

**HOUSE BILL No. 2756**

By Representatives Schreiber, Curtis, Meyer and Osman

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1 AN ACT concerning the behavioral sciences regulatory board; relating to  
2 the powers, duties and functions thereof; enacting the art therapist  
3 licensure act; providing for the regulation and licensing of professional  
4 art therapists; amending K.S.A. 74-7507 and 74-7508 and repealing the  
5 existing sections.  
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 New Section 1. Sections 1 through 13, and amendments thereto, shall  
9 be known and may be cited as the art therapist licensure act.

10 New Sec. 2. As used in the art therapist licensure act:

11 (a) "Art therapy" means the integrated use of psychotherapeutic  
12 principles, art media and the creative process to assist individuals, families  
13 or groups in increasing awareness of self and others, coping with  
14 symptoms, stress and traumatic experiences, enhancing cognitive abilities  
15 and identifying and implementing therapeutic interventions to meet  
16 developmental, behavioral, mental and emotional needs of such  
17 individuals, families or groups.

18 (b) "Art therapy certified supervisor" means a board-certified art  
19 therapist holding the art therapy certified supervisor credential from the art  
20 therapy credentials board, or an equivalent credential as determined by the  
21 board.

22 (c) "Art therapy credentials board" means the nationally recognized  
23 credentialing organization for art therapists that partners with national art  
24 therapy credentialing boards and state licensure boards to facilitate such  
25 board certification and state licensure exams.

26 (d) "Board" means the behavioral sciences regulatory board, created  
27 under K.S.A. 74-7501, and amendments thereto.

28 (e) "Certified art therapist" means an individual who holds national  
29 board certification and is in good standing with the art therapy credentials  
30 board, or an equivalent certification as determined by the board.

31 (f) "Clinical art therapy" means the application of art therapy  
32 principles and methods in the diagnosis, prevention, treatment and  
33 amelioration of psychological problems and emotional or mental  
34 conditions.

35 (g) "Licensed clinical art therapist" means an individual who engages  
36 in the independent practice of art therapy, including the diagnosis and

1 treatment of mental disorders specified in the edition of the diagnostic and  
2 statistical manual of mental disorders of the American psychiatric  
3 association designated by the board by rules and regulations, and is  
4 licensed under the art therapist licensure act.

5 (h) "Licensed professional art therapist" or "LPAT" means an  
6 individual who engages in the practice of art therapy and who is licensed  
7 under the art therapist licensure act.

8 (i) "Licensee" means an individual who is authorized to practice as a  
9 professional art therapist or a clinical art therapist under the art therapist  
10 licensure act.

11 (j) "Supervised experience" means the regular oversight of the  
12 functions and activities of a graduate art therapy student either as part of  
13 an internship or practicum experience or the practice of art therapy to  
14 fulfill the requirements to be licensed under the art therapist licensure act  
15 by an art therapy certified supervisor, certified art therapist or other  
16 qualified mental health professional as determined by the board by rules  
17 and regulations.

18 (k) "Temporary license" means a license to practice art therapy under  
19 the direct supervision of a qualified supervisor, as determined by the board  
20 by rules and regulations, to fulfill the postgraduate supervised experience  
21 requirement to be licensed under the art therapist licensure act.

22 New Sec. 3. (a) It is unlawful to engage in the practice of art therapy  
23 or represent that an individual is a licensed professional art therapist  
24 without having first obtained a license as a professional art therapist under  
25 the art therapist licensure act.

26 (b) It is unlawful to engage in the practice of art therapy as a clinical  
27 art therapist or represent that an individual is a licensed clinical art  
28 therapist without having first obtained a license as a clinical art therapist  
29 under the art therapist licensure act.

