

Now, therefore:

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

New Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of article 28 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, the state board of healing arts may grant a license to practice medicine and surgery and renew the same as provided in K.S.A. 65-2809, and amendments thereto, to any person who holds a current, valid license to practice medicine and surgery issued by the appropriate regulatory agency of another state that has substantially equivalent requirements for such licensure as the state board of healing arts.

(b) An applicant for a license issued pursuant to this section shall submit any information required by the state board of healing arts and pay any fees required for licensure in this state.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 1-302 is hereby amended to read as follows: 1-302. (a) The certificate of certified public accountant shall be known as the Kansas certificate and shall be granted by the board to any person of good moral character who: (1) Is a resident of this state or has a place of business or is employed therein; (2) meets the educational requirements prescribed by K.S.A. 1-302a, and amendments thereto; and (3) has passed an examination in accounting and auditing and in such other related subjects as the board may determine to be appropriate.

(b) The board may grant a Kansas certificate to any person who holds a current, valid certificate or license as a certified public accountant issued by the appropriate regulatory agency of another state that has
substantially equivalent requirements for such certification or licensure as
the board. An applicant for a license issued pursuant to this section shall
submit any information required by the board and pay any fees required
for a Kansas certificate.

(c) The board may refuse to grant a certificate on the ground of
failure to satisfy the good moral character requirement subject to notice
and an opportunity for the person to be heard pursuant to the Kansas
administrative procedures act.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 65-1152 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-
1152. (a) In order to obtain authorization from the board of nursing to
practice as a registered nurse anesthetist an individual shall meet the
following requirements:

1. Be licensed to practice professional nursing under the Kansas
nurse practice act;
2. has successfully completed a course of study in nurse anesthesia
in a school of nurse anesthesia approved by the board;
3. has successfully completed an examination approved by the board
or has been certified by a national organization whose certifying standards
are approved by the board as equal to or greater than the corresponding
standards established under this act for obtaining authorization to practice
as a registered nurse anesthetist; and
4. be required to successfully complete a refresher course as defined
in rules and regulations of the board if the individual has not been in active
anesthesia practice for five years preceding the application.

(b) The board may authorize an individual to practice as a registered
nurse anesthetist if such individual has been duly licensed, certified or
otherwise authorized to practice as a registered nurse anesthetist under
the laws of another state if, in the opinion of the board, the applicant
meets the same qualifications required of a registered nurse anesthetist in
this state. Verification of the applicant's licensure, certification or
authorization status shall be required from the other state.

(c) Approval of schools of nurse anesthesia shall be based on
approval standards specified in K.S.A. 65-1133, and amendments thereto.

d) Schools of nurse anesthesia approved by the board under this
section shall offer, a masters level degree program in nurse anesthesia.

(e) For the purposes of determining whether an individual meets
the requirements of item (2) of subsection (a)(2), the board by rules and
regulations shall establish criteria for determining whether a particular
school of nurse anesthesia maintains standards which that are at least equal
to schools of nurse anesthesia which that are approved by the board.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 65-1505 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-
1505. (a) Persons entitled to practice optometry in Kansas shall be those
persons licensed in accordance with the provisions of the optometry law. A
person shall be qualified to be licensed and to receive a license as an optometrist: (1) Who is of good moral character; and in determining the moral character of any such person, the board may take into consideration any felony conviction of such person, but such conviction shall not automatically operate as a bar to licensure; (2) who has graduated from a school or college of optometry approved by the board; and (3) who successfully meets and completes the requirements set by the board and passes an examination given by the board.

(b) The board may grant a license to any person who holds a current, valid license to practice optometry issued by the appropriate regulatory agency of another state that has substantially equivalent requirements for such licensure as the board. An applicant for a license issued pursuant to this section shall submit any information required by the board and pay any fees required for such licensure.

(c) All applicants for licensure, in addition to successfully completing all other requirements for licensure, shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board of professional liability insurance in an amount acceptable to the board.

(e)(d) Any person applying for examination by the board shall fill out and swear to an application furnished by the board, accompanied by a fee fixed by the board by rules and regulations in an amount of not to exceed $450, and file the same with the secretary of the board at least 30 days prior to the holding of the examination. At such examinations the board shall examine each applicant in subjects taught in schools or colleges of optometry approved by the board, as may be required by the board. If such person complies with the other qualifications for licensing and passes such examination, such person shall receive from the board, upon the payment of a fee fixed by the board by rules and regulations in an amount of not to exceed $150, a license entitling such person to practice optometry. In the event of the failure on the part of the applicant to pass the first examination, such person may, with the consent of the board, within 18 months, by filing an application accompanied by a fee fixed by the board by rules and regulations in an amount of not to exceed $150, take a second examination; for the third and each subsequent examination a fee fixed by the board by rules and regulations in an amount of not to exceed $150. Any examination fee and license fee fixed by the board under this subsection which is in effect on the day preceding the effective date of this act shall continue in effect until the board adopts rules and regulations under this subsection fixing a different fee therefor.

