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3 SENATE BILL 1651

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the State Board of Medical
8 Licensure and Supervision; amending 59 O.S. 2021,
9 Sections 492, 493.1, as amended by Section 2, Chapter
10 350, O.S.L. 2025, 493.4, and 503.1 (59 O.S. Supp.
11 2025, Section 493.1), which relate to the Oklahoma
12 Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and
13 Supervision Act; broadening certain licensure
14 exemption; modifying application contents and
15 procedures; modifying applicability of certain
16 provisions; establishing requirements,
17 qualifications, procedures, and other provisions
18 related to issuance of special training license;
19 providing for physician emeritus status; prohibiting
20 certain fee; stipulating certain procedures for
21 emergency suspension; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Sections
22 529, 530, 531, 533, 534, 535, and 540.11, which
23 relate to the Oklahoma Athletic Trainers Act;
24 modifying membership of the Athletic Trainers
Advisory Committee; removing obsolete language;
modifying functions of the Committee; modifying
qualifications for athletic trainer license;
modifying and removing requirements and procedures
related to fees, examination, and application;
providing for temporary licensure; authorizing the
Board to obtain a national criminal history
background check for applicants; specifying certain
screening procedures; prohibiting certain
dissemination of information; modifying renewal
procedures and requirements; eliminating certain fee
amounts; modifying certain penalties; providing
certain exceptions; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section
540.11, which relates to the Therapeutic Recreation
Practice Act; removing certain condition for
expiration of temporary license; amending 59 O.S.
2021, Section 889.5, which relates to the Music

Therapy Practice Act; providing for temporary licensure; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Sections 2033 and 2039, which relate to the Respiratory Care Practice Act; modifying qualifications for licensure by endorsement; authorizing practice through telemedicine; amending 76 O.S. 2021, Section 17, which relates to medical malpractice; eliminating certain reporting requirement; updating statutory references; 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 492, is amended to read as follows:

Section 492. A. Every person shall be regarded as practicing allopathic medicine within the meaning and provisions of this act, who shall append to his or her name the letters "M.D.", "Physician" or any other title, letters or designation which represent that such person is a physician, or who shall for a fee or any form of compensation diagnose and/or treat disease, injury or deformity of persons in this state by any allopathic legend drugs, surgery, manual, or mechanical treatment unless otherwise authorized by law.

B. A hospital or related institution as such terms are defined in Section 1-701 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, which has the principal purpose or function of providing hospital or medical care, including but not limited to any corporation, association, trust, or other organization organized and operated for such purpose, may

1 employ one or more persons who are duly licensed to practice
2 medicine in this state without being regarded as itself practicing
3 medicine within the meaning and provisions of this section. The
4 employment by the hospital or related institution of any person who
5 is duly licensed to practice medicine in this state shall not, in
6 and of itself, be considered as an act of unprofessional conduct by
7 the person so employed. Nothing provided herein shall eliminate,
8 limit, or restrict the liability for any act or failure to act of
9 any hospital, any hospital's employees, or persons duly licensed to
10 practice medicine.

11 C. The definition of the practice of medicine and surgery shall
12 include, but is not limited to:

13 1. Advertising, holding out to the public, or representing in
14 any manner that one is authorized to practice medicine and surgery
15 in this state;

16 2. Any offer or attempt to prescribe, order, give, or
17 administer any drug or medicine and surgery for the use of any other
18 person, except as otherwise authorized by law;