30 (c) Violation of this section is a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

31 New Sec. 4. (a) An applicant for licensure as a professional art  
32 therapist shall furnish evidence that the applicant:

- 33 (1) Is at least 21 years of age;  
34 (2) has completed at least a master's degree in art therapy from an  
35 accredited college or university approved by the board and has completed:

36 (A) Not less than 60 credit hours of graduate course work in an art  
37 therapy program recognized by the council of higher education  
38 accreditation or an equivalent entity as determined by the board; or

39 (B) not less than 60 credit hours of graduate course work in a related  
40 field that is substantially equivalent to a master's degree program in art  
41 therapy as determined by the board;

42 (3) (A) has completed not less than one year of experience in art  
43 therapy, including not less than 1,500 hours of supervised experience, of

1 which:

2 (i) Not less than 1,000 hours of direct client contact involving  
3 individuals, couples, families or groups shall have been completed  
4 following completion of the graduate degree; and

5 (ii) not less than 100 hours of clinical supervision was provided by an  
6 approved supervisor, including not less than one hour of direct supervision  
7 per every two weeks; and

8 (B) a doctoral internship may be applied toward the supervised  
9 experience requirement in subparagraph (A);

10 (4) has passed the art therapy certification examination of the art  
11 therapy credentials board, or an equivalent examination as determined by  
12 the board;

13 (5) has satisfied the board that the applicant is an individual who  
14 merits the public trust; and

15 (6) has paid the application fee.

16 (b) An application for licensure as a professional art therapist shall be  
17 made to the board on a form and in the manner prescribed by the board.

18 (c) The board may determine that a master's degree program in art  
19 therapy or a related field at an accredited college or university is  
20 substantially equivalent to an approved art therapy program if the program  
21 includes at least 60 semester credit hours, or the equivalent, of graduate-  
22 level courses that include courses and training in the following areas:

23 (1) The art therapy profession;

24 (2) theory and practice of art therapy;

25 (3) human growth and developmental;

26 (4) application of art therapy with people in different treatment  
27 settings;

28 (5) art therapy appraisal, diagnosis and assessment;

29 (6) ethical and legal issues of art therapy practice;

30 (7) matters of cultural and social diversity bearing on the practice of  
31 art therapy;

32 (8) standards of good art therapy practice;

33 (9) group art therapy; and

34 (10) an art therapy practicum or internship of not less than 700 hours,  
35 of which not less than 350 hours are are direct contact performed under  
36 appropriate supervision and are part of an approved course of study.

37 New Sec. 5. (a) An applicant for licensure as a clinical art therapist  
38 shall furnish evidence that the applicant:

39 (1) Is licensed by the board as a licensed professional art therapist or  
40 has met all qualifications for licensure as a professional art therapist under  
41 the art therapist licensure act;

42 (2) has completed not less than nine semester credit hours, or the  
43 equivalent, of graduate-level courses specifically related to diagnosis,

1 treatment, appraisal and assessment of mental, emotional, behavioral and  
2 addiction disorders, either as part of an approved course of study for the  
3 master's or doctoral degree or following completion of such degree;

4 (3) has completed not less than three years of supervised experience  
5 in art therapy or less than 4,000 hours of supervised experience in art  
6 therapy, including:

7 (A) Not less than two years or 3,000 hours following completion of  
8 the graduate degree;

9 (B) not less than 1,500 hours of postgraduate supervised experience  
10 involving direct client contact with individuals, couples, families or groups  
11 provided in clinical settings with demonstrated experience in diagnosing or  
12 treating mental, emotional, behavioral and addiction disorders;

13 (C) not less than one hour of direct contact between a graduate trainee  
14 and an approved supervisor, provided per 15 hours of face-to-face practice  
15 with clients, including not less than two hours of supervision per month,  
16 through group or individual supervision; and

17 (D) a doctoral internship, which may be applied toward the  
18 supervised experience requirement in subparagraph (B); and

19 (4) has paid the application fee.

20 (b) An application for licensure as a clinical art therapist shall be  
21 made to the board on a form and in the manner determined by the board.

22 (c) A licensed clinical art therapist may engage in the independent  
23 practice of art therapy and is authorized to diagnose and treat mental  
24 disorders specified in the edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of  
25 mental disorders of the American psychiatric association designated by the  
26 board by rules and regulations. When a client has symptoms of a mental  
27 disorder, a licensed clinical art therapist shall consult with the client's  
28 primary care physician or psychiatrist to determine if there may be a  
29 medical condition or medication that may be causing or contributing to the  
30 client's symptoms of a mental disorder. A client may request in writing that  
31 such consultation be waived and such request shall be made part of the  
32 client's record. A licensed clinical art therapist may continue to evaluate  
33 and treat the client until such time that the medical consultation is obtained  
34 or waived.

