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7 An Act relating to mental health; directing the Board
8 of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to
9 promulgate rules for certification of Problem
10 Gambling Treatment Counselors; providing that rules
11 include criteria for certification and renewal;
12 providing for application for certification;
13 authorizing the Board to establish application and
14 renewal fees; limiting use of title as Problem
15 Gambling Treatment Counselor; providing for grounds
16 for revocation, suspension or nonrenewal of
17 certification; providing for codification; and
18 providing an effective date.

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1 2. Employed by behavioral services providers contracting with
2 the state to provide behavioral health services;

3 3. Employed by a tribe or tribal facility that provides
4 behavioral health services; or

5 4. Employed by an Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs or a
6 United States Department of Veterans Affairs facility.

7 B. Such rules and standards shall address criteria for
8 certification and renewal, including minimum education requirements,
9 examination and supervision requirements, continuing education
10 requirements, and rules of professional conduct.

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

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

22 E. Problem Gambling Treatment Counselors certified by the Board
23 or the Commissioner shall only use the title "Problem Gambling
24 Treatment Counselor" if employed by the state, employed by

1 behavioral services providers contracting with the state to provide
2 behavioral health services, employed by a tribe or tribal facility
3 that provides behavioral health services or employed by an Oklahoma
4 Department of Veterans Affairs or a United States Department of
5 Veterans Affairs facility.

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

- 10 1. Physician;
- 11 2. Psychologist;
- 12 3. Clinical social worker;
- 13 4. Professional counselor;
- 14 5. Marital and family therapist;
- 15 6. Behavioral practitioner; or
- 16 7. Alcohol and drug counselor.

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

20 H. No Problem Gambling Treatment Counselor shall operate or
21 continue to operate as a Problem Gambling Treatment Counselor unless
22 the Problem Gambling Treatment Counselor complies with the rules
23 promulgated by the Board and is certified as required by this
24 section.

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

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