(d)(e) Any applicant for reciprocal licensure may in the board's discretion be licensed and issued a license without examination if the applicant has been in the active practice of optometry in another state for at least the three-year period immediately preceding the application for
reciprocal licensure and the applicant:

(1) Presents a certified copy of a certificate of registration or license which has been issued to the applicant by another state where the requirements for licensure are deemed by the board to be equivalent to the requirements for licensure under this act, if such state accords a like privilege to holders of a license issued by the board;

(2) submits a sworn statement of the licensing authority of such other state that the applicant's license has never been limited, suspended or revoked and that the applicant has never been censured or had other disciplinary action taken;

(3) successfully passes an examination of Kansas law administered by the board and such clinical practice examination as the board deems necessary; and

(4) pays the reciprocal license fixed by the board by rules and regulations in an amount of not to exceed $450. The reciprocal license fee fixed by the board under this subsection is in effect on the day preceding the effective date of this act shall continue in effect until the board adopts rules and regulations under this subsection fixing a different fee therefor.

(e)(f) The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the criteria which a school or college of optometry shall satisfy in meeting the requirement of approval by the board established under subsection (a). The board may send a questionnaire developed by the board to any school or college of optometry for which the board does not have sufficient information to determine whether the school or college meets the requirements for approval and rules and regulations adopted under this act. The questionnaire providing the necessary information shall be completed and returned to the board in order for the school or college to be considered for approval. The board may contract with investigative agencies, commissions or consultants to assist the board in obtaining information about schools or colleges. In entering such contracts the authority to approve schools or colleges shall remain solely with the board.

(f)(g) (1) The board may require an applicant for licensure or a licensee in connection with an investigation of the licensee to be fingerprinted and submit to a state and national criminal history record check. The fingerprints shall be used to identify the licensee or applicant for licensure and to determine whether the licensee or applicant for licensure has a record of criminal arrests and convictions in this state or other jurisdictions. The board is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the Kansas bureau of investigation, the federal bureau of investigation or any other law enforcement or criminal justice agency for a state and national criminal history record check. The board may use the information obtained through the criminal history record check for the purposes of verifying the
identification of the licensee or applicant for licensure and in the official
class and fitness determination of the licensee or applicant for
licensure to practice optometry in this state.

(2) Local and state law enforcement officers and agencies shall assist
the board in taking and processing fingerprints of licensees and applicants
for licensure and shall release to the board all records of adult convictions,
arrests and nonconvictions in this state and all records of adult convictions,
arrests and nonconvictions of any other state or country. The board may
enter into agreements with the Kansas bureau of investigation, the federal
bureau of investigation or any other law enforcement or criminal justice
agency as necessary to carry out the duties of the board under this act.

(3) The fingerprints and all information obtained from the criminal
history record check shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed except
to members of the board and agents and employees of the board as
necessary to verify the identification of any licensee or applicant for
licensure and in the official character and fitness determination of the
licensee or applicant for licensure to practice optometry in this state. Any
other disclosure of such confidential information shall constitute a class A
misdemeanor and shall constitute grounds for removal from office,
termination of employment or denial, revocation or suspension of any
license issued under this act.

(4) (A) The board shall fix a fee for fingerprinting applicants or
licensees in an amount necessary to reimburse the board for the cost of the
fingerprinting. Fees collected under this subsection shall be deposited in
the criminal history and fingerprinting fund.

(B) There is hereby created in the state treasury the criminal history
and fingerprinting fund. All moneys credited to the fund shall be used to
pay all costs and fees associated with processing of fingerprints and
criminal history checks for the board of examiners in optometry. The fund
shall be administered by the board. All expenditures from the fund shall be
made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director
of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the
president of the board or a person designated by the president.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 65-1663 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-
1663. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to function as a pharmacy
technician in this state unless such person is registered with the board as a
pharmacy technician. Every person registered as a pharmacy technician
shall have graduated from an accredited high school or its equivalent,
obtained a graduate equivalent diploma (GED) or be enrolled and in good
standing in a high school education program. Every person registered as a
pharmacy technician shall pass one or more examinations identified and
approved by the board within the period or periods of time specified by the
board after becoming registered. The board shall adopt rules and
regulations identifying the required examinations, when they must be passed and establishing the criteria for the required examinations and passing scores. The board may include as a required examination any national pharmacy technician certification examination. The board shall adopt rules and regulations restricting the tasks a pharmacy technician may perform prior to passing any required examinations.

(b) Any person who holds a current, valid license or registration as a pharmacy technician issued by the appropriate regulatory agency of another state that has substantially equivalent requirements for such licensure or registration as the board may be registered as a pharmacy technician in this state. An applicant for registration pursuant to this section shall submit any information required by the board and pay any fees required for such registration.

(c) All applications for registration shall be made on a form to be prescribed and furnished by the board. Each application for registration shall be accompanied by a registration fee fixed by the board by rule and regulation not to exceed $50.