35 New Sec. 6. (a) An individual who intends to pursue the postgraduate  
36 supervised experience required to qualify for licensure as a professional art  
37 therapist may apply to the board for a temporary art therapy license by:

38 (1) Paying an application fee of not more than \$150;

39 (2) providing evidence of graduating from a master's or doctoral  
40 program in art therapy approved by the board;

41 (3) submitting letters from three professionals attesting to the  
42 applicant's integrity, competence and worthiness to merit the public's trust,  
43 one of whom has provided direct clinical supervision of the applicant's

1 graduate program clinical training; and

2 (4) completing a postgraduate supervised training plan on forms  
3 prescribed by the board describing services to be provided, place of  
4 employment, individuals responsible for administrative oversight and  
5 clinical supervision and a statement acknowledging the board's  
6 postgraduate training requirements.

7 (b) A temporary license may be issued by the board after the  
8 application has been reviewed and approved by the board.

9 (c) If there is no extenuating circumstance approved by the board, a  
10 temporary art therapy license issued by the board shall expire upon the  
11 date that the board issues or denies a professional art therapist license or  
12 24 months after the date of issuance of the temporary license. No  
13 temporary license will be renewed or issued again on any subsequent  
14 application for the same license level. The preceding provisions shall not  
15 limit the number of times an applicant may take the examination.

16 (d) An individual practicing art therapy with a temporary license may  
17 not use the title "licensed professional art therapist" or the initials "LPAT"  
18 independently. The word "licensed" may be used only when followed by  
19 the words "by temporary permit," such as licensed professional art  
20 therapist by temporary license or professional art therapist licensed by  
21 temporary license.

22 New Sec. 7. (a) The board may waive the statutory requirements of  
23 an application for licensure as a licensed professional art therapist if,  
24 within one year after the effective date of the art therapist licensure act, an  
25 applicant furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

26 (1) Has completed a master's or doctoral degree in art therapy or a  
27 related field acceptable to the board;

28 (2) holds certification as an art therapist in good standing with the art  
29 therapy credentials board or an equivalent certification as determined by  
30 the board; and

31 (3) has engaged in the practice of art therapy for not less than five  
32 years prior to the effective date of the art therapist licensure act.

33 (b) The board shall issue a license to an individual who is currently  
34 registered, certified or licensed to practice professional art therapy in  
35 another state or jurisdiction if the board determines that:

36 (1) The standards for licensure, registration or certification to practice  
37 art therapy in the other state or jurisdiction are substantially equivalent to  
38 the requirements of the art therapist licensure act and rules and regulations  
39 of the board; or

40 (2) the applicant demonstrates on forms provided by the board  
41 compliance with the following standards as adopted by the board:

42 (A) Registration, certification or licensure to practice art therapy with  
43 a similar scope of practice for at least 12 months immediately preceding

1 the application;

2 (B) the absence of disciplinary actions of a serious nature by a  
3 registration, certification or licensing board or agency; and

4 (C) completion of at least a master's degree in art therapy or a related  
5 field as approved by the board from an institution of higher education  
6 accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency.

7 (c) Applications for licensure under this section shall be made to the  
8 board on a form and in the manner determined by the board and shall be  
9 accompanied by payment of the application fee.

10 New Sec. 8. (a) An applicant who meets the requirements for  
11 licensure pursuant to the art therapist licensure act, has paid the required  
12 fee provided for by section 10, and amendments thereto, and has otherwise  
13 complied with the provisions of the art therapist licensure act shall be  
14 licensed by the board.

15 (b) (1) Licenses issued pursuant to the art therapist licensure act shall  
16 expire 24 months from the date of issuance unless revoked prior to that  
17 time.

18 (2) A license may be renewed upon application and payment of the  
19 fee provided for by section 10, and amendments thereto. The application  
20 for renewal shall be accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the board  
21 that the applicant has completed during the previous 24 months the  
22 continuing education required by rules and regulations of the board,  
23 including not less than three continuing education hours of professional  
24 ethics. As part of such continuing education, a licensee shall complete not  
25 less than three continuing education hours of professional ethics.

