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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to physician licensure; amending 59
8 O.S. 2011, Sections 509, as amended by Section 2,
9 Chapter 175, O.S.L. 2018 and 637 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018,
10 Section 509), which relate to unprofessional conduct;
11 broadening certain definitions to include certain
12 acts; amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-731, which
13 relates to abortion; prohibiting issuance or renewal
14 of physician license for certain acts; requiring
15 State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and
16 State Board of Osteopathic Examiners to revoke
17 licenses for certain acts; providing exceptions;
18 directing promulgation of rules; directing Office of
19 the Attorney General to calculate certain costs;
20 requiring reporting of certain records; providing for
21 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

23 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 509, as
24 amended by Section 2, Chapter 175, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018,
Section 509), is amended to read as follows:

Section 509. The words "unprofessional conduct" as used in
Sections 481 through 518.1 of this title are hereby declared to
include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

1. Procuring, aiding or abetting a criminal operation;

- 1 2. The obtaining of any fee or offering to accept any fee,
2 present or other form of remuneration whatsoever, on the assurance
3 or promise that a manifestly incurable disease can or will be cured;
- 4 3. Willfully betraying a professional secret to the detriment
5 of the patient;
- 6 4. Habitual intemperance or the habitual use of habit-forming
7 drugs;
- 8 5. Conviction of a felony or of any offense involving moral
9 turpitude;
- 10 6. All advertising of medical business in which statements are
11 made which are grossly untrue or improbable and calculated to
12 mislead the public;
- 13 7. Conviction or confession of a crime involving violation of:
14 a. the antinarcotic or prohibition laws and regulations
15 of the federal government,
16 b. the laws of this state, or
17 c. State Board of Health rules;
- 18 8. Dishonorable or immoral conduct which is likely to deceive,
19 defraud, or harm the public;
- 20 9. The commission of any act which is a violation of the
21 criminal laws of any state when such act is connected with the
22 physician's practice of medicine. A complaint, indictment or
23 confession of a criminal violation shall not be necessary for the
24 enforcement of this provision. Proof of the commission of the act

1 while in the practice of medicine or under the guise of the practice
2 of medicine shall be unprofessional conduct;

3 10. Failure to keep complete and accurate records of purchase
4 and disposal of controlled drugs or of narcotic drugs;

5 11. The writing of false or fictitious prescriptions for any
6 drugs or narcotics declared by the laws of this state to be
7 controlled or narcotic drugs;

8 12. Prescribing or administering a drug or treatment without
9 sufficient examination and the establishment of a valid physician-
10 patient relationship;

11 13. The violation, or attempted violation, direct or indirect,
12 of any of the provisions of the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and
13 Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act, either as a principal,
14 accessory or accomplice;

15 14. Aiding or abetting, directly or indirectly, the practice of
16 medicine by any person not duly authorized under the laws of this
17 state;

18 15. The inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill
19 and safety to patients by reason of age, illness, drunkenness,
20 excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of
21 material or as a result of any mental or physical condition. In
22 enforcing this subsection the State Board of Medical Licensure and
23 Supervision may, upon probable cause, request a physician to submit
24 to a mental or physical examination by physicians designated by it.

1 If the physician refuses to submit to the examination, the Board
2 shall issue an order requiring the physician to show cause why the
3 physician will not submit to the examination and shall schedule a
4 hearing on the order within thirty (30) days after notice is served
5 on the physician. The physician shall be notified by either
6 personal service or by certified mail with return receipt requested.
7 At the hearing, the physician and the physician's attorney are
8 entitled to present any testimony and other evidence to show why the
9 physician should not be required to submit to the examination.
10 After a complete hearing, the Board shall issue an order either
11 requiring the physician to submit to the examination or withdrawing
12 the request for examination. The medical license of a physician
13 ordered to submit for examination may be suspended until the results
14 of the examination are received and reviewed by the Board;

- 15 16. a. Prescribing, dispensing or administering of controlled
16 substances or narcotic drugs in excess of the amount
17 considered good medical practice,
18 b. prescribing, dispensing or administering controlled
19 substances or narcotic drugs without medical need in
20 accordance with pertinent licensing board standards,
21 or
22 c. prescribing, dispensing or administering opioid drugs
23 in excess of the maximum dosage authorized under
24 Section ~~5~~ 2-309I of ~~this act~~ Title 63;

1 17. Engaging in physical conduct with a patient which is sexual
2 in nature, or in any verbal behavior which is seductive or sexually
3 demeaning to a patient;

4 18. Failure to maintain an office record for each patient which
5 accurately reflects the evaluation, treatment, and medical necessity
6 of treatment of the patient;

7 19. Failure to provide necessary ongoing medical treatment when
8 a doctor-patient relationship has been established, which
9 relationship can be severed by either party providing a reasonable
10 period of time is granted; ~~or~~

