the duties of that  
21 agency and only under circumstances that ensure against unauthorized  
22 access to the information.

23 E. SURRENDER IN LIEU OF PROSECUTION:  
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1        1. The Board may accept a surrender of license from a licensee  
2 who has engaged in unprofessional conduct in lieu of Board staff  
3 prosecuting a pending disciplinary action or filing formal  
4 disciplinary proceedings only as provided in this section. To  
5 effect such a surrender, the licensee must submit a sworn statement  
6 to the Board:

7            a. expressing the licensee's desire to surrender the  
8 license,

9            b. acknowledging that the surrender is freely and  
10 voluntarily made, that the licensee has not been  
11 subjected to coercion or duress, and that the licensee  
12 is fully aware of the consequences of the license  
13 surrender,

14           c. stating that the licensee is the subject of an  
15 investigation or proceeding by the Board or a law  
16 enforcement or other regulatory agency involving  
17 allegations which, if proven, would constitute grounds  
18 for disciplinary action by the Board, and

19           d. specifically admitting to and describing the  
20 misconduct.

21        2. The sworn written statement must be submitted with the  
22 licensee's wallet card and wall certificate. The Secretary or  
23 Executive Director of the Board may accept the sworn statement,  
24 wallet card and wall certificate from a licensee pending formal

1 acceptance by the Board. The issuance of a complaint and citation  
2 by the Board shall not be necessary for the Board to accept a  
3 surrender under this subsection. A surrender under this subsection  
4 shall be considered disciplinary action by the Board in all cases,  
5 even in cases where surrender occurs prior to the issuance of a  
6 formal complaint and citation, and shall be reported as disciplinary  
7 action by the Board to the public and any other entity to whom the  
8 Board regularly reports disciplinary actions.

9 3. As a condition to acceptance of the surrender, the Board may  
10 require the licensee to pay the costs expended by the Board for any  
11 legal fees and costs and any investigation, probation and monitoring  
12 fees including, but not limited to, staff time, salary and travel  
13 expense, witness fees and attorney fees.

14 4. The licensee whose surrender in lieu of prosecution is  
15 accepted by the Board shall be ineligible to reapply for  
16 reinstatement of his or her license for at least one (1) year from  
17 the date of the accepted surrender.

18 F. ALL LICENSED PROFESSIONALS: All disciplinary actions  
19 defined in this section are applicable to any and all professional  
20 licensees under the legislative jurisdiction of the State Board of  
21 Medical Licensure and Supervision.

22 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 503.2, is  
23 amended to read as follows:  
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1       Section 503.2. A. The State Board of Medical Licensure and  
2 Supervision may promulgate rules to create administrative remedies  
3 for licensee violations of statutory or regulatory prescribed  
4 unprofessional conduct.

5       B. The Board is authorized to prescribe by rule administrative  
6 remedies, disciplinary actions and administrative procedures to  
7 provide remedies and disciplinary actions for licensee violations of  
8 statutory or regulatory prescribed unprofessional conduct, to  
9 include fines up to the limits otherwise prescribed by statute or  
10 rule.

11       C. Any such administrative action rules promulgated by the  
12 Board shall provide procedure:

13       1. For the licensee to contest or dispute any administrative  
14 action;

15       2. For procedures for resolution of any such contest or  
16 dispute; and

17       3. For appropriate protection of private information consistent  
18 with state and federal law.

19       D. ALL LICENSED PROFESSIONALS: All administrative remedies  
20 defined in this section are applicable to any and all professional  
21 licensees under the legislative jurisdiction of the State Board of  
22 Medical Licensure and Supervision.

23       SECTION 5.       AMENDATORY       59 O.S. 2021, Section 536.8, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1       Section 536.8. ~~A. Every person who is licensed pursuant to the~~  
2 ~~provisions of the Registered Electrologist Act and who is licensed~~  
3 ~~to practice electrolysis in this state shall register the license~~  
4 ~~with the county clerk of the county in which said person has legal~~  
5 ~~residence. The county clerk to whom such license is presented shall~~  
6 ~~register the name and address of the person designated in the~~  
7 ~~license, together with the date and the number inscribed thereon,~~  
8 ~~which record shall be open to the public, and shall file with the~~  
9 ~~Board annually, during the month of February, a notice of the record~~  
10 ~~so made.~~

11       ~~B.~~ Every person who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of  
12 the Registered Electrologist Act to practice electrolysis in this  
13 state shall keep ~~said~~ the license displayed in his place of business  
14 as long as he or she is engaged in the practice of electrolysis.  
15 The receipt for the annual renewal of license shall be kept at such  
16 person's place of business and shall be shown to any person  
17 requesting to see the same. The licensee shall keep the Board  
18 informed of his or her current address. A license issued by the  
19 Board is the property of the Board and shall be surrendered on  
20 demand of the Board.

