

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1902

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
7 creating the Oklahoma Professional Self-Determination
8 Act; stating purpose and intent; granting certain
9 exclusive powers to specified agencies; requiring
10 development and implementation of certain state
11 examinations; requiring certain agencies to accept
12 state examinations; prohibiting sole reliance on
national examinations; authorizing certain fees;
providing certain construction; prohibiting certain
acts penalizing lawful expression of opinion;
directing promulgation of rules; providing for
noncodification; providing for codification; and
providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
16 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

17 A. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited
18 as the "Oklahoma Professional Self-Determination Act".

19 B. The purpose of this act is to create state-issued licensing
20 paths for professional licenses that do not require national
21 certification.

22 C. It is the intent of the Legislature to:

23 1. Reassert Oklahoma's sovereign authority to set professional
24 standards for professional licensees;

1 2. Protect licensees from retaliation or censorship by
2 nongovernmental entities; and

3 3. Preserve public safety competency standards through state-
4 controlled testing and continuing education requirements.

5 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6021 of Title 59, unless there
7 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 A. Each licensure board of this state shall have the exclusive
9 power and authority to:

10 1. Determine the qualifications and fitness of all applicants
11 and licensees under its jurisdiction; and

12 2. Impose disciplinary action against licensees under its
13 jurisdiction.

14 B. Each licensure board of this state shall, no later than one
15 (1) year after the effective date of this act, develop and implement
16 a state examination for its profession or professions in accordance
17 with national standards. The state examination shall be accepted by
18 the licensure board as a substitute for any national examinations
19 approved by the board. Licensure boards shall not rely solely on
20 national examinations or standards for assessment of applicants.

21 C. Each licensure board may fix and adjust fees as necessary to
22 cover the costs associated with development and implementation of a
23 state examination.

1 D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to eliminate any
2 current pathways to licensure or to prevent reciprocal licensure.

3 E. A licensure board shall not impose any disciplinary action,
4 take action against a licensee or applicant, or discriminate against
5 a licensee or applicant based on the licensee's or applicant's
6 lawful expression of opinion about medical policy or practice,
7 unless such speech violates the Health Insurance Portability and
8 Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) or other patient privacy laws.

9 F. Each licensure board shall promulgate rules as necessary to
10 implement this section.

11 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2505.4 of Title 63, unless
13 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. The State Department of Health shall have the exclusive
15 power and authority to:

16 1. Determine the qualifications and fitness of all licensed
17 emergency medical personnel and applicants; and

18 2. Impose disciplinary action against licensed emergency
19 medical personnel.

20 B. The Department shall, no later than one (1) year after the
21 effective date of this act, develop and implement a state written
22 examination and a state psychomotor examination for emergency
23 medical personnel aligned with national education standards for
24 emergency medical services (EMS). The state examinations shall be

1 accepted by the Department to qualify for licensure, provided that
2 the applicant has successfully completed an accredited EMS education
3 program. The Department shall not rely solely on national
4 examinations or standards for assessment of applicants.

5 C. The State Commissioner of Health may fix and adjust fees as
6 necessary to cover the costs associated with development and
7 implementation of the state examinations.

8 D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to eliminate any
9 current pathways to licensure or prevent reciprocal licensure for
10 emergency medical personnel.

11 E. The Department shall not impose any disciplinary action,
12 take action against licensed emergency medical personnel or
13 applicants, or discriminate against a licensee or applicant,
14 including based on the licensee's or applicant's lawful expression
15 of opinion about medical policy or practice, unless such speech
16 violates the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of
17 1996 (HIPAA) or other patient privacy laws.

18 F. The Commissioner shall promulgate rules as necessary to
19 implement this section.

20 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.
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