19 3. a. any offer or attempt, except as otherwise authorized
20 by law, to prevent, diagnose, correct, or treat in any
21 manner or by any means, methods, devises, or
22 instrumentalities except for manual manipulation any
23 disease, illness, pain, wound, fracture, infirmity,
24 defect, or abnormal physical or mental condition of

any person, including the management of pregnancy and parturition, except as otherwise authorized by law,

b. except as provided in subsection D of this section,

performance by a person within or outside of this

state, through an ongoing regular arrangement, of

diagnostic or treatment services, including but not

limited to, stroke prevention and treatment, through

electronic communications for any patient whose

condition is being diagnosed or treated within this

state by a physician duly licensed and practicing

this state. A person who performs any of the

functions covered by this subparagraph submits himself

or herself to the jurisdiction of the courts of this

state for the purposes of any cause of action

resulting from the functions performed, and

c. nothing in the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and

Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act shall be

construed to affect or give jurisdiction to the Board

over any person other than medical doctors or persons

holding themselves out as medical doctors;

offer or attempt to perform any surgical operation upon

person, except as otherwise authorized by law; and

5 The use of the title Doctor of Medicine Physi

ician and Surgeon Dr. M. D. or any combination thereof in the

Physician and Surgeon, D.P., M.D. or any combination thereof in the

1 conduct of any occupation or profession pertaining to the
2 prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of human disease or condition
3 unless, where appropriate, such a designation additionally contains
4 the description of another branch of the healing arts for which one
5 holds a valid license in this state.

6 D. The practice of medicine and surgery, as defined in this
7 section, shall not include:

8 1. A student while engaged in training in a medical school
9 approved by the Board or while engaged in graduate medical training
10 under the supervision of the medical staff of a hospital or other
11 health care facility approved by the state medical board for such
12 training, except that a student engaged in graduate medical training
13 shall hold a license issued by the Board for such training;

14 2. Any person who provides medical treatment in cases of
15 emergency where no fee or other consideration is contemplated,
16 charged or received;

17 3. A commissioned medical officer of the armed forces of the
18 United States or medical officer of the United States Public Health
19 Service or the Department of Veterans Affairs of the United States
20 in the discharge of official duties and/or within federally
21 controlled facilities; and provided that such person shall be fully
22 licensed to practice medicine and surgery in one or more
23 jurisdictions of the United States; provided further that such
24 person who holds a medical license in this state shall be subject to

1 the provisions of the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical
2 Licensure and Supervision Act;

3 4. Any person licensed under any other act when properly
4 practicing in the healing art for which that person is duly
5 licensed;

6 5. The practice of those who endeavor to prevent or cure
7 disease or suffering by spiritual means or prayer;

8 6. Any person administering a domestic or family remedy to a
9 member of such person's own family;

10 7. Any person licensed to practice medicine and surgery in
11 another state or territory of the United States who:

12 a. renders emergency medical treatment or,

13 b. briefly provides critical medical service at the
14 specific lawful direction of a medical institution or
15 federal agency that assumes full responsibility for
16 that treatment or service and is approved by the
17 Board, or

18 c. renders emergency medical treatment at a sporting
19 event for members of the team the physician is
20 employed or contracted by;

21 8. Any person who is licensed to practice medicine and surgery
22 in another state or territory of the United States whose sole
23 purpose and activity is limited to brief actual consultation with a
24 specific physician who is licensed to practice medicine and surgery

1 by the Board, other than a person with a special or restricted
2 license; or

3 9. The practice of any other person as licensed by appropriate
4 agencies of this state, provided that such duties are consistent
5 with the accepted standards of the person's profession and the
6 person does not represent himself or herself as a Doctor of
7 Medicine, Physician, Surgeon, Physician and Surgeon, Dr., M.D., or
8 any combination thereof.

9 E. Nothing in the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical
10 Licensure and Supervision Act shall prohibit:

11 1. The service rendered by a physician's unlicensed trained
12 assistant, if such service is rendered under the supervision and
13 control of a licensed physician pursuant to Board rules, provided
14 such rules are not in conflict with the provisions of any other
15 healing arts licensure act or rules promulgated pursuant to such
16 act; or

17 2. The service of any other person duly licensed or certified
18 by the state to practice the healing arts.

19 F. Nothing in the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical
20 Licensure and Supervision Act shall prohibit services rendered by
21 any person not licensed by the Board and practicing any
22 nonallopathic healing practice.