(d) The board shall take into consideration any felony conviction of an applicant, but such conviction shall not automatically operate as a bar to registration.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, each pharmacy technician registration issued by the board shall expire every two years. The expiration date shall be established by rules and regulations adopted by the board. To provide for a system of biennial renewal of pharmacy technician registrations, the board may provide by rules and regulations that registrations issued or renewed may expire less than two years from the date of issuance or renewal. Each applicant for renewal of a pharmacy technician registration shall be made on a form prescribed and furnished by the board and shall be accompanied by a renewal fee fixed by the board by rule and regulation not to exceed $25. Pharmacy technician registration renewal fees may be prorated for registration periods which are less than biennial in accordance with rules and regulations of the board. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the application for registration renewal, when accompanied by the renewal fee and evidence satisfactory to the board that the person has successfully complied with the rules and regulations of the board establishing the requirements for a program of continuing pharmacy technician education and received by the secretary on or before the date of expiration of the registration, shall have the effect of temporarily renewing the applicant's registration until actual issuance or denial of the renewal registration. If at the time of filing a proceeding is pending before the board which may result in the suspension, probation, revocation or denial of the applicant's registration, the board may by emergency order declare that the application for renewal shall not have the
effect of temporarily renewing such applicant's registration. If the renewal fee is not paid prior to the expiration date of the renewal year, the registration is void.

(e) Continuing pharmacy technician education requirements shall be fixed by the board at not more than 20 clock hours biennially of a program of continuing education approved by the board. Continuing education hours may be prorated for licensure periods that are less than biennial in accordance with rules and regulations of the board.

(f) (1) The board may limit, suspend or revoke a registration or deny an application for issuance or renewal of any registration as a pharmacy technician on any ground, which would authorize the board to take action against the license of a pharmacist under K.S.A. 65-1627, and amendments thereto.

(2) The board may require a physical or mental examination, or both, of a person applying for or registered as a pharmacy technician.

(3) The board may temporarily suspend or temporarily limit the registration of any pharmacy technician in accordance with the emergency adjudicative proceedings under the Kansas administrative procedure act if the board determines that there is cause to believe that grounds exist for disciplinary action under this section against the registrant and that the registrant's continuation of pharmacy technician functions would constitute an imminent danger to the public health and safety.

(4) Proceedings under this section shall be subject to the Kansas administrative procedure act.

(g) (h) Every registered pharmacy technician, within 30 days of obtaining new employment or ceasing employment as a pharmacy technician, shall notify the secretary of the name and address of the new employer or cessation of employment.

(i) Every pharmacy technician who changes their residential address, email address or legal name shall, within 30 days thereof, notify the secretary of such change on a form prescribed and furnished by the board.

(j) Each pharmacy shall at all times maintain a list of the names of pharmacy technicians employed by the pharmacy. A pharmacy technician shall work under the direct supervision and control of a pharmacist, and while on duty, shall wear a name badge or similar identification with the pharmacy technician's name and designation as a pharmacy technician. It shall be the responsibility of the supervising pharmacist to determine that the pharmacy technician is in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of the board, and the supervising pharmacist shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of the pharmacy technician in the performance of the pharmacy technician's duties. The ratio of pharmacy technicians to pharmacists in the prescription area of a pharmacy shall be
prescribed by the board by rule and regulation. Any change in the ratio of pharmacy technicians to pharmacists in the prescription area of the pharmacy must be adopted by a vote of no less than six members of the board.

(\textit{j})(k) Every registered pharmacy technician shall display the current registration in that part of the place of business in which such person is engaged in pharmacy technician activities.

(\textit{k})(l) Every pharmacy technician registered after July 1, 2017, shall be required to pass a certified pharmacy technician examination approved by the board.

(\textit{l})(m) The board shall adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to ensure that pharmacy technicians are adequately trained as to the nature and scope of their lawful duties.

(\textit{m})(n) The board may adopt rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and enforce the provisions of this act.

(\textit{n})(o) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the pharmacy act of the state of Kansas.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 65-28a04 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-28a04. (a) No person shall be licensed as a physician assistant by the state board of healing arts unless such person has:

(1) Presented to the state board of healing arts proof that the applicant has successfully completed a course of education and training approved by the state board of healing arts for the education and training of a physician assistant or presented to the state board of healing arts proof that the applicant has acquired experience while serving in the armed forces of the United States which experience \textit{that} is equivalent to the minimum experience requirements established by the state board of healing arts;

(2) passed an examination approved by the state board of healing arts covering subjects incident to the education and training of a physician assistant; and

(3) submitted to the state board of healing arts any other information the state board of healing arts deems necessary to evaluate the applicant's qualifications.

(b) The board may grant a license to any person who holds a current, valid license as a physician assistant issued by the appropriate regulatory agency of another state that has substantially equivalent requirements for such licensure as the board. An applicant for a license issued pursuant to this section shall submit any information required by the board and pay any fees required for such licensure.

(c) The board may refuse to license a person as a physician assistant upon any of the grounds for which the board may revoke such license.

(e)(d) The state board of healing arts shall require every physician assistant to submit with the renewal application evidence of satisfactory
completion of a program of continuing education required by the state board of healing arts. The state board of healing arts by duly adopted rules and regulations shall establish the requirements for such program of continuing education as soon as possible after the effective date of this act. In establishing such requirements the state board of healing arts shall consider any existing programs of continuing education currently being offered to physician assistants.