11 20. Performance of an abortion as defined by Section 1-730 of
12 Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, except that an abortion necessary
13 to prevent the death of the pregnant woman or to prevent a serious
14 risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily
15 function of the pregnant woman shall not be grounds for denial or
16 revocation of a medical license. No such condition may be
17 determined to exist if it is based on a claim or diagnosis that the
18 woman may engage in conduct which she intends to result in her
19 death; or

20 21. Failure to provide a proper and safe medical facility
21 setting and qualified assistive personnel for a recognized medical
22 act, including but not limited to an initial in-person patient
23 examination, office surgery, diagnostic service or any other medical
24 procedure or treatment. Adequate medical records to support

1 diagnosis, procedure, treatment or prescribed medications must be
2 produced and maintained.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 637, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 637. A. The State Board of Osteopathic Examiners may
6 refuse to admit a person to an examination or may refuse to issue or
7 reinstate or may suspend or revoke any license issued or reinstated
8 by the Board upon proof that the applicant or holder of such a
9 license:

10 1. Has obtained a license, license renewal or authorization to
11 sit for an examination, as the case may be, through fraud,
12 deception, misrepresentation or bribery; or has been granted a
13 license, license renewal or authorization to sit for an examination
14 based upon a material mistake of fact;

15 2. Has engaged in the use or employment of dishonesty, fraud,
16 misrepresentation, false promise, false pretense, unethical conduct
17 or unprofessional conduct, as may be determined by the Board, in the
18 performance of the functions or duties of an osteopathic physician,
19 including but not limited to the following:

20 a. obtaining or attempting to obtain any fee, charge,
21 tuition or other compensation by fraud, deception or
22 misrepresentation; willfully and continually
23 overcharging or overtreating patients; or charging for
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1 visits to the physician's office which did not occur
2 or for services which were not rendered,

3 b. using intimidation, coercion or deception to obtain or
4 retain a patient or discourage the use of a second
5 opinion or consultation,

6 c. willfully performing inappropriate or unnecessary
7 treatment, diagnostic tests or osteopathic medical or
8 surgical services,

9 d. delegating professional responsibilities to a person
10 who is not qualified by training, skill, competency,
11 age, experience or licensure to perform them, noting
12 that delegation may only occur within an appropriate
13 doctor/patient relationship, wherein a proper patient
14 record is maintained including, but not limited to, at
15 the minimum, a current history and physical,

16 e. misrepresenting that any disease, ailment, or
17 infirmity can be cured by a method, procedure,
18 treatment, medicine or device,

19 f. acting in a manner which results in final disciplinary
20 action by any professional society or association or
21 hospital or medical staff of such hospital in this or
22 any other state, whether agreed to voluntarily or not,
23 if the action was in any way related to professional
24 conduct, professional competence, malpractice or any

1 other violation of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Medicine
2 Act,

- 3 g. signing a blank prescription form; or dispensing,
4 prescribing, administering or otherwise distributing
5 any drug, controlled substance or other treatment
6 without sufficient examination or the establishment of
7 a physician/patient relationship, or for other than
8 medically accepted therapeutic or experimental or
9 investigational purpose duly authorized by a state or
10 federal agency, or not in good faith to relieve pain
11 and suffering, or not to treat an ailment, physical
12 infirmity or disease, or violating any state or
13 federal law on controlled dangerous substances,
- 14 h. engaging in any sexual activity within a
15 physician/patient relationship,
- 16 i. terminating the care of a patient without adequate
17 notice or without making other arrangements for the
18 continued care of the patient,
- 19 j. failing to furnish a copy of a patient's medical
20 records upon a proper request from the patient or
21 legal agent of the patient or another physician; or
22 failing to comply with any other law relating to
23 medical records,
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1 k. failing to comply with any subpoena issued by the
2 Board,

3 l. violating a probation agreement or order with this
4 Board or any other agency, and

5 m. failing to keep complete and accurate records of
6 purchase and disposal of controlled drugs or narcotic
7 drugs;

8 3. Has engaged in gross negligence, gross malpractice or gross
9 incompetence;

10 4. Has engaged in repeated acts of negligence, malpractice or
11 incompetence;

12 5. Has been finally adjudicated and found guilty, or entered a
13 plea of guilty or nolo contendere in a criminal prosecution, for any
14 offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or
15 duties of an osteopathic physician, or for any offense involving
16 moral turpitude, whether or not sentence is imposed, and regardless
17 of the pendency of an appeal;

18 6. Has had the authority to engage in the activities regulated
19 by the Board revoked, suspended, restricted, modified or limited, or
20 has been reprimanded, warned or censured, probated or otherwise
21 disciplined by any other state or federal agency whether or not
22 voluntarily agreed to by the physician including, but not limited
23 to, the denial of licensure, surrender of the license, permit or
24 authority, allowing the license, permit or authority to expire or

1 lapse, or discontinuing or limiting the practice of osteopathic
2 medicine pending disposition of a complaint or completion of an
3 investigation;

4 7. Has violated, or failed to comply with provisions of any act
5 or regulation administered by the Board;