21       SECTION 6.       AMENDATORY       59 O.S. 2021, Section 2030, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23       Section 2030. The State Board of Medical Licensure and  
24 Supervision shall:

- 1        1. Examine, license and renew the licenses of duly qualified  
2 applicants;
- 3        2. Maintain an up-to-date list of every person licensed to  
4 practice respiratory care pursuant to the Respiratory Care Practice  
5 Act. The list shall show the licensee's last-known place of  
6 employment, last-known place of residence, and the date and number  
7 of the license;
- 8        3. Cause the prosecution of all persons violating the  
9 Respiratory Care Practice Act and incur necessary expenses therefor;
- 10       4. Keep a record of all proceedings of the Board and make such  
11 record available to the public for inspection during reasonable  
12 business hours;
- 13       5. Conduct hearings upon charges calling for discipline of a  
14 licensee, or denial, revocation or suspension of a license; and
- 15       6. Share information on a case-by-case basis of any person  
16 whose license has been suspended, revoked or denied. This  
17 information shall include the name, ~~social security number~~, type and  
18 cause of action, date and penalty incurred, and the length of  
19 penalty. This information shall be available for public inspection  
20 during reasonable business hours and shall be supplied to similar  
21 boards in other states upon request.

22       SECTION 7.       AMENDATORY       59 O.S. 2021, Section 3203, is  
23 amended to read as follows:  
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1       Section 3203. The State Board of Medical Licensure and  
2 Supervision shall:

3       1. Examine, license and renew the licenses of duly qualified  
4 applicants;

5       2. Maintain an up-to-date list of every person licensed to  
6 practice pursuant to the Oklahoma Anesthesiologist Assistant Act.  
7 The list shall show the licensee's last-known place of employment,  
8 last-known place of residence, and the date and number of the  
9 license;

10       3. Cause the prosecution of all persons violating the Oklahoma  
11 Anesthesiologist Assistant Act and incur necessary expenses  
12 therefor;

13       4. Keep a record of all proceedings of the Board and make such  
14 record available to the public for inspection during reasonable  
15 business hours;

16       5. Conduct hearings upon charges calling for discipline of a  
17 licensee, or denial, revocation or suspension of a license; and

18       6. Share information on a case-by-case basis of any person  
19 whose license has been suspended, revoked or denied. The  
20 information shall include the name, ~~social security number~~, type and  
21 cause of action, date and penalty incurred, and the length of  
22 penalty. The information shall be available for public inspection  
23 during reasonable business hours and shall be supplied to similar  
24 boards in other states upon request.

SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3209 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby established the Anesthesiologist Assistants Advisory Committee to advise the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision on matters pertaining to the licensure, education, and continuing education of licensed anesthesiologist assistants and the practice of anesthesiologist assistants.

B. The Board shall appoint five (5) members to the Anesthesiologist Assistants Advisory Committee as follows:

1. Three members shall be qualified physicians who have been actively practicing anesthesiology in this state for at least five (5) years; and

2. Two members shall be licensed anesthesiologist assistants who have been actively practicing as an anesthesiologist assistant in this state for at least three (3) years.

C. The physician members of the Committee shall be appointed for staggered terms of one (1), two (2), and three (3) years, respectively.

D. Terms of office of each appointed member shall expire July 1 of that year in which they expire regardless of the calendar date when such appointments were made. Subsequent appointments shall be made for a term of three (3) years or until successors are appointed and qualified.

1 E. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board in the same manner as  
2 the original appointment.

3 F. Members of the Committee shall serve without compensation,  
4 except that members shall be reimbursed for necessary travel  
5 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance  
6 with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

7 G. The Committee shall have the power and duty to:

8 1. Meet at least twice a year or as otherwise called by the  
9 Board; and

10 2. Advise the Board on matters pertaining to the licensure,  
11 education, and continuing education requirements for and the  
12 practice of anesthesiologist assistants in this state.