(d) (e) A person registered to practice as a physician assistant immediately prior to the effective date of this act shall be deemed to be licensed to practice as a physician assistant under this act, and such person shall not be required to file an original application for licensure under this act. Any application for registration filed which has not been granted prior to February 1, 2001, shall be processed as an application for licensure under this act.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 65-28b03 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-28b03. (a) In order to obtain authorization to engage in the independent practice of midwifery, a certified nurse-midwife must meet the following requirements:

(1) Be licensed to practice professional nursing under the Kansas nurse practice act;

(2) have successfully completed a course of study in nurse-midwifery in a school of nurse-midwifery approved by the board;

(3) have successfully completed a national certification approved by the board;

(4) have successfully completed a refresher course as defined by rules and regulations of the board, if the individual has not been in active midwifery practice for five years immediately preceding the application;

(5) be authorized to perform the duties of a certified nurse-midwife by the state board of nursing;

(6) be licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse by the state board of nursing; and

(7) have paid all fees for licensure prescribed in K.S.A. 65-28b05, and amendments thereto.

(b) Upon application to the board by any certified nurse-midwife and upon satisfaction of the standards and requirements established under this act, the board shall grant an authorization to the applicant to engage in the independent practice of midwifery. The board may authorize any person to engage in the independent practice of midwifery if such person is authorized to engage in such practice by the appropriate regulatory agency of another state that has substantially equivalent requirements for such authorization as the board. An applicant for authorization to practice midwifery pursuant to this section shall submit any information required by the board and pay any fees required for licensure under K.S.A. 65-
(c) A person whose licensure has been revoked may make written application to the board requesting reinstatement of the license in a manner prescribed by the board, which application shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed in K.S.A. 65-28b05, and amendments thereto.

(d) The provisions of this section shall become effective on January 1, 2017.

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 65-2906 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-2906. (a) The board, with the advice and assistance of the council, shall pass upon the qualifications of all applicants for licensure or certification and duly license or certify those applicants who meet the qualifications established by this act.

(b) An applicant applying for licensure as a physical therapist or for a certificate as a physical therapist assistant shall file a written application on forms provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant meets the following requirements:

(1) The applicant is of legal age;

(2) the applicant has successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in physical therapy approved by the board which is appropriate for the certification or licensure of the applicant or, if the applicant attended a program not approved by the board, the applicant shall present an evaluation by an entity approved by the board showing that applicant's educational program met the criteria a school must satisfy to be approved by the board;

(3) the applicant has passed an examination required by the board which is appropriate for the certification or licensure of the applicant to test the applicant's knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences relating to physical therapy theory and practice; and

(4) the applicant has paid to the board all applicable fees established under K.S.A. 65-2911, and amendments thereto.

(c) The board may grant a license or certification to any person who holds a current, valid license or certification as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant issued by the appropriate regulatory agency of another state that has substantially equivalent requirements for such licensure or certification as the board. An applicant for a license or certification issued pursuant to this section shall submit any information required by the board and pay any fees required for such licensure or certification.

(d) The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the criteria which a school shall satisfy in order to be approved by the board for purposes of subsection (b). The board may send a questionnaire developed by the board to any school for which the board does not have sufficient information to determine whether the school meets the
requirements of the board for approval and rules and regulations adopted under this section. The questionnaire providing the necessary information shall be completed and returned to the board in order for the school to be considered for approval. The board may contract with investigative agencies, commissions or consultants to assist the board in obtaining information about schools. In entering such contracts the authority to approve schools shall remain solely with the board.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 65-4203 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-4203. (a) **Qualification.** An applicant for a license to practice as a mental health technician shall:

1. Have graduated from a high school accredited by the appropriate legal accrediting agency or have obtained the equivalent of a high school education, as determined by the state department of education;
2. have satisfactorily completed an approved course of mental health technology; and
3. file with the board a written application for a license.

(b) The board may issue a license to an applicant to practice as a mental health technician who has:

1. Met the qualifications set forth in subsection (a);
2. passed a written examination in mental health technology as prescribed by the board; and
3. no disqualifying factors under K.S.A. 65-4209, and amendments thereto.

(c) **Licensure examination within 24 months of graduation.** (1) Persons who do not take the licensure examination within 24 months after graduation shall petition the board for permission prior to taking the licensure examination. The board may require the applicant to submit and complete a plan of study prior to taking the licensure examination.

2. Persons who are unsuccessful in passing the licensure examination within 24 months after graduation shall petition the board for permission prior to subsequent attempts. The board may require the applicant to submit and complete a plan of study prior to taking the licensure examination a subsequent time. The study plan shall contain subjects related to deficiencies identified on the failed examination profiles.

(d) **Licensure recognition.** The board may grant a license to any person who holds a current, valid license to practice as a mental health technician issued by the appropriate regulatory agency of another state that has substantially equivalent requirements for such licensure as the board. An applicant for a license issued pursuant to this section shall submit any information required by the board and pay any fees required for such licensure.

(e) An application for initial licensure will be held awaiting
completion of meeting qualifications for a time period specified in rules and regulations.

(e)(f) Refresher course. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), an applicant for a license to practice as a mental health technician who has not been licensed to practice as a mental health technician for five years preceding application shall be required to successfully complete a refresher course as defined by the board in rules and regulations.

(f)(g) The board may issue a one-time temporary permit to practice as a mental health technician for a period not to exceed 120 days when a reinstatement application has been made.