23 G. Nothing in the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical
24 Licensure and Supervision Act shall be construed as to require a

1 physician to secure a Maintenance of Certification (MOC) as a
2 condition of licensure, reimbursement, employment or admitting
3 privileges at a hospital in this state. For the purposes of this
4 subsection, "Maintenance of Certification (MOC)" shall mean a
5 continuing education program measuring core competencies in the
6 practice of medicine and surgery and approved by a nationally-
7 recognized accrediting organization.

8 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 493.1, as
9 amended by Section 2, Chapter 350, O.S.L. 2025 (59 O.S. Supp. 2025,
10 Section 493.1), is amended to read as follows:

11 Section 493.1. A. An applicant to practice medicine and
12 surgery in this state shall provide to the State Board of Medical
13 Licensure and Supervision and attest to the following information
14 and documentation in a manner required by the Board:

15 1. The applicant's full name and all aliases or other names
16 ever used, current address, Social Security number, and date and
17 place of birth;

18 2. ~~A photograph of the applicant, taken within the previous~~
19 ~~twelve (12) months;~~

20 3. All documents and credentials required by the Board, ~~or~~
21 ~~notarized photocopies~~ or other verification acceptable to the Board
22 of such documents and credentials;

23 4. 3. A list of all jurisdictions, United States or foreign, in
24 which the applicant is licensed or has applied for licensure to

1 practice medicine and surgery or is authorized or has applied for
2 authorization to practice medicine and surgery;

3 5. 4. A list of all jurisdictions, United States or foreign, in
4 which the applicant has been denied licensure or authorization to
5 practice medicine and surgery or has voluntarily surrendered a
6 license or an authorization to practice medicine and surgery;

7 6. 5. A list of all sanctions, judgments, awards, settlements,
8 or convictions against the applicant in any jurisdiction, United
9 States or foreign, that would constitute grounds for disciplinary
10 action under the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure
11 and Supervision Act or the Board's rules;

12 7. 6. A detailed educational history, including places,
13 institutions, dates, and program descriptions, of all his or her
14 education, including all college, preprofessional, professional, and
15 professional graduate education;

16 8. 7. A detailed chronological history from ~~age eighteen (18)~~
17 ~~years graduation from medical school~~ to the present, including
18 employment, military service (United States or foreign), and all
19 professional degrees, licenses, or certificates now or ever held;
20 and

21 9. 8. Any other information or documentation specifically
22 requested by the Board that is related to the applicant's ability to
23 practice medicine and surgery.

1 B. The applicant shall possess a valid degree of Doctor of
2 Medicine from a medical college or school located in the United
3 States, its territories or possessions, or Canada that was approved
4 by the Board or by a private nonprofit accrediting body approved by
5 the Board at the time the degree was conferred. The application
6 shall be considered by the Board based upon the product and process
7 of the medical education and training.

8 C. The applicant shall have satisfactorily completed twelve
9 (12) months of progressive postgraduate medical training as
10 promulgated by rule by the Board. The Board shall consider as
11 evidence of acceptability the sponsoring institution's accreditation
12 by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME),
13 the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS), the Royal
14 College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the College of Family
15 Physicians of Canada, the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh,
16 the Royal College of Surgeons of England, the Royal College of
17 Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, or the Royal College of Surgeons
18 in Ireland.

19 D. The applicant shall submit a history from ~~the administration~~
20 ~~of the any~~ medical school ~~from~~ which the applicant ~~graduated~~
21 ~~attended~~ of any suspension, probation, or disciplinary action taken
22 against the applicant while a student at that institution.

23 E. The applicant shall have passed medical licensing
24 examination(s) consistent with policies and procedures regarding the

1 number of medical licensure exam attempts as established by the
2 United States Medical Licensing Examination program unless granted
3 an exception by the Board.

4 F. The applicant shall have demonstrated a familiarity with all
5 appropriate statutes and rules and regulations of this state and the
6 federal government relating to the practice of medicine and surgery.