13 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 4000.1, as  
14 amended by Section 1, Chapter 279, O.S.L. 2022 (59 O.S. Supp. 2022,  
15 Section 4000.1), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 4000.1. A. As used in this section:

17 1. "Substantially relate" means the nature of the criminal  
18 conduct for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on  
19 the fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or  
20 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

21 2. "Pose a reasonable threat" means the nature of the criminal  
22 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat  
23 of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability  
24 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

1       B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a conviction,  
2 plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or pending criminal charge of a  
3 crime may be grounds for the denial of an applicant for a state  
4 license or state certification to practice an occupation only if the  
5 underlying offense substantially relates to the duties and  
6 responsibilities of the occupation and poses a reasonable threat to  
7 public safety, health, or welfare. When making a determination  
8 pursuant to this subsection, a licensing or certification authority  
9 shall consider:

- 10       1. The nature and seriousness of the offense;
- 11       2. The amount of time that has passed since the offense;
- 12       3. The age of the person at the time the offense was committed;
- 13       4. Evidence relevant to the circumstances of the offense  
14 including any aggravating or mitigating circumstances of social  
15 conditions surrounding the commission of the offense;
- 16       5. The nature of the specific duties and responsibilities for  
17 which the license or certification is required; and
- 18       6. Any evidence of rehabilitation submitted by the applicant  
19 including, but not limited to, evidence related to the person's  
20 compliance with any conditions of community supervision, parole, or  
21 mandatory supervision, the conduct and work activity of the person,  
22 programming, or treatment undertaken by the person, and testimonials  
23 or personal reference statements.

1 C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a licensing or  
2 certification authority shall not deny a state license or state  
3 certification to practice an occupation due to:

4 1. An arrest that was not followed by a valid plea of guilty or  
5 nolo contendere unless charges are currently pending;

6 2. A conviction that has been sealed, or expunged;

7 3. A conviction or plea of guilty or nolo contendere for which  
8 more than five (5) years have elapsed since the date of conviction,  
9 plea, or release from incarceration, whichever is later, so long as  
10 the person has not been convicted of a new crime. This paragraph  
11 shall not apply to any conviction or plea of guilty or nolo  
12 contendere for:

13 a. an offense enumerated in Section 571 of Title 57 of  
14 the Oklahoma Statutes,

15 b. a felony involving domestic assault, domestic assault  
16 and battery, or domestic abuse as defined in Section  
17 644 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes,

18 c. an offense that would require registration as a sex  
19 offender pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration  
20 Act, or

21 d. any equivalent law enumerated in this paragraph from  
22 another jurisdiction; or  
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1        4. A finding that an applicant lacks good character or fails to  
2 meet any other similarly vague standard where a criminal conviction  
3 is the basis for the finding.

4        D. Before a state licensing or state certification authority  
5 makes a final determination that a criminal conviction, plea of  
6 guilty or nolo contendere, or pending criminal charge may disqualify  
7 an applicant for licensure, that authority shall provide written  
8 notice of:

9        1. The specific offense that is the basis for the intended  
10 denial;

11        2. The reasons the offense was determined to substantially  
12 relate to the duties and responsibilities of the occupation and  
13 posed a reasonable threat to public safety, health, or welfare,  
14 including findings for each of the factors in subsection B of this  
15 section that the licensing or certification authority deemed  
16 relevant to the determination; and

17        3. The right to submit additional evidence relevant to each of  
18 the factors listed in subsection B of this section within thirty  
19 (30) days, which the licensing or certification authority shall  
20 consider before issuing a final determination.

21        E. A final determination that a criminal conviction, plea of  
22 guilty or nolo contendere, or pending criminal charge may prevent a  
23 person from receiving a license shall be in writing and include  
24 notice of the right to appeal the determination pursuant to the

1 Administrative Procedures Act, or a more specific statutory  
2 authority, and notice of the earliest date the applicant may reapply  
3 for a license.

