

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 7, 2024

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1234

By: Bergstrom of the Senate

4 and

5 Kendrix of the House

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8 An Act relating to professions and occupations;  
9 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2053, which relates to  
10 the State Board of Examiners of Perfusionists;  
extending sunset date; providing an effective date;  
and declaring an emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2053, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 2053. A. There is hereby re-created until ~~July 1, 2024~~  
17 July 1, 2027, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma  
18 Sunset Law, the State Board of Examiners of Perfusionists. The  
19 Board shall administer the provisions of the Oklahoma Licensed  
20 Perfusionists Act. The Board shall consist of nine (9) members,  
21 appointed by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision.

22 B. The initial appointments for each member shall be for  
23 progressive terms of one (1) through three (3) years so that only  
24 one term expires each calendar year; subsequent appointments shall

1 be for five-year terms. Members of the Board shall serve at the  
2 pleasure of and may be removed from office by the appointing  
3 authority. No member shall serve more than three consecutive terms.  
4 Members shall continue to serve until their successors are  
5 appointed. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the  
6 original appointments. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

7 C. The Board shall be composed as follows:

8 1. Three members shall be members of the general public;

9 2. Four members shall be licensed perfusionists appointed from  
10 a list of not less than ten licensed perfusionists submitted by a  
11 statewide organization representing licensed perfusionists; and

12 3. Two members shall be physicians licensed pursuant to the  
13 Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision  
14 Act and who are also board certified in cardiovascular surgery.

15 D. The licensed perfusionist members shall have been engaged in  
16 rendering perfusion services to the public, teaching perfusion care,  
17 or research in perfusion care, for at least five (5) years  
18 immediately preceding their appointments. These members shall at  
19 all times be holders of valid licenses for the practice of perfusion  
20 in this state, except for the members first appointed to the Board.  
21 These initial members shall, at the time of appointment, be  
22 credentialed as a Certified Clinical Perfusionist (CCP) conferred by  
23 the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP) or its  
24 successor organization, and all shall fulfill the requirements for

1 licensure pursuant to the Oklahoma Licensed Perfusionists Act. All  
2 members of the Board shall be residents of this state.

3 E. Upon expiration or vacancy of the term of a member, the  
4 respective nominating authority may, as appropriate, submit to the  
5 appointing authority a list of not less than three persons qualified  
6 to serve on the Board to fill the expired term of their respective  
7 member. Appointments may be made from these lists by the appointing  
8 authority and additional lists may be provided by the respective  
9 organizations if requested by the appointing authority.

10 F. It shall be a ground for removal from the Board if a member:

11 1. Does not have at the time of appointment the qualifications  
12 required for appointment to the Board;

13 2. Does not maintain during service on the Board the  
14 qualifications required for appointment to the Board;

15 3. Violates a prohibition established pursuant to the Oklahoma  
16 Licensed Perfusionists Act;

17 4. Cannot discharge the member's term for a substantial part of  
18 the term for which the member is appointed because of illness or  
19 disability; or

20 5. Is absent from more than half of the regularly scheduled  
21 board meetings that the member is eligible to attend during a  
22 calendar year unless the absence is excused by a majority vote of  
23 the Board.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

1           SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
2 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
6 February 7, 2024 - DO PASS  
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