

1 A. The Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
2 shall promulgate rules and standards for certification of Problem
3 Gambling Treatment Counselors who are:

- 4 1. Employed by the state;
- 5 2. Employed by behavioral services providers contracting with
6 the state to provide behavioral health services;
- 7 3. Employed by a tribe or tribal facility that provides
8 behavioral health services; or
- 9 4. Employed by an Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs or a
10 United States Department of Veterans Affairs facility.

11 B. Such rules and standards shall address criteria for
12 certification and renewal, including minimum education requirements,
13 examination and supervision requirements, continuing education
14 requirements, and rules of professional conduct.

15 C. Application for certification as a Problem Gambling
16 Treatment Counselor shall be made to the Department of Mental Health
17 and Substance Abuse Services on prescribed forms authorized by the
18 Department. The Board, or the Commissioner of Mental Health and
19 Substance Abuse Services upon delegation by the Board, may certify
20 the Problem Gambling Treatment Counselor for a period of two (2)
21 years subject to renewal as provided in the rules promulgated by the
22 Board.

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1 D. The Board is authorized to establish an application and
2 renewal fee of no more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to defray
3 the costs incurred in the certification process.

4 E. Problem Gambling Treatment Counselors certified by the Board
5 or the Commissioner shall only use the title "Problem Gambling
6 Treatment Counselor" if employed by the state, employed by
7 behavioral services providers contracting with the state to provide
8 behavioral health services, employed by a tribe or tribal facility
9 that provides behavioral health services or employed by an Oklahoma
10 Department of Veterans Affairs or a United States Department of
11 Veterans Affairs facility.

12 F. This section shall not be construed to permit the certified
13 Problem Gambling Treatment Counselor to practice any of the
14 following professions or use the following titles unless also
15 licensed or accredited by the appropriate authority:

- 16 1. Physician;
- 17 2. Psychologist;
- 18 3. Clinical social worker;
- 19 4. Professional counselor;
- 20 5. Marital and family therapist;
- 21 6. Behavioral practitioner; or
- 22 7. Alcohol and drug counselor.

1 G. Failure to comply with the rules and standards promulgated
2 by the Board shall be grounds for revocation, suspension or
3 nonrenewal of certification.

4 H. No Problem Gambling Treatment Counselor shall operate or
5 continue to operate as a Problem Gambling Treatment Counselor unless
6 the Problem Gambling Treatment Counselor complies with the rules
7 promulgated by the Board and is certified as required by this
8 section.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 02/24/2021 -
12 DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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