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Bill Analysis

SB 1902 creates the Oklahoma Professional Self-Determination Act. The measure specifies that each licensing board shall have the exclusive power and authority to determine the qualifications and fitness of all applicants and licensees and impose disciplinary procedures. The measure directs each board to develop a state examination for its profession or professions in accordance with national standards within 1 year of the effective date. Fines and fees shall be determined by each board. The measure prohibits any board from initiating disciplinary action against any licensee for any speech unless such speech violates the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) or other patient privacy laws. The measure also states that the State Department of Health shall have the exclusive power and authority to license and discipline medical personnel. The Department is also directed to develop a state psychomotor examination for emergency medical personnel aligned with national education standards for emergency medical services (EMS). The measure imposes similar restrictions on disciplinary actions for speech on the Department as it does on other licensing boards.

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