H.B. 192 2nd Sub. (Gray)

Representative Marsha Judkins proposes the following substitute bill:

1	FORMER OFFENDER EMPLOYMENT AMENDMENTS
2	2022 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: Marsha Judkins
5	Senate Sponsor: Michael S. Kennedy
6 7	LONG TITLE
8	General Description:
9	This bill addresses employment and licensing of a former offender as a mental health
10	professional.
11	Highlighted Provisions:
12	This bill:
13	 creates and modifies definitions;
14	 when hiring a mental health professional, prohibits certain public employers and
15	public employer contractors from:
16	 considering certain arrests or criminal convictions;
17	 denying employment based on certain criminal convictions; and
18	 denying certain employment based on the mental health professional's
19	participation in substance use treatment;
20	• when hiring a mental health professional, prohibits a private employer from $\hat{H} \rightarrow [$:
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21a	Ĥ→ [-or] , ←Ĥ a juvenile adjudication Ĥ→ [; and] <u>, or</u> ←Ĥ
22	Ĥ→ [
22a	Ĥ→ [-history] <u>offense</u> ←Ĥ ;
23	 prohibits the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing from:
24	• considering certain criminal convictions when taking certain actions regarding a
25	mental health professional's license; and

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	• refusing certain mental health professionals' licenses based on participation in
substance u	ise treatment; and
•	makes technical and conforming changes.
Money Ap	propriated in this Bill:
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Other Spee	cial Clauses:
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Utah Code	Sections Affected:
AMENDS:	
34-5	52-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 371
34-5	52-201, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 371 and 479
58-]	1-401, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 404
58-]	1-501, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 289 and 339
58-0	50-108 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 404
50 4	50-110 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 419
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57	(b) an admission or plea of no contest under Section 80-6-306.
58	(4) "Mental health professional applicant" means an individual who:
59	(a) is licensed under Title 58, Chapter 60, Mental Health Professional Practice Act; and
60	(b) provides information to a public employer or private employer for the purpose of
61	obtaining employment that requires a license under Title 58, Chapter 60, Mental Health
62	Professional Practice Act.
63	[(3)] (3) "Private employer" means a person who has one or more employees
64	employed in the same business, or in or about the same establishment, under any contract of
65	hire, express or implied, oral or written.
66	(b) "Private employer" does not include a public employer.
67	[(4)] (6) "Public employer" means an employer that is:
68	(a) the state or any administrative subunit of the state, including a department, division,
69	board, council, committee, institution, office, bureau, or other similar administrative unit of
70	state government;
71	(b) a state institution of higher education; or
72	(c) a municipal corporation, county, municipality, school district, local district, special
73	service district, or other political subdivision of the state.
74	Section 2. Section 34-52-201 is amended to read:
75	34-52-201. Public employer requirements Exceptions for hiring a mental health
76	professional.
77	(1) [A] Except as provided in Subsections (3) and (6), a public employer may not:
78	(a) exclude an applicant from an initial interview because of:
79	(i) a past criminal conviction[-]; or
80	(ii) if the applicant is a mental health professional applicant, because of an arrest that
81	occurred when the mental health professional was younger than 18 years old or a past juvenile
82	adjudication;
83	(b) make an inquiry related to an applicant's expunged criminal history;
84	(c) when making a hiring decision regarding a mental health professional applicant,
85	consider:
86	(i) an arrest described in Subsection (1)(a);
87	(ii) an arrest not followed by a criminal conviction or juvenile adjudication;