7 G. The applicant shall be physically, mentally, professionally,
8 and morally capable of practicing medicine and surgery in a manner
9 reasonably acceptable to the Board and in accordance with federal
10 law and shall be required to submit to a physical, mental, or
11 professional competency examination or a drug dependency evaluation
12 if deemed necessary by the Board.

13 H. The applicant shall not have committed or been found guilty
14 by a competent authority, United States or foreign, of any conduct
15 that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action under the
16 Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision
17 Act or rules of the Board. The Board may modify this restriction
18 for cause.

19 I. Upon request by the Board, the applicant shall make a
20 personal appearance before the Board or a representative thereof for
21 interview, examination, or review of credentials. ~~At the discretion~~
22 ~~of the Board, the applicant shall be required to present his or her~~
23 ~~original medical education credentials for inspection during the~~
24 ~~personal appearance.~~

1 J. The applicant shall be held responsible for verifying to the
2 satisfaction of the Board the identity of the applicant and the
3 validity of all credentials required for his or her medical
4 licensure. The Board may review and verify medical credentials and
5 screen applicant records through recognized national physician
6 information services.

7 K. The applicant shall have paid all fees and completed and
8 attested to the accuracy of all application and information forms
9 required by the Board.

10 L. Grounds for the denial of a license shall include:

- 11 1. Use of false or fraudulent information by an applicant;
- 12 2. Suspension or revocation of a license in another state
13 unless the license has been reinstated in that state;
- 14 3. Refusal of licensure in another state other than for
15 examination failure; and
- 16 4. Multiple examination failures.

17 M. The Board shall not deny a license to a person otherwise
18 qualified to practice allopathic medicine within the meaning of the
19 Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision
20 Act solely because the person's practice or a therapy is
21 experimental or nontraditional.

22 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 493.4, is
23 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 493.4. A. No person who is granted a special license
2 ~~or a special training license~~ shall practice outside the limitations
3 of the license.

4 B. To be eligible for special ~~or special training~~ licensure,
5 the applicant shall have completed all the requirements for full and
6 unrestricted medical licensure except graduate education ~~and/or,~~
7 licensing examination, or other requirements relative to the basis
8 for the special license ~~or special training~~ license.

9 C. By rule, the State Board of Medical Licensure and
10 Supervision shall establish restrictions for special ~~and special~~
11 ~~training~~ licensure to assure that the holder will practice only
12 under appropriate circumstances as set by the Board.

13 D. A special license ~~or special training~~ license shall be
14 renewable annually upon the approval of the Board and upon the
15 evaluation of performance in the special circumstances upon which
16 the special license ~~or special training~~ license was granted.

17 E. The issuance of a special license ~~or a special training~~
18 ~~license~~ shall not be construed to imply that a full and unrestricted
19 medical license will be issued at a future date.

20 F. All other provisions of the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and
21 Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act shall apply to holders of
22 special licenses ~~or special training~~ licenses.

23 G. This section shall not limit the authority of any state
24 agency or educational institution in this state which employs a

1 ~~special or special training~~ specially licensed physician to impose
2 additional practice limitations upon such physician.

3 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 493.4a of Title 59, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. No person who is granted a special training license for
7 postgraduate training shall practice outside the limitations of the
8 license.

9 B. To be eligible for a special training license for
10 postgraduate training, the applicant shall have completed all the
11 requirements for full and unrestricted medical licensure except
12 graduate education, licensing examination, or other requirements
13 relative to the basis for the special training license.

14 C. By rule, the State Board of Medical Licensure and
15 Supervision shall establish restrictions for a special training
16 license for postgraduate training to assure that the holder will
17 practice only under appropriate circumstances as set by the Board.

18 D. A special training license for postgraduate training shall
19 be renewable annually upon the approval of the Board Secretary and
20 upon the evaluation of performance in the special circumstances upon
21 which the special training license was granted.

22 E. The issuance of a special training license for postgraduate
23 training shall not be construed to imply that a full and
24 unrestricted medical license will be issued at a future date.

1 F. All other provisions of the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and
2 Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act shall apply to holders of
3 special training licenses for postgraduate training.

