

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 657

By: Brecheen of the Senate

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10 An Act relating to mental health providers; creating  
11 the Protection Against Sexual Exploitation By a  
12 Mental Health Services Provider Act; providing short  
13 title; defining term; specifying punishments and  
14 fines for certain acts; providing for codification;  
15 and providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 14-101 of Title 43A, unless  
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Protection  
21 Against Sexual Exploitation by a Mental Health Services Provider  
22 Act".

23 B. As used in the Protection Against Sexual Exploitation By a  
24 Mental Health Services Provider Act:

1 "Therapeutic deception" means any act, scheme, plan or pattern  
2 by a licensed mental health professional:

- 3 a. intended to cause a person to believe that performing,  
4 or failing to perform, an act would result in serious  
5 physical, financial or emotional harm or distress to  
6 or physical restraint against any person, and
- 7 b. that can reasonably be construed as being for the  
8 purpose of sexual gratification of the licensed mental  
9 health professional.

10 C. A licensed mental health professional as defined by Section  
11 1-103 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes who engages in  
12 therapeutic deception of a patient or former patient shall be  
13 subject to any applicable criminal sanctions as follows:

14 1. A single act of therapeutic deception by a licensed mental  
15 health professional with one current or former patient shall be a  
16 felony punishable by a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars  
17 (\$5,000.00) and the immediate revocation of the licensed mental  
18 health professional's license by the appropriate licensing board;

19 2. Multiple acts of therapeutic deception by a licensed mental  
20 health professional with one current or former patient shall be a  
21 felony punishable by a fine not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars  
22 (\$10,000.00) and the immediate revocation of the licensed mental  
23 health professional's license by the appropriate licensing board;

24 and

1           3. Multiple acts of therapeutic deception by a licensed mental  
2 health professional with two or more current or former patients  
3 shall be a felony punishable by a fine not exceeding Twenty Thousand  
4 Dollars (\$20,000.00) and the immediate revocation of the licensed  
5 mental health professional's license by the appropriate licensing  
6 board.

7           D. Each licensing board with jurisdiction over the professions  
8 specified in Section 1-103 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes  
9 shall promptly report complaints of sexual exploitation made by  
10 patients to a local law enforcement agency for criminal  
11 investigation.

12           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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