6 8. Is incapable, for medical or psychiatric or any other good
7 cause, of discharging the functions of an osteopathic physician in a
8 manner consistent with the public's health, safety and welfare;

9 9. Has been guilty of advertising by means of knowingly false
10 or deceptive statements;

11 10. Has been guilty of advertising, practicing, or attempting
12 to practice under a name other than one's own;

13 11. Has violated or refused to comply with a lawful order of
14 the Board;

15 12. Has been guilty of habitual drunkenness, or habitual
16 addiction to the use of morphine, cocaine or other habit-forming
17 drugs;

18 13. Has been guilty of personal offensive behavior, which would
19 include, but not be limited to obscenity, lewdness, molestation and
20 other acts of moral turpitude; ~~and~~

21 14. Has performed an abortion as defined by Section 1-730 of
22 Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, except that an abortion necessary
23 to prevent the death of the pregnant woman or to prevent a serious
24 risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily

1 function of the pregnant woman shall not be grounds for denial or
2 revocation of a medical license. No such condition may be
3 determined to exist if it is based on a claim or diagnosis that the
4 woman may engage in conduct which she intends to result in her
5 death; and

6 15. Has been adjudicated to be insane, or incompetent, or
7 admitted to an institution for the treatment of psychiatric
8 disorders.

9 B. The State Board of Osteopathic Examiners shall neither
10 refuse to renew, nor suspend, nor revoke any license, however, for
11 any of these causes, unless the person accused has been given at
12 least twenty (20) days' notice in writing of the charge against him
13 or her and a public hearing by the State Board provided, three-
14 fourths (3/4) of a quorum present at a meeting may vote to suspend a
15 license in an emergency situation if the licensee affected is
16 provided a public hearing within thirty (30) days of the emergency
17 suspension.

18 C. The State Board of Osteopathic Examiners shall have the
19 power to order or subpoena the attendance of witnesses, the
20 inspection of records and premises and the production of relevant
21 books and papers for the investigation of matters that may come
22 before them. The presiding officer of said Board shall have the
23 authority to compel the giving of testimony as is conferred on
24 courts of justice.

1 D. Any osteopathic physician in the State of Oklahoma whose
2 license to practice osteopathic medicine is revoked or suspended
3 under the previous paragraphs of this section shall have the right
4 to seek judicial review of a ruling of the Board pursuant to the
5 Administrative Procedures Act.

6 E. The Board may enact rules and regulations pursuant to the
7 Administrative Procedures Act setting out additional acts of
8 unprofessional conduct; which acts shall be grounds for refusal to
9 issue or reinstate, or for action to condition, suspend or revoke a
10 license.

11 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-731, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 1-731. A. No person shall perform or induce an
14 abortion upon a pregnant woman ~~unless that person is a physician~~
15 ~~licensed to practice medicine in the State of Oklahoma.~~ Any person,
16 other than a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of
17 Oklahoma, violating this section shall be guilty of a felony
18 punishable by imprisonment for not less than one (1) year nor more
19 than three (3) years in the State Penitentiary.

20 B. Any physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of
21 Oklahoma participating in the performance of an abortion, except as
22 provided in Section 1-732 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
23 shall have his or her license to practice medicine in this state
24 suspended for a minimum of six (6) months and shall be fined a

1 minimum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). The State Board of
2 Medical Licensure and Supervision shall revoke the license of an
3 allopathic physician performing an abortion in this state. The
4 State Board of Osteopathic Examiners shall revoke the license of an
5 osteopathic physician performing an abortion in this state. For the
6 purposes of this section, "abortion" shall have the same meaning
7 provided by Section 1-730 of this title, except that an abortion
8 necessary to prevent the death of the pregnant woman or to prevent a
9 serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major
10 bodily function of the pregnant woman shall not be grounds for
11 denial or revocation of a medical license. No such condition may be
12 determined to exist if it is based on a claim or diagnosis that the
13 woman may engage in conduct which she intends to result in her
14 death.

15 C. No person shall perform or induce an abortion upon a
16 pregnant woman subsequent to the end of the first trimester of her
17 pregnancy, unless such abortion is performed or induced in a general
18 hospital.

19 D. The State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, State
20 Board of Osteopathic Examiners and State Board of Health shall
21 promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this act.

22 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-731.3 of Title 63, unless
24 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 In the event that any provision of Sections 509 and 637 of Title
2 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes and Section 1-731 of Title 63 of the
3 Oklahoma Statutes are challenged in court in any action alleging
4 violation of either the Constitution of the United States of America
5 or the State of Oklahoma, the Office of the Attorney General shall
6 determine the amount of state or local funds expended to defend such
7 action. Such determination shall include the number of hours of
8 time spent by any public employee in such defense multiplied by the
9 rate of compensation paid to such employee, as well as the costs of
10 any outside counsel paid for such purpose, and shall include both
11 direct and indirect costs. The Office of the Attorney General shall
12 report such amounts for each calendar quarter to all members of the
13 Legislature.

14 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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