AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to institutional licenses; clarifying practice privileges; amending K.S.A. 65-2895 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 65-2895 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-2895. (a) There is hereby created an institutional license that may be issued by the board to a person who:

1. Is a graduate of an accredited school of medicine or osteopathic medicine or a school for which the graduates have such graduate has been licensed in another state or states that have standards similar to Kansas;
2. Has completed at least two years in a postgraduate training program in the United States approved by the board; and
3. Who is employed as provided in this section.

(b) Subject to the restrictions of this section, the institutional license shall confer upon the holder the right and privilege to practice medicine and surgery and shall obligate require the holder to comply with all requirements of such license.

(c) The practice privileges of institutional license holders are restricted and shall be valid only during the period in which when such an institutional license holder:

1. Is employed by any institution within the Kansas department for aging and disability services, employed by any institution within the department of corrections or employed with a third party pursuant to a contract entered into by the Kansas department for aging and disability services or the department of corrections with a third party, and except that employment of such license holder shall only be within the institution to which the holder is assigned; and
2. Has been employed for at least three years as described in subsection (c)(1) and is employed to provide mental health services in Kansas in the employ of a Kansas licensed community mental health center, or one of its contracted affiliates, or a federal, state, county or municipal agency, or other political subdivision, or a contractor of a federal, state, county or municipal agency, or other political subdivision, or a duly chartered educational institution, or a medical care facility licensed under K.S.A. 65-425 et seq., and amendments thereto, in a psychiatric
hospital licensed under K.S.A. 39-2001 et seq., and amendments thereto, or a contractor of such educational institution, medical care facility or psychiatric hospital, and whose practice, in any such employment, is limited to providing mental health services, is a part of the duties of such licensee's paid position and is performed solely on behalf of the employer; or

(3) the holder was issued an institutional license prior to May 9, 1997, and is providing mental health services pursuant to a written protocol with a person who holds a Kansas license authorized by the state board of healing arts to practice medicine and surgery other than an institutional license.

(d) An institutional license shall be canceled on the date established by rules and regulations of the board that may provide for renewal throughout the year on a continuing basis. In each case in which an institutional license is renewed for a period of time of more or less than 12 months, the board may prorate the amount of the fee established under K.S.A. 65-2852, and amendments thereto. The request for renewal shall be on a form provided by the board and shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee that shall be paid not later than the renewal date of the license. An institutional license may be renewed for an additional one-year period if the applicant for renewal meets the requirements under subsection (c), has submitted an application for renewal on a form provided by the board, has paid the renewal fee established by rules and regulations of the board of not to exceed $500 and has submitted evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of continuing education required by the board. In addition, an applicant for renewal who is employed as described in subsection (c)(1) shall submit with the application for renewal a recommendation that the institutional license be renewed, signed by the superintendent of the institution to which the institutional license holder is assigned.

(e) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any person who was issued an institutional license prior to the effective date of this section from having the such institutional license reinstated by the board if the such person meets the requirements for an institutional license described in subsection (a).

(f) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas healing arts act.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-2895 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.