

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1902

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to professions and occupations; creating the Oklahoma Professional Self-Determination Act; stating purpose and intent; granting certain exclusive powers to specified agencies; requiring development and implementation of certain state examinations; requiring certain agencies to accept 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.

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

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

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

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

C. It is the intent of the Legislature to:

1. Reassert Oklahoma's sovereign authority to set professional 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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