(g)(h) Exempt license. The board may issue an exempt license to any licensee as defined in rules and regulations who makes written application for such license on a form provided by the board, who remits a fee as established pursuant to K.S.A. 65-4208, and amendments thereto, and who is not regularly engaged in mental health technician practice in Kansas but volunteers mental health technician service or is a charitable health care provider as defined by K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto. Each exempt licensee shall be subject to all provisions of the mental health technician act, except as otherwise provided in this subsection (e). Each exempt license may be renewed biennially subject to the provisions of this section. The holder of the exempt license shall not be required to submit evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of continuing education for renewal. To convert an exempt license to an active license, the exempt licensee shall meet all the requirements of subsection (b) or K.S.A. 65-4205, and amendments thereto. The board shall have authority to write rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

(h)(i) The board may adopt rules and regulations as necessary to administer the mental health technician's licensure act.

Sec. 10. K.S.A. 65-5406 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-5406. (a) An applicant applying for licensure as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant shall file a written application on forms provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant meets the following requirements:

(1) Education: The applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully completed the academic requirements of an educational program in occupational therapy recognized by the board.

(2) Experience: The applicant shall submit to the board evidence of having successfully completed a period of supervised field work at a minimum recognized by the board.

(3) Examination: The applicant shall pass an examination as provided for in K.S.A. 65-5407, and amendments thereto.

(4) Fees: The applicants shall pay to the board all applicable fees established under K.S.A. 65-5409, and amendments thereto.
(b) The board may grant a license to any person who holds a current, valid license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant issued by the appropriate regulatory agency of another state that has substantially equivalent requirements for such licensure as the board. An applicant for a license issued pursuant to this section shall submit any information required by the board and pay any fees required for such licensure.

(c) The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the criteria which an educational program in occupational therapy shall satisfy to be recognized by the board under paragraph (1) of subsection (a)(1). The board may send a questionnaire developed by the board to any school or other entity conducting an educational program in occupational therapy for which the board does not have sufficient information to determine whether the program meets the rules and regulations adopted under this section. The questionnaire providing the necessary information shall be completed and returned to the board in order for the program to be considered for recognition. The board may contract with investigative agencies, commissions or consultants to assist the board in obtaining information about an educational program in occupational therapy. In entering such contracts the authority to recognize an educational program in occupational therapy shall remain solely with the board.

Sec. 11. K.S.A. 65-5506 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-5506. (a) An applicant applying for licensure as a respiratory therapist shall file a written application on forms provided by the board, showing to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant meets the following requirements:

(1) Education: The applicant shall present evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully completed an educational program in respiratory therapy approved by the board.

(2) Examination: The applicant shall pass an examination as provided for in K.S.A. 65-5507, and amendments thereto.

(3) Fees: The applicants shall pay to the board all applicable fees established under K.S.A. 65-5509, and amendments thereto.

(b) The board may grant a license to any person who holds a current, valid license as a respiratory therapist issued by the appropriate regulatory agency of another state that has substantially equivalent requirements for such licensure as the board. An applicant for a license issued pursuant to this section shall submit any information required by the board and pay any fees required for such licensure.

(c) The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the criteria for an educational program in respiratory therapy to obtain successful recognition by the board under paragraph (1) of subsection (a)
(1). The board may send a questionnaire developed by the board to any school or other entity conducting an educational program in respiratory therapy for which the board does not have sufficient information to determine whether the program should be recognized by the board and whether the program meets the rules and regulations adopted under this section. The questionnaire providing the necessary information shall be completed and returned to the board in order for the program to be considered for recognition. The board may contract with investigative agencies, commissions or consultants to assist the board in obtaining information about an educational program in respiratory therapy. In entering such contracts the authority to recognize an educational program in respiratory therapy shall remain solely with the board.

Sec. 12. K.S.A. 65-5906 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-5906. (a) No person shall be granted a license as a dietitian unless such person has:

(1) Filed an application and paid the required application fee;
(2) received a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degree with a major course of study in human nutrition, food and nutrition, dietetics or food service management approved by the secretary as meeting the standards for approval of such course of study under this act;
(3) completed a planned, continuous program of dietetic experience approved by the secretary of not less than 900 clock hours under the supervision of a licensed dietitian; and
(4) passed an examination approved by the secretary.

(b) The board may grant a license to any person who holds a current, valid license as a dietitian issued by the appropriate regulatory agency of another state that has substantially equivalent requirements for such licensure as the board. An applicant for a license issued pursuant to this section shall submit any information required by the board and pay any fees required for such licensure.

(c) Licenses shall be issued for a period of two years.

Sec. 13. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 65-6129 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6129. (a) (1) Application for an emergency medical service provider certificate shall be made to the board. The board shall not grant an emergency medical service provider certificate unless the applicant meets the following requirements:

(A) (i) Has successfully completed coursework required by the rules and regulations adopted by the board;
(ii) has successfully completed coursework in another jurisdiction that is substantially equivalent to that required by the rules and regulations adopted by the board; or
(iii) has provided evidence that such applicant holds a current and active certification with the national registry of emergency medical
technicians, completed emergency medical technician training as a member of the army, navy, marine corps, air force, air or army national guard, coast guard or any branch of the military reserves of the United States that is substantially equivalent to that required by the rules and regulations adopted by the board, and such applicant separated from such military service with an honorable discharge;

(B) (i) has passed the examination required by the rules and regulations adopted by the board; or

(ii) has passed the certification or licensing examination in another jurisdiction that has been approved by the board; and

(C) has paid an application fee required by the rules and regulations adopted by the board.