88	(iii) a juvenile adjudication; or
89	(iv) a past criminal conviction if:
90	(A) the mental health professional applicant's sentence for the criminal conviction
91	terminated; and
92	(B) for a criminal conviction for which the mental health professional was
93	incarcerated, at least three years have passed since the last day on which the mental health
94	professional applicant was incarcerated for the criminal conviction; or
95	(d) deny a mental health professional applicant employment based on a past criminal
96	conviction that does not bear a direct relationship to the mental health professional applicant's
97	ability to safely or competently perform the duties of employment.
98	(2) A public employer excludes an applicant from an initial interview <u>under Subsection</u>
99	(1)(a) if the public employer:
100	(a) requires an applicant to disclose, on an employment application, a criminal
101	conviction, or, if the applicant is a mental health professional applicant, an arrest described in
102	Subsection (1)(a) or a juvenile adjudication;
103	(b) requires an applicant to disclose, before an initial interview, a criminal conviction,
104	or, if the applicant is a mental health professional applicant, an arrest described in Subsection
105	(1)(a) or a juvenile adjudication; or
106	(c) if no interview is conducted, requires an applicant to disclose, before making a
107	conditional offer of employment, a criminal conviction[.], or, if the applicant is a mental health
108	professional, an arrest described in Subsection (1)(a) or a juvenile adjudication.
109	(3) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(d), a public employer may not deny a mental health
110	professional applicant employment that requires the mental health professional applicant to
111	provide substance use treatment based on:
112	(a) the mental health professional applicant's participation in substance use treatment;
113	<u>or</u>
114	(b) a past criminal conviction for a nonviolent drug offense if:
115	(i) the mental health professional applicant's sentence for the criminal conviction
116	terminated; and
117	(ii) for a criminal conviction for which the mental health professional was incarcerated,
118	at least three years have passed since the last day on which the mental health professional

119	applicant was incarcerated for the criminal conviction.
120	[(3) (a) A public employer may not make any inquiry related to an applicant's
121	expunged criminal history.]
122	[(b)] (4) An applicant seeking employment from a public employer may answer a
123	question related to an expunged criminal record as though the action underlying the expunged
124	criminal record never occurred.
125	[(4) Subject to] (5) Except as provided in Subsections (1) through (3), [nothing in this
126	section prevents] this section does not prevent a public employer from:
127	(a) asking an applicant for information about an applicant's criminal conviction history
128	during an initial interview or after an initial interview; or
129	(b) considering an applicant's <u>criminal</u> conviction history when making a hiring
130	decision.
131	[(5)] (6) (a) Subsections (1) through $[(3)]$ (4) do not apply:
132	[(a)] (i) if federal, state, or local law, including corresponding administrative rules,
133	requires the consideration of an applicant's criminal conviction history;
134	[(b)] (ii) to a public employer that is a law enforcement agency;
135	[(c)] (iii) to a public employer that is part of the criminal or juvenile justice system;
136	$\left[\frac{(d)}{(d)}\right]$ to a public employer seeking a nonemployee volunteer;
137	[(e)] (v) to a public employer that works with children or vulnerable adults;
138	[(f)] (vi) to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control created in Section
139	32B-2-203;
140	[(g)] <u>(vii)</u> to the State Tax Commission;
141	[(h)] (viii) to a public employer whose primary purpose is performing financial or
142	fiduciary functions; [and] or
143	[(i)] (ix) to a public transit district hiring or promoting an individual for a safety
144	sensitive position described in Section 17B-2a-825.
145	(b) Subsections (1)(c)(iv) and (1)(d) do not apply to a criminal conviction for:
146	(i) a violent felony as defined in Section 76-3-203.5; or
147	(ii) a felony related to a criminal sexual act under Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4, Sexual
148	Offenses, or Title 76, Chapter 5b, Sexual Exploitation Act.
149	(c) Subsections (1)(a)(ii), (1)(c), (1)(d), and (3) apply to a person under contract with a

