

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1173

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to practice of psychology; defining  
9 terms; allowing licensed psychologist to prescribe  
psychotropic drugs under certain conditions;  
10 providing for application for conditional  
prescription certificate; stating application  
criteria; providing for issuance of, expiration of,  
11 and reapplication for certificate; listing conditions  
under which licensed psychologist may prescribe  
12 psychotropic drugs under conditional prescription  
certificate; providing certain immunity; providing  
13 for application for prescription certificate; stating  
application criteria; listing conditions under which  
14 licensed psychologist may prescribe psychotropic  
drugs under prescription certificate; directing  
15 promulgation of rules; providing for codification;  
and providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1371.1 of Title 59, unless there  
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 As used in this act:

1       1. "Board" means, unless otherwise explicitly stated, the State  
2       Board of Examiners of Psychologists;

3       2. "Conditional prescription certificate" means a document  
4       issued by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to a  
5       licensed psychologist who has met requirements for said certificate  
6       that permits the holder to prescribe psychotropic medication under  
7       the supervision of a supervising physician;

8       3. "Prescription certificate" means a document issued by the  
9       State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to a licensed psychologist  
10      that permits the holder to prescribe psychotropic medication after  
11      met requirements;

12      4. "Psychologist" has the same meaning as provided in Section  
13      1352 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

14      5. "Psychotropic medication" means a controlled substance or  
15      drug that may not be dispensed or administered without a  
16      prescription and whose primary use has been approved by the federal  
17      Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of mental disorders  
18      or is listed as a psychotherapeutic agent in Drug Facts and  
19      Comparisons 2017, or the most recent edition of that book, or in  
20      American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information, and includes  
21      antidepressants, antianxiety medications, stimulants,  
22      antipsychotics, and mood stabilizers; and

1       6. "Supervising physician" means a licensed allopathic  
2 physician or osteopathic physician who is supervising a psychologist  
3 in the prescribing of psychotropic medication.

4       SECTION 2.      NEW LAW      A new section of law to be codified  
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1371.2 of Title 59, unless there  
6 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7           A. A licensed psychologist holding a conditional prescription  
8 certificate may prescribe psychotropic medication under the  
9 supervision of a supervising physician.

10          B. A licensed psychologist holding a prescription certificate  
11 may prescribe psychotropic medication independent of the supervision  
12 of a supervising physician.

13       SECTION 3.      NEW LAW      A new section of law to be codified  
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1371.3 of Title 59, unless there  
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16           A. A psychologist may apply to the State Board of Examiners of  
17 Psychologists for a conditional prescription certificate. The  
18 application shall be made on a form approved by the Board and be  
19 accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the Board that the  
20 applicant:

21            1. Has completed a doctoral program in psychology from an  
22 accredited institution of higher education or professional school,  
23 or, if the program was not accredited at the time of the applicant's  
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1 graduation, that the program meets professional standards determined  
2 acceptable by the Board;

3       2. Holds a current license to practice psychology in this  
4 state;

5       3. Has successfully completed a postdoctoral master of science  
6 degree in psychopharmacology from an institution of higher education  
7 approved by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, the State  
8 Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, and the State Board of  
9 Osteopathic Examiners;

10      4. Has passed a national certification examination approved by  
11 the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, the State Board of  
12 Medical Licensure and Supervision, and the State Board of  
13 Osteopathic Examiners that tests the applicant's knowledge of  
14 pharmacology in the diagnosis, care, and treatment of mental  
15 disorders;

16      5. Within the five (5) years immediately preceding the date of  
17 application, has successfully completed an organized program of  
18 education approved by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists,  
19 the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, and the State  
20 Board of Osteopathic Examiners which included didactic instruction  
21 of no fewer than four hundred fifty (450) classroom hours in at  
22 least the following core areas of instruction:

- 23           a. neuroscience,  
24           b. pharmacology,

- 1                   c. psychopharmacology,  
2                   d. physiology,  
3                   e. pathophysiology,  
4                   f. appropriate and relevant physical and laboratory  
5                   assessment, and  
6                   g. clinical pharmacotherapeutics; or

7         6. Within the five (5) years immediately preceding the date of  
8 application, has been certified by each of the applicant's  
9 supervising physicians as having successfully completed a supervised  
10 and relevant clinical experience, approved by the State Board of  
11 Examiners of Psychologists, the State Board of Medical Licensure and  
12 Supervision, and the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, of:

- 13               a. no less than an eighty-hour practicum in clinical  
14                   assessment and pathophysiology under the supervision  
15                   of a licensed allopathic or osteopathic physician, and  
16               b. an additional supervised practicum of at least four  
17                   hundred (400) hours treating no fewer than one hundred  
18                   patients with mental disorders. The practicum to have  
19                   been supervised one-to-one by any one or a combination  
20                   of a psychiatrist or other appropriately trained  
21                   licensed allopathic or osteopathic physician and  
22                   determined by the State Board of Examiners of  
23                   Psychologists, the State Board of Medical Licensure  
24                   and Supervision, and the State Board of Osteopathic

1                   Examiners to be sufficient to competently train the  
2                   applicant in the treatment of a diverse patient  
3                   population. One-to-one supervision shall be provided  
4                   either face-to-face, telephonically, or by  
5                   videoconference.

6         B. The State Board of Examiners of Psychologists shall issue a  
7         conditional prescription certificate if it finds that the applicant  
8         has met the requirements of subsection A of this section. The  
9         certificate shall be valid for a period of two (2) years, at the end  
10        of which the holder may again apply pursuant to the provisions of  
11        subsection A of this section.

12         C. A psychologist with a conditional prescription certificate  
13         may prescribe psychotropic medication under the supervision of a  
14         supervising physician subject to the following conditions:

15                 1. The psychologist shall continue to hold a current license to  
16         practice psychology in this state and shall maintain malpractice  
17         insurance in accordance with rules prescribed by the Board;

18                 2. The psychologist shall notify the Board of the name of the  
19         psychologist's supervising physician; and

20                 3. A supervising physician shall notify the supervising  
21         physician's own licensing board of the name of each psychologist  
22         under the supervising physician's supervision.

23         D. A supervising physician shall not be liable for the acts of  
24         a psychologist under the supervising physician's supervision unless

1 | an injury or loss arises from those acts under the direction and  
2 | control of the supervising physician.

3 | SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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