26 (c) (1) A licensee who is unable to complete the required continuing  
27 education hours for renewal may request additional time to complete any  
28 remaining continuing education hours. Such request shall be made to the  
29 board not later than 30 calendar days prior to the expiration of the license  
30 and shall include:

31 (A) The licensee's reason for requesting additional time, showing  
32 extenuating circumstances for why the hours could not be completed  
33 during the license period; and

34 (B) a plan outlining the manner by which the licensee intends to  
35 complete the remaining continuing education hours.

36 (2) The board may grant a licensee up to three additional months  
37 beyond the license expiration date to complete the required continuing  
38 education hours.

39 (3) A licensee who receives additional time to complete continuing  
40 education hours under this subsection shall:

41 (A) Renew the license prior to the license expiration date and report  
42 to the board the number of continuing education hours completed on such  
43 date;

1 (B) notify the board upon completing the remaining continuing  
2 education hours; and

3 (C) be subject to an audit by the board of the total number of  
4 continuing education hours completed for the applicable license period.

5 (4) Continuing education hours completed during additional time  
6 granted under this subsection shall be credited only toward the  
7 requirements for the license period for which additional time is granted.

8 (5) A licensee shall not be approved for additional time to complete  
9 continuing education requirements in consecutive license periods.

10 (d) An individual whose license has been suspended or revoked may  
11 make written application to the board requesting reinstatement of the  
12 license upon termination of the period of suspension or revocation in a  
13 manner prescribed by the board, and such application shall be  
14 accompanied by the fee provided for by section 10, and amendments  
15 thereto.

16 (e) (1) An individual whose license has expired may make written  
17 application to the board requesting reinstatement of the license in a manner  
18 prescribed by the board, and such application shall be accompanied by:

19 (A) The renewal fee established under section 10, and amendments  
20 thereto, and, for an individual whose license has been expired for one year  
21 or less, an additional fee equal to the renewal fee; and

22 (B) evidence satisfactory to the board that the individual has  
23 completed during the previous 24 months the continuing education  
24 requirements for one license period.

25 (2) An individual requesting to reinstate a license that has been  
26 expired for longer than one year and who has not completed the necessary  
27 continuing education hours for reinstatement may submit an application  
28 for a six-month reinstatement temporary license in a manner prescribed by  
29 the board, and such application shall be accompanied by the fee  
30 established under section 10, and amendments thereto. A licensee  
31 practicing under a six-month reinstatement temporary license shall  
32 complete the continuing education requirements for a permanent license  
33 prior to the expiration of the temporary license and notify the board upon  
34 such completion. A six-month reinstatement temporary license shall not be  
35 extended or renewed.

36 (f) Within 30 days after any change of permanent address, a licensee  
37 shall notify the board of such change.

38 New Sec. 9. (a) The board may refuse to issue, renew or reinstate a  
39 license, condition, limit, revoke or suspend a license, publicly or privately  
40 censure a licensee or impose a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per violation  
41 upon a finding that a licensee or an applicant for licensure has:

42 (1) Used any controlled substance or alcoholic beverage to an extent  
43 that such use impairs such individual's ability to perform the work of any

1 profession licensed or regulated by this act;

2 (2) been finally adjudicated and found guilty, or entered a plea of  
3 guilty or nolo contendere, in a criminal prosecution under the laws of any  
4 state or of the United States, for any offense reasonably related to the  
5 qualifications, functions or duties of any profession licensed or regulated  
6 under this act, any offense an essential element of which is fraud,  
7 dishonesty or an act of violence or any offense involving moral turpitude,  
8 whether or not a sentence is imposed;

9 (3) used any fraud, deception or misrepresentation in securing any  
10 license issued under the art therapist licensure act;

11 (4) obtained or attempted to obtain any fee, charge, tuition or other  
12 compensation by fraud, deception or misrepresentation;

13 (5) committed any act of incompetency, misconduct, gross  
14 negligence, fraud, misrepresentation or dishonesty in the performance of  
15 the functions or duties of any profession licensed by the board;