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150	public employer.
151	Section 3. Section 34-52-302 is enacted to read:
152	34-52-302. Private employer requirements when hiring a mental health
153	professional.
154	(1) Except as provided in Subsection (4), a private employer may not $\hat{H} \rightarrow [:$
155	(a) (a)
155a	Ĥ → <u>:</u> ← Ĥ
156	$\hat{H} \rightarrow (a) \leftarrow \hat{H}$ an arrest that occurred when the mental health professional applicant was
156a	younger than 18
157	<u>years old</u> Ĥ→ [<u>or</u>] ;
157a	(b) ←Ĥ a juvenile adjudication; or
158	Ĥ➔ [(b) make an inquiry related to a mental health professional applicant's] <u>(c)</u> an ←Ĥ
158a	expunged
159	<u>criminal</u> Ĥ→ [history] <u>offense</u> ←Ĥ .
160	(2) A private employer excludes a mental health professional applicant from an initial
161	interview under Subsection (1) $\hat{H} \rightarrow [\underline{(a)}] \leftarrow \hat{H}$ if the private employer:
162	(a) requires the mental health professional applicant to disclose, on an employment
163	application, a juvenile adjudication $\hat{H} \rightarrow$, an expunded criminal offense, $\leftarrow \hat{H}$ or an arrest
163a	described in Subsection (1) $\hat{H} \rightarrow [\underline{(a)}] \leftarrow \hat{H}$;
164	(b) requires the mental health professional applicant to disclose, before an initial
165	interview, a juvenile adjudication $\hat{H} \rightarrow$, an expunged criminal offense, $\leftarrow \hat{H}$ or an arrest described
165a	<u>in Subsection (1)</u> \hat{H} → [(a)] ← \hat{H} ; or
166	(c) if no interview is conducted, requires the mental health professional applicant to
167	disclose, before making a conditional offer of employment, a juvenile adjudication $\hat{H} \rightarrow , an$
167a	<u>expunged criminal offense,</u> ←Ĥ <u>or an arrest</u>
168	described in Subsection (1) $\hat{H} \rightarrow [\underline{(a)}] \leftarrow \hat{H}$.
169	(3) Except as provided in Subsections (1) and (2), this section does not prevent a
170	private employer from:
171	(a) asking a mental health professional applicant for information about the mental
172	health professional applicant's criminal conviction history during an initial interview or after an
173	initial interview; or
174	(b) considering a mental health professional applicant's criminal conviction history
175	when making a hiring decision.

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177	(a) if federal, state, or local law, including corresponding administrative rules, requires
178	the consideration of an applicant's criminal conviction history;
179	(b) to a private employer that is part of the criminal or juvenile justice system;

180 (c) to a private employer seeking a nonemployee volunteer;

181	(d) to a private employer that works with children or vulnerable adults; or
182	(e) to a private employer whose primary purpose is performing financial or fiduciary
183	functions.
184	Section 4. Section 58-1-401 is amended to read:
185	58-1-401. Grounds for denial of license Disciplinary proceedings Time
186	limitations Sanctions.
187	(1) The division shall refuse to issue a license to an applicant and shall refuse to renew
188	or shall revoke, suspend, restrict, place on probation, or otherwise act upon the license of a
189	licensee who does not meet the qualifications for licensure under this title.
190	(2) The division may refuse to issue a license to an applicant and may refuse to renew
191	or may revoke, suspend, restrict, place on probation, issue a public reprimand to, or otherwise
192	act upon the license of a licensee for the following reasons:
193	(a) subject to [the provisions of] Subsection (7), the applicant or licensee has engaged
194	in unprofessional conduct, as defined by statute or rule under this title;
195	(b) the applicant or licensee has engaged in unlawful conduct as defined by statute
196	under this title;
197	(c) the applicant or licensee has been determined to be mentally incompetent by a court
198	of competent jurisdiction; or
199	(d) subject to Subsections 58-31b-401(7), 58-60-108(2), 58-61-401(2), 58-67-401(2),
200	58-68-401(2), 58-70a-401(2), and Section 58-81-105, the applicant or licensee is unable to
201	practice the occupation or profession with reasonable skill and safety because of illness,
202	drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or other type of material, or as a
203	result of a mental or physical condition, when the condition demonstrates a threat or potential
204	threat to the public health, safety, or welfare.
205	(3) A licensee whose license to practice an occupation or profession regulated by this
206	title has been suspended, revoked, placed on probation, or restricted may apply for
207	reinstatement of the license at reasonable intervals and upon compliance with conditions
208	imposed upon the licensee by statute, rule, or terms of the license suspension, revocation,
209	probation, or restriction.
210	(4) The division may issue cease and desist orders to:
211	(a) a licensee or applicant who may be disciplined under Subsection (1) or (2);