4 F. A person with a criminal history record may request a  
5 determination of whether his or her criminal history record may  
6 disqualify him or her from obtaining the desired license or  
7 certification in the occupation from a state licensing or state  
8 certification authority at any time, including before obtaining any  
9 required education or training for such occupation. The request  
10 shall be in writing and shall include either a copy of the person's  
11 criminal history record with explanation of each conviction  
12 mentioned in the criminal history record or a statement describing  
13 each criminal conviction including the date of each conviction, the  
14 court of jurisdiction and the sentence imposed. The person may  
15 include a statement with his or her request describing additional  
16 information for consideration by the licensing or certification  
17 authority including, but not limited to, information relevant to any  
18 of the factors for consideration described in subsection B of this  
19 section.

20 G. Upon receipt of a written request for consideration of a  
21 criminal history record for an occupation as provided in subsection  
22 F of this section, the licensing or certification authority shall  
23 evaluate the request and make a determination based upon the  
24 information provided in such request whether the stated conviction

1 is a disqualifying offense for the occupation. A notice of the  
2 determination shall be issued to the petitioner within sixty (60)  
3 days from the date such request was received by the licensing or  
4 certification authority~~;~~; except~~,~~, however, a licensing or  
5 certification authority regulating fifty thousand or more members in  
6 its occupation shall be allowed ninety (90) days to make its initial  
7 determination and issue notice to the requestor.

8 H. A determination made pursuant to subsection F of this  
9 subsection that a person may not be disqualified for licensure or  
10 certification due to criminal history shall be binding upon a  
11 licensing or certification authority unless, at the time a full  
12 application for a license is submitted, the applicant has  
13 subsequently pled guilty or nolo contendere to a crime, has pending  
14 criminal charges, or has previously undisclosed criminal  
15 convictions.

16 I. The notice of a determination made pursuant to subsection F  
17 of this section shall be in writing and mailed to the requestor at  
18 the address provided in his or her request, and shall contain the  
19 following statements:

20 1. Whether the person is eligible for licensure or  
21 certification in the occupation at the current time based upon the  
22 information submitted by the requestor;

23 2. Whether there is a disqualifying offense that would  
24 disqualify the person from engaging in the occupation at the current

1 time and a statement identifying such offense in the criminal  
2 history record or information submitted for consideration;

3 3. Any actions the person may take to remedy a  
4 disqualification, if any;

5 4. The earliest date the person may submit another request for  
6 consideration, if any; and

7 5. A statement that the determination may be rescinded if, at  
8 the time a full application for a license is submitted, the  
9 applicant has subsequently pled guilty or nolo contendere to a  
10 crime, has pending criminal charges, or has previously undisclosed  
11 criminal convictions.

12 J. A state entity charged with oversight of an occupational  
13 license or certification may promulgate forms for requests for  
14 determinations for the occupation as authorized in subsection F of  
15 this section. Each state licensing or certification authority may  
16 charge a fee not to exceed Ninety-five Dollars (\$95.00) for each  
17 initial determination of eligibility it makes for the occupation  
18 based upon the information provided by the requestor.

19 K. Each state licensing or state certification authority shall  
20 include in its application for a license or certification and  
21 publish on its public website the following information:

22 1. Whether the criminal offenses of applicants may be used as a  
23 basis for denial;

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1        2. If criminal history may be used as a basis for denial as  
2 listed in subsection B of this section, which offenses the licensing  
3 or certification authority shall consider; and

4        3. Notice of the right to request a determination pursuant to  
5 subsection F of this section.

6        L. Each state licensing or state certification authority  
7 authorized to consider the criminal conviction of an applicant shall  
8 annually provide to the Legislature, and publish on its public  
9 website, the following:

10        1. The number of license applications received;

11        2. The number of applications that resulted in a license being  
12 granted;

13        3. The number of applications that resulted in a license being  
14 denied;

15        4. The number of applications that were denied due to criminal  
16 history;

17        5. A list of criminal offenses reported by individuals who were  
18 granted a license;

19        6. A list of criminal offenses reported by individuals who were  
20 denied a license due to criminal history along with the time elapsed  
21 since the commission of the offense; and

22        7. The number of petitions received by the licensing or  
23 certification authority pursuant to subsection F of this section.  
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1 M. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to  
2 apply to the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, the  
3 Bail Bonds Division of the ~~Oklahoma~~ Insurance Department, the State  
4 Board of Education, the State Board of Medical Licensure and  
5 Supervision, or individuals applying to these authorities for  
6 licensure or certification.

7 SECTION 10. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

8 Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2023.

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11 Presiding Officer of the Senate

12 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
13 2023.

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