4 G. This section shall not limit the authority of any state
5 agency or educational institution in this state which employs a
6 person licensed under this section to impose additional practice
7 limitations upon such physician.

8 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 493.5b of Title 59, unless there
10 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 The holder of a full and unrestricted license may choose at any
12 time to retire and apply for physician emeritus status by notifying
13 the Board. There shall be no fee associated with obtaining or
14 maintaining physician emeritus licensure status. An applicant for a
15 physician emeritus license shall apply in a manner required by the
16 Board.

17 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 503.1, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 503.1. A. The Secretary of the State Board of Medical
20 Licensure and Supervision, upon concurrence of the President of the
21 Board that an emergency exists for which the immediate suspension of
22 a license is imperative for the public health, safety and welfare,
23 may conduct a hearing as contemplated by Section 314 of Title 75 of
24 the Oklahoma Statutes and may, upon probable cause, suspend

1 temporarily the license of any person under the jurisdiction of the
2 Board.

3 B. The Secretary shall comply with all notice requirements of
4 the Administrative Procedures Act and shall immediately set the
5 matter for full hearing before the Board in compliance with the
6 Administrative Procedures Act and the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical
7 and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act.

8 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 529, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 529. A. There is hereby created the Athletic Trainers
11 Advisory Committee, to be composed of five (5) members to be
12 appointed by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision.
13 To qualify as a member, a person must be a citizen of the United
14 States and a resident of Oklahoma for five (5) years immediately
15 preceding appointment. ~~Two~~ Three members shall be licensed athletic
16 trainers, ~~except for the initial appointees~~, and two members shall
17 be physicians licensed by the state ~~and one member shall be a member~~
18 ~~of the Oklahoma Coaches Association who shall be selected by the~~
19 ~~Board of the Association. Except for the initial appointees,~~
20 ~~members.~~ Members shall hold office for terms of six (6) years. In
21 the event of death, resignation or removal of any member, the
22 vacancy of the unexpired term shall be filled by the Board in the
23 same manner as other appointments.

1 B. The Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee shall assist the
2 Board in conducting examinations for applicants and shall advise the
3 Board on all matters pertaining to the application and licensure of
4 athletic trainers, which shall exclude disciplinary matters.

5 Members of the Committee shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred
6 while performing their duties under the provisions of this act in
7 accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

8 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 530, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 530. A. An applicant to To be eligible for an athletic
11 trainer license, an applicant must meet one of the following
12 qualifications:

13 1. Has have successfully completed the athletic training
14 curriculum requirements of an accredited college or university
15 approved by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and
16 provide provided proof of graduation;

17 2. Be licensed or certified in physical therapy and has spent
18 at least eight hundred (800) hours working under the direct
19 supervision of a licensed athletic trainer; or

20 3. Holds a four year degree from an accredited college or
21 university and has completed at least two (2) consecutive years of
22 supervision, military duty excepted, as an apprentice athletic
23 trainer under the direct supervision of a licensed athletic trainer.

1 B. An applicant for an athletic trainer license shall submit an
2 application to the Board ~~and submit the required examination fee.~~
3 The applicant is entitled to an athletic trainer license if he or
4 she is qualified as provided in subsection A of this section,
5 satisfactorily completes the examination ~~administered by the Board~~
6 of the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer or successor
7 organization, pays the applicable license fee, and has not committed
8 an act which constitutes grounds for denial of a license under
9 Section 8 of this act the Oklahoma Athletic Trainers Act.

10 C. ~~An applicant for an apprentice athletic trainer license must~~
11 ~~submit an application to the Board accompanied by a written~~
12 ~~commitment to supervise signed by the licensed athletic trainer who~~
13 ~~will be supervising the applicant. The Board may require the taking~~
14 ~~of an apprentice athletic trainer license examination, which would~~
15 ~~be administered without cost to the applicant. Fees for such~~
16 ~~examination may be established by the Board~~ The State Board of
17 Medical Licensure and Supervision may authorize the Board Secretary
18 to issue a temporary license to practice prior to licensure,
19 provided all requirements for licensure have been met and verified.
20 The temporary license shall terminate on the date of the next Board
21 meeting at which the applicant may be considered for a license.