212	(b) a person who engages in or represents that the person is engaged in an occupation
213	or profession regulated under this title; and
214	(c) a person who otherwise violates this title or a rule adopted under this title.
215	(5) The division may impose an administrative penalty in accordance with Section
216	58-1-502.
217	(6) (a) The division may not take disciplinary action against a person for
218	unprofessional or unlawful conduct under this title, unless the division enters into a stipulated
219	agreement or initiates an adjudicative proceeding regarding the conduct within four years after
220	the conduct is reported to the division, except under Subsection (6)(b).
221	(b) (i) The division may not take disciplinary action against a person for unprofessional
222	or unlawful conduct more than 10 years after the occurrence of the conduct, unless the
223	proceeding is in response to a civil or criminal judgment or settlement and the proceeding is
224	initiated within one year following the judgment or settlement.
225	(ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (6)(b)(i), the division may refuse to issue a license due
226	to unprofessional or unlawful conduct that occurred more than 10 years before a request or
227	application for licensure is made.
228	(7) When the division is determining whether to refuse to issue a license to an
229	applicant, or to refuse to renew the license of a licensee, based solely on the criminal
230	conviction of an applicant or licensee, the division shall:
231	(a) provide individualized consideration to the applicant or licensee;
232	(b) except as provided in Subsection 58-60-108(2), determine whether the criminal
233	conviction bears a substantial relationship to the applicant's or licensee's ability to safely or
234	competently practice the occupation or profession; and
235	(c) consider the applicant's or licensee's current circumstances, which may include any
236	of the following:
237	(i) the age of the applicant or licensee when the applicant or licensee committed the
238	offense;
239	(ii) the time that has elapsed since the applicant or licensee committed the offense;
240	(iii) whether the applicant or licensee has completed the applicant's or licensee's
241	criminal sentence;
242	(iv) whether the applicant has completed or is actively participating in rehabilitative

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243 drug or alcohol treatment; 244 (v) any testimonials or recommendations from other individuals provided by the 245 applicant or licensee, including a progress report from the applicant's or licensee's probation or 246 parole officer; 247 (vi) other evidence of rehabilitation provided by the applicant or licensee; 248 (vii) the education and training of the applicant or licensee; 249 (viii) the employment history of the applicant or licensee; and 250 (ix) other relevant information provided by the applicant or licensee. 251 Section 5. Section 58-1-501 is amended to read: 252 58-1-501. Unlawful and unprofessional conduct. 253 (1) "Unlawful conduct" means conduct, by any person, that is defined as unlawful 254 under this title and includes: 255 (a) practicing or engaging in, representing oneself to be practicing or engaging in, or 256 attempting to practice or engage in any occupation or profession requiring licensure under this 257 title if the person is: 258 (i) not licensed to do so or not exempted from licensure under this title; or 259 (ii) restricted from doing so by a suspended, revoked, restricted, temporary, 260 probationary, or inactive license; 261 (b) (i) impersonating another licensee or practicing an occupation or profession under a 262 false or assumed name, except as permitted by law; or (ii) for a licensee who has had a license under this title reinstated following disciplinary 263 264 action, practicing the same occupation or profession using a different name than the name used 265 before the disciplinary action, except as permitted by law and after notice to, and approval by, 266 the division; 267 (c) knowingly employing any other person to practice or engage in or attempt to 268 practice or engage in any occupation or profession licensed under this title if the employee is not licensed to do so under this title; 269 270 (d) knowingly permitting the person's authority to practice or engage in any occupation 271 or profession licensed under this title to be used by another, except as permitted by law; 272 (e) obtaining a passing score on a licensure examination, applying for or obtaining a 273 license, or otherwise dealing with the division or a licensing board through the use of fraud,

274 forgery, or intentional deception, misrepresentation, misstatement, or omission;

