An Act

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 1234

By: Bergstrom of the Senate

and

Kendrix of the House

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

SUBJECT: Extending sunset date

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

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

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

B. The initial appointments for each member shall be for progressive terms of one (1) through three (3) years so that only one term expires each calendar year; subsequent appointments shall be for five-year terms. Members of the Board shall serve at the pleasure of and may be removed from office by the appointing authority. No member shall serve more than three consecutive terms. Members shall continue to serve until their successors are appointed. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

C. The Board shall be composed as follows:

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

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

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

D. The licensed perfusionist members shall have been engaged in rendering perfusion services to the public, teaching perfusion care, or research in perfusion care, for at least five (5) years immediately preceding their appointments. These members shall at all times be holders of valid licenses for the practice of perfusion in this state, except for the members first appointed to the Board. These initial members shall, at the time of appointment, be credentialed as a Certified Clinical Perfusionist (CCP) conferred by the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP) or its successor organization, and all shall fulfill the requirements for licensure pursuant to the Oklahoma Licensed Perfusionists Act. All members of the Board shall be residents of this state.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval. Passed the Senate the 14th day of March, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 16th day of April, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

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