16 (6) committed any violation of or assisted or enabled any individual  
17 to violate any provision of the art therapist licensure act or any rule and  
18 regulation adopted thereunder;

19 (7) impersonated any individual holding a certificate of registration or  
20 authority, permit or license or allowed any other individual to use such  
21 individual's certificate of registration or authority, permit, license or  
22 diploma from any school;

23 (8) been disciplined in any action by another state, territory, federal  
24 agency or country that would constitute grounds for the suspension or  
25 revocation of a license issued under this act;

26 (9) been finally adjudged insane or incapacitated by a court of  
27 competent jurisdiction;

28 (10) assisted or enabled any individual to practice or offer to practice  
29 any profession licensed or regulated by the board when such individual is  
30 not eligible to practice such profession as required by law;

31 (11) been issued any certificate of registration or authority, permit or  
32 license based upon a material mistake of fact;

33 (12) failed to display a valid certificate or license if so required by  
34 this act or any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;

35 (13) violated any professional trust or confidence;

36 (14) used any advertisement or solicitation that is false, misleading or  
37 deceptive to the general public or individuals to whom the advertisement  
38 or solicitation is primarily directed;

39 (15) been found to have engaged in unprofessional conduct as  
40 defined by applicable rules and regulations adopted by the board; or

41 (16) violated any lawful order or directive of the board previously  
42 entered by the board.

43 (b) Administrative proceedings and disciplinary actions regarding

1 licensure under the art therapist licensure act shall be conducted in  
2 accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure act. Judicial review  
3 and civil enforcement of agency actions under the art therapist licensure  
4 act shall be in accordance with the Kansas judicial review act.

5 New Sec. 10. (a) The board may collect the following fees, and any  
6 such fees shall be established by rules and regulations adopted by the  
7 board, for:

8 (1) Application for licensure as a professional art therapist, not more  
9 than \$100;

10 (2) an original license as a professional art therapist, not more than  
11 \$175;

12 (3) a temporary license as a professional art therapist, not more than  
13 \$175;

14 (4) a six-month reinstatement temporary license as a professional art  
15 therapist, not more than \$50;

16 (5) renewal for licensure as a professional art therapist, not more than  
17 \$150;

18 (6) application for licensure as a clinical professional art therapist, not  
19 more than \$175;

20 (7) licensure as a clinical professional art therapist, not more than  
21 \$175;

22 (8) renewal for licensure as a clinical professional art therapist, not  
23 more than \$175;

24 (9) a six-month reinstatement temporary license as a clinical  
25 professional art therapist, not more than \$50;

26 (10) late renewal penalty, an amount equal to the fee for renewal of a  
27 license;

28 (11) reinstatement of a license, not more than \$175;

29 (12) replacement of a license, not more than \$20; and

30 (13) a wallet card license, not more than \$5.

31 (b) Fees paid to the board are not refundable.

32 New Sec. 11. Nothing in the professional art therapist licensure act  
33 shall be construed to:

34 (a) Prevent practice of art therapy by students or interns or  
35 individuals preparing for the practice of art therapy under qualified  
36 supervision of a professional, recognized and approved by the board, in an  
37 educational institution or agency as part of an approved course of  
38 professional education in art therapy, provided such students, interns or  
39 individuals are designated by titles such as student, trainee, intern or other  
40 titles clearly indicating their training status;

41 (b) authorize the practice of psychology, medicine and surgery,  
42 professional counseling, marriage and family therapy, masters level  
43 psychology or social work or any other profession licensed by the

1 behavioral sciences regulatory board;

2 (c) apply to the activities and services of a rabbi, priest, minister,  
3 clergy member or organized ministry of any religious denomination or  
4 sect, including a Christian-Science practitioner, unless such individual who  
5 is part of the organized ministry is a licensed art therapist;

6 (d) apply to the activities and services of qualified members of other  
7 professional groups, including, but not limited to, attorneys, physicians,  
8 psychologists, master's level psychologists, professional counselors,  
9 marriage and family therapists, individuals who are registered nurses or  
10 social workers performing services consistent with the laws of this state,  
11 such individuals' training and code of ethics of such individuals'  
12 professions, so long as such individuals do not represent themselves as  
13 being licensed as a professional art therapist or a clinical art therapist; or

14 (e) prevent qualified individuals from doing work within the  
15 standards and ethics of such individuals' respective professions and  
16 callings provided such individuals do not hold themselves out to the public  
17 by any title, initials or description of services as being a licensed  
18 professional art therapist or a licensed clinical art therapist.