- (f) (i) issuing, or aiding and abetting in the issuance of, an order or prescription for a
 drug or device to a person located in this state:
- (A) without prescriptive authority conferred by a license issued under this title, or byan exemption to licensure under this title; or
- (B) with prescriptive authority conferred by an exception issued under this title or a
 multistate practice privilege recognized under this title, if the prescription was issued without
 first obtaining information, in the usual course of professional practice, that is sufficient to
 establish a diagnosis, to identify underlying conditions, and to identify contraindications to the
 proposed treatment; and
- (ii) Subsection (1)(f)(i) does not apply to treatment rendered in an emergency, on-call
 or cross coverage situation, provided that the person who issues the prescription has
 prescriptive authority conferred by a license under this title, or is exempt from licensure under
 this title; or
- (g) aiding or abetting any other person to violate any statute, rule, or order regulatingan occupation or profession under this title.
- (2) "Unprofessional conduct" means conduct, by a licensee or applicant, that is defined
 as unprofessional conduct under this title or under any rule adopted under this title and
 includes:
- (a) violating any statute, rule, or order regulating an occupation or profession under thistitle;
- (b) violating, or aiding or abetting any other person to violate, any generally accepted
 professional or ethical standard applicable to an occupation or profession regulated under this
 title;

(c) subject to [the provisions of Subsection (4),] Subsections (4) and 58-60-110(4), engaging in conduct that results in conviction, a plea of nolo contendere, or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere that is held in abeyance pending the successful completion of probation with respect to a crime of moral turpitude or any other crime that, when considered with the functions and duties of the occupation or profession for which the license was issued or is to be issued, bears a substantial relationship to the licensee's or applicant's ability to safely or competently practice the occupation or profession;

305	(d) engaging in conduct that results in disciplinary action, including reprimand,
306	censure, diversion, probation, suspension, or revocation, by any other licensing or regulatory
307	authority having jurisdiction over the licensee or applicant in the same occupation or profession
308	if the conduct would, in this state, constitute grounds for denial of licensure or disciplinary
309	proceedings under Section 58-1-401;
310	(e) engaging in conduct, including the use of intoxicants, drugs, narcotics, or similar
311	chemicals, to the extent that the conduct does, or might reasonably be considered to, impair the
312	ability of the licensee or applicant to safely engage in the occupation or profession;
313	(f) practicing or attempting to practice an occupation or profession regulated under this
314	title despite being physically or mentally unfit to do so;
315	(g) practicing or attempting to practice an occupation or profession regulated under this
316	title through gross incompetence, gross negligence, or a pattern of incompetency or negligence;
317	(h) practicing or attempting to practice an occupation or profession requiring licensure
318	under this title by any form of action or communication which is false, misleading, deceptive,
319	or fraudulent;
320	(i) practicing or attempting to practice an occupation or profession regulated under this
321	title beyond the scope of the licensee's competency, abilities, or education;
322	(j) practicing or attempting to practice an occupation or profession regulated under this
323	title beyond the scope of the licensee's license;
324	(k) verbally, physically, mentally, or sexually abusing or exploiting any person through
325	conduct connected with the licensee's practice under this title or otherwise facilitated by the
326	licensee's license;
327	(1) acting as a supervisor without meeting the qualification requirements for that
328	position that are defined by statute or rule;
329	(m) issuing, or aiding and abetting in the issuance of, an order or prescription for a
330	drug or device:
331	(i) without first obtaining information in the usual course of professional practice, that
332	is sufficient to establish a diagnosis, to identify conditions, and to identify contraindications to
333	the proposed treatment; or
334	(ii) with prescriptive authority conferred by an exception issued under this title, or a
335	multi-state practice privilege recognized under this title, if the prescription was issued without