22 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 530.1 of Title 59, unless there
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. The State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision is
2 authorized to obtain a national criminal history background check as
3 a condition of eligibility for individuals seeking licensure to
4 practice as an athletic trainer for initial licensure in this state
5 and pursuant to the provisions of an athletic trainer compact as a
6 condition for initial licensure.

7 B. Applicant fingerprints shall be submitted to the Oklahoma
8 State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) and the national criminal
9 history background check shall be conducted in accordance with
10 Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. OSBI shall
11 return national criminal history results to the Board.

12 C. Results obtained from the national criminal history
13 background check shall be used solely for the screening of physician
14 assistant applicants and shall be retained by the State Board of
15 Medical Licensure and Supervision. The Board shall not disseminate
16 criminal history record information resulting from the background
17 check.

18 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 531, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 531. A. A Beginning January 1, 2027, a license issued
21 ~~pursuant to this act expires one (1) year from the date of issuance~~
22 ~~the Oklahoma Athletic Trainers Act shall be renewed annually by~~
23 ~~August 31 of each year. Licensees shall provide documentation of~~
24 ~~current good standing with the Board of Certification for the~~

1 Athletic Trainer or successor organization for renewal. Licenses
2 shall be renewed according to procedures established by the State
3 Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and upon payment of the
4 renewal fee.

5 B. License fees shall be established by the Board:

6 1. ~~An athletic trainer examination fee of Twenty Dollars~~
7 ~~(\$20.00)~~ for each examination taken;

8 2. ~~An athletic trainer license fee of Twenty-five Dollars~~
9 ~~(\$25.00)~~;

10 3. ~~An athletic trainer annual license renewal fee of Ten~~
11 Dollars ~~(\$10.00)~~; and

12 4. ~~An apprentice athletic trainer license fee of Five Dollars~~
13 ~~(\$5.00)~~.

14 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 533, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 533. Violation of any provision of ~~this act the~~
17 Oklahoma Athletic Trainers Act shall be a ~~misdemeanor and conviction~~
18 shall be punishable by a ~~fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars~~
19 ~~(\$25.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)~~ the State Board
20 of Medical Licensure and Supervision as authorized under subsection
21 D of Section 503.2 of this title.

22 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 534, is
23 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 534. A. Any person actively engaged as an athletic
2 ~~trainer in this state on the effective date of this act shall,~~
3 ~~within six (6) months of that date, be issued a license if proof is~~
4 ~~submitted of five (5) years' experience as an athletic trainer~~
5 ~~within the preceding ten year period, and the license fee required~~
6 ~~by the Oklahoma Athletic Trainers Act is paid.~~ Nothing herein in
7 the Oklahoma Athletic Trainers Act shall be construed to require any
8 educational institution or other bona fide athletic organization to
9 use the services of a licensed athletic trainer.

10 B. Athletic trainers shall not misrepresent in any manner,
11 either directly or indirectly, their skills, training, professional
12 credentials, identity or services.

13 C. Any person, as authorized in accordance with Section 5 of
14 Title 76 of the Oklahoma Statutes, may offer prevention, emergency
15 care or first aid services on a voluntary, uncompensated basis, to
16 any amateur or group at an amateur athletic event.