(2) The board may grant an emergency medical service provider certificate to any applicant who meets the requirements under subsection (a)(1)(A)(iii) but was separated from such military service with a general discharge under honorable conditions.

(b) (1) The emergency medical services board may require an original applicant for certification as an emergency medical services provider to be fingerprinted and submit to a state and national criminal history record check. The fingerprints shall be used to identify the applicant and to determine whether the applicant has a record of criminal history in this state or another jurisdiction. The emergency medical services board is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the Kansas bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of investigation for a state and national criminal history record check. The emergency medical services board may use the information obtained from fingerprinting and the applicant's criminal history for purposes of verifying the identification of the applicant and making the official determination of the qualifications and fitness of the applicant to be issued or to maintain a certificate.

(2) Local and state law enforcement officers and agencies shall assist the emergency medical services board in taking the fingerprints of applicants for license, registration, permit or certificate. The Kansas bureau of investigation shall release all records of adult convictions, nonconvictions or adjudications in this state and any other state or country to the emergency medical services board.

(3) The emergency medical services board may fix and collect a fee as may be required by the board in an amount equal to the cost of fingerprinting and the criminal history record check. The emergency medical services board shall remit all moneys received from the fees established by this section 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 emergency medical services criminal
history and fingerprinting fund.

(4) There is hereby created in the state treasury the emergency medical services criminal history and fingerprinting fund. All moneys credited to the fund shall be used to pay the Kansas bureau of investigation for the processing of fingerprints and criminal history record checks for the emergency medical services board. The fund shall be administered by the emergency medical services board. All expenditures from the fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the chairperson of the emergency medical services board or the chairperson's designee.

(c) The board may grant a certificate to any person who holds a current, valid emergency medical service provider, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic certificate issued by the appropriate regulatory agency of another state that has substantially equivalent requirements for such certification as the board. An applicant for a certificate issued pursuant to this section shall submit any information required by the board and pay any fees required for such certification.

(d) The board shall not grant an initial advanced emergency medical technician certificate or paramedic certificate as a result of successful course completion in the state of Kansas, unless the applicant for such an initial certificate is certified as an emergency medical technician.

(e) An emergency medical service provider certificate shall expire on the date prescribed by the board. An emergency medical service provider certificate may be renewed for a period of two years upon payment of a fee as prescribed by rule and regulation of the board and upon presentation of satisfactory proof that the emergency medical service provider has successfully completed continuing education as prescribed by the board.

(f) All fees received pursuant to the provisions of 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 emergency medical services operating fund established by K.S.A. 65-6151, and amendments thereto.

(g) If a person who was previously certified as an emergency medical service provider applies for an emergency medical service provider's certificate after the certificate's expiration, the board may grant a certificate without the person completing an initial course of instruction or passing a certification examination if the person has completed education requirements and has paid a fee as specified in rules and regulations adopted by the board.

(h) The board shall adopt, through rules and regulations, a formal
list of graduated sanctions for violations of article 61 of chapter 65 of the
Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, that shall specify the
number and severity of violations for the imposition of each level of
sanction.

Sec. 14. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 65-6306 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 65-6306. (a) The board shall issue a license as a baccalaureate
social worker to an applicant who:
(1) Has a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or
university, including completion of a social work program recognized and
approved by the board, pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the
board;
(2) has passed an examination approved by the board for this
purpose; and
(3) has satisfied the board that the applicant is a person who merits
the public trust.
(b) The board shall issue a license as a master social worker to an
applicant who:
(1) Has a master's degree from an accredited college or university,
including completion of a social work program recognized and approved
by the board, pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the board;
(2) has passed an examination approved by the board for this
purpose; and
(3) has satisfied the board that the applicant is a person who merits
the public trust.
(c) The board shall issue a license in one of the social work
specialties to an applicant who:
(1) Has a master's or doctor's degree from an accredited graduate
school of social work, including completion of a social work program
recognized and approved by the board, pursuant to rules and regulations
adopted by the board;
(2) has had two years of full-time post-master's or post-doctor's
degree experience under the supervision of a licensed social worker in the
area of the specialty in which such applicant seeks to be licensed;
(3) has passed an examination approved by the board for this
purpose; and
(4) has satisfied the board that the applicant is a person who merits
the public trust.
(d) (1) The board shall issue a license as a specialist clinical social
worker to an applicant who:
(A) Has met the requirements of subsection (c);
(B) has completed 15 credit hours as part of or in addition to the
requirements under subsection (c) supporting diagnosis or treatment of
mental disorders with use of the American psychiatric association's
diagnostic and statistical manual, through identifiable study of the following content areas: Psychopathology, diagnostic assessment, interdisciplinary referral and collaboration, treatment approaches and professional ethics;

(C) has completed a graduate level supervised clinical practicum of supervised professional experience including psychotherapy and assessment, integrating diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders with use of the American psychiatric association's diagnostic and statistical manual, with not less than 350 hours of direct client contact or additional postgraduate supervised experience as determined by the board;

(D) has completed as part of or in addition to the requirements of subsection (c) not less than two years of postgraduate supervised professional experience in accordance with a clinical supervision plan approved by the board of not less than 3,000 hours of supervised professional experience including at least 1,500 hours of direct client contact conducting psychotherapy and assessments with individuals, couples, families or groups and not less than 100 hours of clinical supervision, including not less than 75 hours of person-to-person individual supervision, integrating diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders with use of the American psychiatric association's diagnostic and statistical manual;