336	first obtaining information, in the usual course of professional practice, that is sufficient to
337	establish a diagnosis, to identify underlying conditions, and to identify contraindications to the
338	proposed treatment;
339	(n) violating a provision of Section 58-1-501.5; or
340	(o) violating the terms of an order governing a license.
341	(3) Unless otherwise specified by statute or administrative rule, in a civil or
342	administrative proceeding commenced by the division under this title, a person subject to any
343	of the unlawful and unprofessional conduct provisions of this title is strictly liable for each
344	violation.
345	(4) The following are not evidence of engaging in unprofessional conduct under
346	Subsection (2)(c):
347	(a) an arrest not followed by a conviction; or
348	(b) a conviction for which an individual's incarceration has ended more than seven
349	years before the date of the division's consideration, unless:
350	(i) after the incarceration the individual has engaged in additional conduct that results
351	in another conviction, a plea of nolo contendere, or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere that is
352	held in abeyance pending the successful completion of probation; or
353	(ii) the conviction was for:
354	(A) a violent felony as defined in Section 76-3-203.5;
355	(B) a felony related to a criminal sexual act [pursuant to] under Title 76, Chapter 5,
356	Part 4, Sexual Offenses, or Title 76, Chapter 5b, Sexual Exploitation Act; or
357	(C) a felony related to criminal fraud or embezzlement, including a felony [pursuant to]
358	under Title 76, Chapter 6, Part 5, Fraud, or Title 76, Chapter 6, Part 4, Theft.
359	Section 6. Section 58-60-108 is amended to read:
360	58-60-108. Grounds for action regarding license Disciplinary proceedings.
361	(1) Subject to Subsection (2), the division's grounds for refusing to issue a license to an
362	applicant, for refusing to renew the license of a licensee, for revoking, suspending, restricting,
363	or placing on probation the license of a licensee, for issuing a public or private reprimand to a
364	licensee, and for issuing a cease and desist order are under Section 58-1-401.
365	(2) The division may not:
366	(a) refuse, revoke, suspend, or in any way restrict an [applicant] applicant's or

367	licensee's license under this chapter solely because the applicant or licensee seeks or
368	participates in mental health or substance abuse treatment[-];
369	(b) refuse an applicant's license under Part 5, Substance Use Disorder Counselor Act,
370	because the applicant was convicted of a nonviolent drug offense if:
371	(i) the applicant's incarceration for the offense ended more than three years before the
372	day on which the applicant sought licensure under Part 5, Substance Use Disorder Counselor
373	Act; or
374	(ii) in the case the applicant was not incarcerated for the offense, the conviction
375	occurred more than three years before the day on which the applicant sought licensure under
376	Part 5, Substance Use Disorder Counselor Act.
377	Section 7. Section 58-60-110 is amended to read:
378	58-60-110. Unprofessional conduct.
379	(1) As used in this chapter, "unprofessional conduct" includes:
380	(a) using or employing the services of any individual to assist a licensee in any manner
381	not in accordance with the generally recognized practices, standards, or ethics of the profession
382	for which the individual is licensed, or the laws of the state;
383	(b) failure to confine practice conduct to those acts or practices:
384	(i) in which the individual is competent by education, training, and experience within
385	limits of education, training, and experience; and
386	(ii) which are within applicable scope of practice laws of this chapter;
387	(c) disclosing or refusing to disclose any confidential communication under Section
388	58-60-114 or 58-60-509; and
389	(d) a pattern of failing to offer a patient the opportunity to waive the patient's privacy
390	rights under the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45
391	C.F.R., Parts 160 and 164.
392	(2) "Unprofessional conduct" under this chapter may be further defined by division
393	rule.
394	(3) Notwithstanding Section 58-1-401, the division may not act upon the license of a
395	licensee for unprofessional conduct under Subsection (1)(d).
396	(4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the following are not evidence of
397	engaging in unprofessional conduct under Subsection 58-1-501(2)(c):

- 398 (i) a conviction for which an applicant's incarceration ended more than three years
- 399 <u>before the date of the division's consideration; or</u>
- 400 (ii) a conviction for which the applicant was not incarcerated that occurred more than
- 401 three years before the date of the division's consideration.
- 402 (b) Subsection (4)(a) does not apply to a conviction described in Subsection
- 403 <u>58-1-501(4)(b)(ii).</u>