17 SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 535, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 535. A. Nothing herein in the Oklahoma Athletic
20 Trainers Act shall be construed to authorize the practice of
21 medicine by any person. The provisions of ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma
22 Athletic Trainers Act do not apply to physicians licensed as such by
23 the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision; to dentists,
24 duly qualified and registered under the laws of this state who

1 confine their practice strictly to dentistry as defined by this
2 title; nor to licensed optometrists who confine their practice
3 strictly to optometry as defined by law; nor to licensed
4 chiropractic physicians who confine their practice strictly to
5 chiropractic as defined by law; nor to licensed osteopathic
6 physicians or osteopathic physicians and surgeons who confine their
7 practice strictly to osteopathy as defined by law; nor to
8 occupational therapists who confine their practice to occupational
9 therapy as defined by this title; nor to nurses who practice nursing
10 only as defined by this title; nor to duly licensed podiatric
11 physicians who confine their practice strictly to podiatric medicine
12 as defined by law; nor to physical therapists who confine their
13 practice to physical therapy as defined by this title; nor to
14 masseurs or masseuses in their particular sphere of labor; nor to
15 commissioned or contract physicians ~~or~~, physical therapists, or
16 physical therapists' assistants; nor to athletic trainers if
17 supervised by an Oklahoma licensed physician in the United States
18 Army, Navy, Air Force, Public Health and Marine Health Services; nor
19 to athletic trainers employed by the United States government in the
20 capacity of an athletic trainer providing all of his or her
21 professional activities within a federal facility.

22 B. The provisions of ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Athletic Trainers
23 Act shall not apply to persons coming into this state for a specific
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1 athletic event or series of athletic events with an individual or
2 group not based in this state.

3 SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 540.11, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 540.11. A. Upon payment to the State Board of Medical
6 Licensure and Supervision of a fee as provided by the Therapeutic
7 Recreation Practice Act and submission of a written application on
8 forms provided by the Board, the Board may issue a license without
9 examination to any person who is licensed or otherwise certified as
10 a therapeutic recreation specialist by another state or national
11 certifying body which has substantially the same standards for
12 licensure as are required by this state pursuant to the provisions
13 of the Therapeutic Recreation Practice Act.

14 B. Upon proper application and payment of fees, the Board may
15 issue a temporary license to a person who has applied for a license
16 pursuant to the provisions of this act and who is eligible to take
17 the examination pursuant to the provisions of this act. The
18 temporary license shall be available to an applicant only with
19 respect to his or her first application for licensure. ~~The~~
20 ~~temporary license shall expire upon notice that the applicant has or~~
21 ~~has not passed the examination.~~

22 SECTION 15. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 889.5, is
23 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 889.5. A. Except as otherwise provided by law, the
2 State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision shall issue a
3 license to an applicant for a music therapy license when such
4 applicant has completed and submitted an application upon a form and
5 in such manner as the Board prescribes, accompanied by applicable
6 fees, and evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

7 1. Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;

8 2. Holds a bachelor's degree or higher in music therapy, or its
9 equivalent, from a program approved by the American Music Therapy
10 Association or any successor organization within an accredited
11 college or university;

12 3. Successfully completed a minimum of one thousand two hundred
13 (1,200) hours of clinical training, with at least fifteen percent
14 (15%) or one hundred eighty (180) hours in preinternship
15 experiences, and at least seventy-five percent (75%) or nine hundred
16 (900) hours in internship experiences. Internship programs may be
17 approved by an academic institution, the American Music Therapy
18 Association, or both;

19 4. Is in good standing based on a review of the applicant's
20 music therapy licensure history in other jurisdictions, including a
21 review of any alleged misconduct or neglect in the practice of music
22 therapy on the part of the applicant; and

23 5. Passed the examination for board certification offered by
24 the Certification Board for Music Therapists or any successor

1 organization or provides proof of being transitioned into board
2 certification, and the applicant is currently a board-certified
3 music therapist.

4 B. The Board shall issue a music therapy license to an
5 applicant when such applicant has completed and submitted an
6 application upon a form and in such manner as the Board prescribes,
7 accompanied by applicable fees, and evidence satisfactory to the
8 Board that the applicant is licensed and in good standing as a music
9 therapist in another jurisdiction where the qualifications required
10 are equal to or greater than those required in this act at the date
11 of application.

12 C. The Board shall waive the examination requirement until
13 January 1, 2020, for an applicant who is designated as a registered
14 music therapist, certified music therapist or advanced certified
15 music therapist and in good standing with the National Music Therapy
16 Registry.