(E) for persons earning a degree under subsection (c) prior to July 1, 2003, in lieu of the education and training requirements under parts (B) and (C) of this subsection, has completed the education requirements for licensure as a specialist clinical social worker in effect on the day immediately preceding the effective date of this act;

(F) for persons who apply for and are eligible for a temporary license to practice as a specialist clinical social worker on the day immediately preceding the effective date of this act, in lieu of the education and training requirements under parts (B), (C) and (D) of this subsection, has completed the education and training requirements for licensure as a specialist clinical social worker in effect on the day immediately preceding the effective date of this act;

(G) has passed an examination approved by the board; and

(H) has paid the application fee.

(2) A licensed specialist clinical social worker may engage in the social work practice and is authorized to diagnose and treat mental disorders specified in the edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders of the American psychiatric association designated by the board by rules and regulations. When a client has symptoms of a mental disorder, a licensed specialist clinical social worker shall consult with the client's primary care physician or psychiatrist to determine if there may be a medical condition or medication that may be causing or contributing to
the client's symptoms of a mental disorder. A client may request in writing that such consultation be waived and such request shall be made a part of the client's record. A licensed specialist clinical social worker may continue to evaluate and treat the client until such time that the medical consultation is obtained or waived.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a licensed master social worker who has provided to the board an acceptable clinical supervision plan for licensure as a specialist clinical social worker prior to the effective date of this act shall be licensed as a specialist clinical social worker under this act upon completion of the requirements in effect for licensure as a specialist clinical social worker at the time the acceptable training plan is submitted to the board.

(4) A person licensed as a specialist clinical social worker on the day immediately preceding the effective date of this act shall be deemed to be a licensed specialist clinical social worker under this act. Such person shall not be required to file an original application for licensure as a specialist clinical social worker under this act.

(e) The board shall grant a license to any person who holds a current, valid license as a baccalaureate social worker, master social worker or specialist clinical social worker issued by the appropriate regulatory agency of another state that has substantially equivalent requirements for such licensure as the board. An applicant for a license issued pursuant to this section shall submit any information required by the board and pay any fees required for such licensure.

(f) The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the criteria which a social work program of a college or university shall satisfy to be recognized and approved by the board under this section. The board may send a questionnaire developed by the board to any college or university conducting a social work program for which the board does not have sufficient information to determine whether the program should be recognized and approved by the board and whether the program meets the rules and regulations adopted under this section. The questionnaire providing the necessary information shall be completed and returned to the board in order for the program to be considered for recognition and approval. The board may contract with investigative agencies, commissions or consultants to assist the board in obtaining information about a social work program of a college or university. In entering such contracts the authority to recognize and approve a social work program of a college or university shall remain solely with the board.

Sec. 15. K.S.A. 65-7203 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-7203. (a) The board, as hereinafter provided, shall administer the provisions of this act.

(b) The board shall judge the qualifications of all applicants for
examination and licensure, determine the applicants who successfully pass
the examination, duly license such applicants and adopt rules and
regulations as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this act.

(c) The board shall issue a license as a naturopathic doctor to an
individual who prior to the effective date of this act: (1) Graduated from a
school of naturopathy that required four years of attendance and was at the
time of such individual's graduation accredited or a candidate for
accreditation by the board approved accrediting body; (2) passed an
examination approved by the board covering appropriate naturopathic
subjects including basic and clinical sciences; and (3) has not committed
an act which would subject such person to having a license suspended or
revoked under K.S.A. 65-7208, and amendments thereto.

(d) The board shall grant a license to any person who holds a
current, valid license as a naturopathic doctor issued by the appropriate
regulatory agency of another state that has substantially equivalent
requirements for such licensure as the board. An applicant for a license
issued pursuant to this section shall submit any information required by
the board and pay any fees required for such licensure.

(e) The board shall keep a record of all proceedings under this act and
a roster of all individuals licensed under this act. Only an individual may
be licensed under this act.

Sec. 16. K.S.A. 65-7503 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-
7503. (a) On or after July 1, 2016, No person shall practice applied
behavior analysis in this state unless they are such person is a:

(1) Licensed behavior analysts analyst;

(2) licensed assistant behavior analysts analyst working under the
supervision of a licensed behavior analyst;

(3) an individual person who has a bachelor's or graduate degree and
completed course work for licensure as a behavior analyst and is obtaining
supervised field experience under a licensed behavior analyst pursuant to
required supervised work experience for licensure at the behavior analyst
or assistant behavior analyst level; or

(4) licensed psychologists psychologist practicing within the rules
and standards of practice for psychologists in the state of Kansas and
whose practice is commensurate with their such person's level of training
and experience.

(b) The board shall grant a license to any person who holds a
current, valid license to practice applied behavior analysis issued by the
appropriate regulatory agency of another state that has substantially
equivalent requirements for such licensure as the board. An applicant for a
license issued pursuant to this section shall submit any information
required by the board and pay any fees required for such licensure.

