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## SENATE BILL No. 90

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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AN ACT concerning the behavioral sciences regulatory board; relating to licensure; amending K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 74-7507 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 74-7507 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-7507. (a) The behavioral sciences regulatory board shall have the following powers, duties and functions:

- (1) Recommend to the appropriate district or county attorneys prosecution for violations of this act, the licensure of psychologists act of the state of Kansas, the professional counselors licensure act, K.S.A. 65-6301 to 65-6320, inclusive, and amendments thereto, K.S.A 74-5361 to 74-5374, inclusive, and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 74-5375, and amendments thereto, the marriage and family therapists licensure act or the alcohol and other drug abuse counselor registration act;
- (2) compile and publish annually a list of the names and addresses of all persons who are licensed under this act, are licensed under the licensure of psychologists act of the state of Kansas, are licensed under the professional counselors licensure act, are licensed under K.S.A. 65-6301 to 65-6320, inclusive, and amendments thereto, are licensed under K.S.A. 74-5361 to 74-5374, inclusive, and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 74-5375, and amendments thereto, are licensed under the marriage and family therapists licensure act or are registered under the alcohol and other drug abuse counselor registration act;
- (3) prescribe the form and contents of examinations required under this act, the licensure of psychologists act of the state of Kansas, the professional counselors licensure act, K.S.A. 65-6301 to 65-6320, inclusive, and amendments thereto, K.S.A. 74-5361 to 74-5374, inclusive, and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 74-5375, and amendments thereto, the marriage and family therapists licensure act or the alcohol and other drug abuse counselor registration act;
- (4) enter into contracts necessary to administer this act, the licensure of psychologists act of the state of Kansas, the professional

counselors licensure act, K.S.A. 65-6301 to 65-6320, inclusive, and amendments thereto, K.S.A. 74-5361 to 74-5374, inclusive, and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 74-5375, and amendments thereto, the marriage and family therapists licensure act or the alcohol and other drug abuse counselor registration act;

- (5) adopt an official seal;
- (6) adopt and enforce rules and regulations for professional conduct of persons licensed under the licensure of psychologists act of the state of Kansas, licensed under the professional counselors licensure act, licensed under K.S.A. 65-6301 to 65-6320, inclusive, and amendments thereto, licensed under K.S.A. 74-5361 to 74-5374, inclusive, and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 74-5375, and amendments thereto, licensed under the marriage and family therapists licensure act or registered under the alcohol and other drug abuse counselor registration act;
- (7) adopt and enforce rules and regulations establishing requirements for the continuing education of persons licensed under the licensure of psychologists act of the state of Kansas, licensed under the professional counselors licensure act, licensed under K.S.A. 65-6301 to 65-6320, inclusive, and amendments thereto, licensed under K.S.A. 74-5361 to 74-5374, inclusive, and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 74-5375, and amendments thereto, licensed under the marriage and family therapists licensure act or registered under the alcohol and other drug abuse counselor registration act;
- (8) adopt rules and regulations establishing classes of social work specialties which will be recognized for licensure under K.S.A. 65-6301 to 65-6318, inclusive, and amendments thereto;
- (9) adopt rules and regulations establishing procedures for examination of candidates for licensure under the licensure of psychologists act of the state of Kansas, for licensure under the professional counselors licensure act, for licensure under K.S.A. 65-6301 to 65-6320, inclusive, and amendments thereto, for licensure under K.S.A. 74-5361 to 74-5374, inclusive, and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 74-5375, and amendments thereto, for licensure under the marriage and family therapists licensure act, for registration under the alcohol and other drug abuse counselor registration act and for issuance of such certificates and such licenses;
- (10) adopt rules and regulations as may be necessary for the administration of this act, the licensure of psychologists act of the state

of Kansas, the professional counselors licensure act, K.S.A. 65-6301 to 65-6320, inclusive, and amendments thereto, K.S.A. 74-5361 to 74-5374, inclusive, and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 74-5375, and amendments thereto, the marriage and family therapists licensure act and the alcohol and other drug abuse counselor registration act and to carry out the purposes thereof;

- (11) appoint an executive director and other employees as provided in K.S.A. 74-7501 and amendments thereto; and
- (12) exercise such other powers and perform such other functions and duties as may be prescribed by law.
- (b) The behavioral sciences regulatory board, in addition to any other penalty, may assess an administrative penalty, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, against a licensee or registrant for a violation of any of the provisions of the licensure of psychologists act of the state of Kansas, the professional counselors licensure act, K.S.A. 65-6301 to 65-6320, inclusive, and amendments thereto, K.S.A. 74-5361 to 74-5374, inclusive, and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 74-5375, and amendments thereto, the marriage and family therapists licensure act or the alcohol and other drug abuse counselor registration act in an amount not to exceed \$1,000. All fines assessed and collected under this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215 and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund.
- (c) If an order of the behavioral sciences regulatory board is adverse to a licensee or registrant of the board, the costs shall be charged to such person as in ordinary civil actions in the district court in an amount not to exceed \$200. The board shall pay any additional costs and, if the board is the unsuccessful party, the costs shall be paid by the board. Witness fees and costs may be taxed in accordance with statutes governing taxation of witness fees and costs in the district court.
- (d) The behavioral sciences regulatory board may, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, deny, refuse to renew, suspend, revoke, condition, limit, qualify or restrict the license of any applicant or any person licensed by the behavioral sciences regulatory board, if: (1) The allegations of abuse, neglect or exploitation have been substantiated against a child, adult or resident of a care facility by the secretary of the social and rehabilitation services, secretary on aging or secretary

- of health and environment in accordance with the provisions in K.S.A.
- 2 **38-2223 through 38-2230 and** 39-1401 through 39-1443, and
- 3 amendments thereto;4 (2) the administ
  - (2) the administrative appeal process has been exhausted; and
- 5 (3) the determination of substantiation has become final.
- 6 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 74-7507 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.