17 D. The ~~State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision Board~~
18 may authorize the Board Secretary to issue a temporary license to
19 practice under the supervision of an Oklahoma licensed music
20 therapist prior to licensure, provided all requirements for
21 licensure have been met and verified. The temporary license shall
22 terminate on the date of the next Board meeting at which the
23 applicant may be considered for a license.

1 E. The Board may, upon notice and opportunity for a hearing,
2 deny an application for reinstatement of a license or reinstate the
3 license with conditions. Conditions imposed may include a
4 requirement for continuing education, practice under the supervision
5 of a licensed music therapy specialist, or any other conditions
6 deemed appropriate by the Board.

7 SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2033, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 2033. A. The applicant, except where otherwise defined
10 in the Respiratory Care Practice Act, shall be required to pass an
11 examination, whereupon the State Board of Medical Licensure and
12 Supervision may issue to the applicant a license to practice
13 respiratory care. The Board is authorized to provide for the
14 examination of applicants or to facilitate verification of any
15 applicant's claim that the applicant has successfully completed the
16 required examination for national credentialing as a respiratory
17 care practitioner.

18 B. The Board may issue a license to practice respiratory care
19 by endorsement to:

20 1. An applicant who is currently licensed to practice
21 respiratory care under the laws of another state, territory or
22 country if:

1 a. the qualifications of the applicant are deemed by the
2 Board to be equivalent to those required in this
3 state, and

4 b. the applicant has not been disciplined by agreement
5 not to practice or suspension or revocation of his or
6 her license in another state, territory, or country in
7 the last ten (10) years;

8 2. Applicants holding credentials as a respiratory therapist
9 conferred by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) or its
10 successor organization as identified by the Respiratory Care
11 Advisory Committee and approved by the State Board of Medical
12 Licensure and Supervision, provided such credentials have not been
13 suspended or revoked; and

14 3. Applicants applying under the conditions of this section who
15 certify under oath that their credentials have not been suspended or
16 revoked.

17 SECTION 17. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2039, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 2039. The practice of respiratory care may be performed
20 in any clinic, physician's office, hospital, nursing facility,
21 private dwelling, or other place or by telemedicine in accordance
22 with the prescription or verbal order of a physician, and shall be
23 performed under the supervision of a qualified medical director or
24 physician licensed to practice medicine or surgery in this state.

1 SECTION 18. AMENDATORY 76 O.S. 2021, Section 17, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 17. A. Whenever a claim of personal injury is made
4 against any practitioner of the healing arts or a licensed hospital,
5 a report shall be made to the appropriate licensing board or agency
6 by the liability insurer of such practitioner or hospital within
7 sixty (60) days after receipt of information that a claim is being
8 made. In the event that such claim is made against a party not
9 insured, the report shall be made by the party. The report shall be
10 in writing on a form containing the following information:

- 11 1. The name and address of the practitioner or hospital;
- 12 2. The name, age and address of the claimant;
- 13 3. A brief statement of the nature of the injury, illness or
14 condition complained of and the act or omission complained of; and
- 15 4. Whether a suit is pending and, if so, the court, style and
16 docket number of the action.

17 B. And whenever such claim or suit is concluded, the
18 disposition shall be reported to the appropriate board or agency
19 promptly.

20 C. This report shall be privileged except as hereinafter
21 provided.

22 D. The licensing board or agency shall take any remedial,
23 disciplinary or corrective action as it may deem warranted by the
24 facts contained in the report.

1 E. Any person or liability insurer failing to furnish a report
2 on a claim as required in this section shall be guilty of a
3 misdemeanor.

4 ~~Further, the board or agency shall annually furnish the~~
5 ~~President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of~~
6 ~~Representatives a full report of all such claims except that names~~
7 ~~and addresses of all parties shall be omitted. Such report shall~~
8 ~~include disposition of the claim as well as a report of all action~~
9 ~~taken by the board or agency and the reason therefor.~~

10 SECTION 19. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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