(c) The licensing requirements of subsection (a) shall not apply to any
person:
(1) Licensed by the board who practices any component of applied behavior analysis within the scope of such person's license and scope of practice as required by law;
(2) who provides services under the individuals with disabilities education act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.;
(3) who provides services under § 504 of the federal rehabilitation act of 1973, 20 U.S.C. § 794;
(4) is enrolled in a course of study at a recognized educational institution through which such person provides applied behavior analysis as part of supervised clinical experience;
(5) who is an autism specialist, an intensive individual service provider or any other individual qualified to provide services under the home and community based services autism waiver administered by the Kansas department for aging and disability services;
(6) who is an occupational therapist licensed by the state board of healing arts, acting within the scope of such person's license and scope of practice as required by law; or
(7) who is a speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed by the Kansas department for aging and disability services, acting within the scope of such person's license and scope of practice as required by law.

Sec. 17. K.S.A. 72-2157 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-2157. (a) The state board of education, in accordance with law, is authorized to adopt rules and regulations providing for the issuance, renewal, reinstatement and registration of licenses for teachers and other personnel in the state department of education and in schools and institutions under the general supervision of the state board of education.
(b) In addition to other requirements and subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 72-2164, and amendments thereto, the rules and regulations of the state board of education shall include after May 1, 1986, the requirement that applicants for initial issuance of licenses to teach shall take and satisfactorily pass an examination prescribed by the state board.
(c) The rules and regulations adopted by the state board pursuant to this section shall include provisions for the issuance of licenses for teachers and other personnel to persons who hold a current, valid license issued by the appropriate regulatory agency of another state that has substantially equivalent requirements for such licensure as the state board of education.
(d) The privilege to teach at any level or in any field or subject, if such privilege is or has been granted when a license is issued, may not be...
Sec. 18. K.S.A. 75-7b04 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-7b04. (a) Every person desiring to be licensed in Kansas as a private detective or private detective agency shall make application therefor to the attorney general. An application for a license under this act shall be on a form prescribed by the attorney general and accompanied by the required application fee. An application shall be verified and shall include:

1. The full name and business address of the applicant;
2. the name under which the applicant intends to do business;
3. a statement as to the general nature of the business in which the applicant intends to engage;
4. a statement as to the classification or classifications under which the applicant desires to be qualified;
5. if the applicant is an organization, the full name and residence address of each of its partners, officers, directors or associates;
6. two photographs of the applicant taken within 30 days before the date of application, of a type prescribed by the attorney general, and two classifiable sets of the applicant's fingerprints one of which shall be submitted to the federal bureau of investigation for a fingerprint check for any criminal history of the applicant;
7. a statement of the applicant's employment history; and
8. such other information, evidence, statements or documents as may be required by the attorney general.

(b) The application shall be accompanied by a certificate of reference signed by five or more reputable persons who have known the applicant for a period of at least 5 years. The certificate of reference shall be verified and acknowledged by such persons before an officer authorized to take oaths and acknowledgment of deeds.

Each person signing the certificate of reference shall subscribe and affirm as true, under the penalties of perjury, that:

1. The person has known the applicant personally for a period of at least five years prior to the filing of the application. The attorney general may lessen such period if the applicant has been discharged honorably from the military service of the United States within the six-year period immediately preceding the date the application is submitted;
2. the person has read such application and believes each of the statements made therein to be true;
3. the applicant is honest, of good character and competent and not related or connected by blood or marriage to such person.

(c) Before an application for a license may be granted, the applicant or, if the applicant is an organization, all of the officers, directors, partners or associates shall:
(1) Be at least 21 years of age;
(2) be a citizen of the United States;
(3) be of good moral character; and
(4) comply with such other qualifications as the attorney general adopts by rules and regulations.

(d) In accordance with the summary proceedings provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act, the attorney general may deny a license if the applicant has:
(1) Committed any act which, if committed by a licensee, would be grounds for the suspension or revocation of a license under this act;
(2) committed any act constituting dishonesty or fraud;
(3) a bad moral character or a bad reputation for truth, honesty, and integrity;
(4) been convicted of a felony or, within 10 years immediately prior to the date of application, been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, vehicular homicide, assault, battery, assault of a law enforcement officer, misdemeanor battery against a law enforcement officer, criminal restraint, sexual battery, endangering a child, intimidation of a witness or victim or illegally using, carrying, or possessing a dangerous weapon;
(5) been refused a license under this act or had a license suspended or revoked in this state or in any other jurisdiction or had a license censured, limited or conditioned two or more times in this state or in any other jurisdiction;
(6) been an officer, director, partner or associate of any person who has been refused a license under this act or whose license has been suspended or revoked in this state or in any other jurisdiction or had a license censured, limited or conditioned two or more times in this state or in any other jurisdiction;
(7) while unlicensed, committed or aided and abetted the commission of any act for which a license is required by this act; or
(8) knowingly made any false statement in the application.

(e) The attorney general may charge a fee for initial application forms and materials in an amount fixed by the attorney general pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7b22, and amendments thereto. Such fee shall be credited against the application fee of any person who subsequently submits an application.

(f) The attorney general shall grant a license to any person who holds a current, valid license as a private detective issued by the appropriate regulatory agency of another state that has substantially equivalent requirements for such licensure as this state. An applicant for a license issued pursuant to this section shall submit any information required by the attorney general and pay any fees required for such

Sec. 20. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.