1 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION 2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021) HOUSE BILL 2006 4 By: Townley and Hasenbeck of the House 5 and 6 Stanley of the Senate 7 8 9 AS INTRODUCED 10 An Act relating to mental health; directing the Board 11 of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to promulgate rules for certification of Problem 12 Gambling Treatment Counselors; providing that rules include criteria for certification and renewal; 1.3 providing for application for certification; authorizing the Board to establish application and 14 renewal fees; limiting use of title as Problem Gambling Treatment Counselor; providing for grounds 15 for revocation, suspension or nonrenewal of certification; providing for codification; and 16 providing an effective date. 17 18 19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 20 SECTION 1. A new section of law to be codified NEW LAW 21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-322a of Title 43A, unless 22 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: 23 2.4

- A. The Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall promulgate rules and standards for certification of Problem Gambling Treatment Counselors who are:
 - 1. Employed by the state;
- 2. Employed by behavioral services providers contracting with the state to provide behavioral health services;
- 3. Employed by a tribe or tribal facility that provides behavioral health services; or
- 4. Employed by an Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs or a United States Department of Veterans Affairs facility.
- B. Such rules and standards shall address criteria for certification and renewal, including minimum education requirements, examination and supervision requirements, continuing education requirements, and rules of professional conduct.
- C. Application for certification as a Problem Gambling

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

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- 1 The Board is authorized to establish an application and renewal fee of no more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to defray the costs incurred in the certification process.
- 4 Problem Gambling Treatment Counselors certified by the Board Ε. 5 or the Commissioner shall only use the title "Problem Gambling Treatment Counselor" if employed by the state, employed by 6 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.
 - This section shall not be construed to permit the certified Problem Gambling Treatment Counselor to practice any of the following professions or use the following titles unless also licensed or accredited by the appropriate authority:
 - Physician; 1.
 - 2. Psychologist;
 - 3. Clinical social worker;
 - 4. Professional counselor:
 - 5. Marital and family therapist;
 - 6. Behavioral practitioner; or
 - 7. Alcohol and drug counselor.

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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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