19 New Sec. 12. (a) An individual licensed under the art therapist  
20 licensure act and employees and professional associates of such individual  
21 shall not be required to disclose any information that such individual,  
22 employee or associate may have acquired in rendering services, unless:

23 (1) Disclosure is required by other state laws;

24 (2) failure to disclose information presents a clear and present danger  
25 to the health or safety of an individual;

26 (3) the individual, employee or associate is a party defendant to a  
27 civil, criminal or disciplinary action arising from the therapy, and in such  
28 event, a waiver of the privilege accorded by this section is limited to that  
29 action;

30 (4) the client is a defendant in a criminal proceeding and the use of  
31 the privilege would violate the defendant's right to a compulsory process  
32 or the right to present testimony and witnesses on such individual's behalf;  
33 or

34 (5) a client agrees to a waiver of the privilege accorded by this  
35 section, and in circumstances where more than one individual in a family  
36 is receiving therapy, each such family member agrees to the waiver. If  
37 there is no waiver from each family member, an art therapist shall not  
38 disclose information received from a family member.

39 (b) Nothing in the art therapist licensure act shall be construed to  
40 prohibit any individual licensed under the art therapist licensure act from  
41 testifying in court hearings concerning matters of adult abuse, adoption,  
42 child abuse, child neglect or other matters pertaining to the welfare of  
43 children or from seeking collaboration or consultation with professional

1 colleagues or administrative superiors, or both, on behalf of a client. There  
2 is no privilege under this section for information that is required to be  
3 reported to a public official.

4 New Sec. 13. A licensee under the professional art therapist licensure  
5 act, at the beginning of a client-therapist relationship, shall inform the  
6 client of the level of such licensees' training and the title or titles and  
7 license or licenses of such licensee. As part of such obligation, such  
8 licensee shall disclose whether such licensee has a master's degree or a  
9 doctoral degree. If such licensee has a doctoral degree, such licensee shall  
10 disclose whether or not such doctoral degree is a doctor of medicine or has  
11 another doctoral degree. If such licensee is not licensed by the state board  
12 of healing arts to practice medicine and surgery, such licensee shall  
13 disclose that the licensee is not authorized to practice medicine and  
14 surgery and is not authorized to prescribe drugs. As a part of such  
15 disclosure, such licensee shall advise the client that certain mental  
16 disorders can have medical or biological origins and that the client should  
17 consult with a physician. Documentation of such disclosures to a client  
18 shall be made in the client's record.

19 Sec. 14. K.S.A. 74-7507 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-  
20 7507. (a) The behavioral sciences regulatory board shall have the  
21 following powers, duties and functions:

22 (1) Recommend to the appropriate district or county attorneys  
23 prosecution for violations of this act, the licensure of psychologists act of  
24 the state of Kansas, the professional counselors licensure act, the social  
25 workers licensure act, the licensure of master's level psychologists act, the  
26 applied behavior analysis licensure act, the marriage and family therapists  
27 licensure act ~~or~~, the addiction counselor licensure act *or the art therapist*  
28 *licensure act*;

29 (2) compile and publish annually a list of the names and addresses of  
30 all persons who are licensed under this act, ~~are licensed under~~ the licensure  
31 of psychologists act of the state of Kansas, the professional counselors  
32 licensure act, the social workers licensure act, the licensure of master's  
33 level psychologists act, the applied behavior analysis licensure act, the  
34 marriage and family therapists licensure act ~~or~~, the addiction counselor  
35 licensure act *or the art therapist licensure act*;

36 (3) prescribe the form and contents of examinations required under  
37 this act, the licensure of psychologists act of the state of Kansas, the  
38 professional counselors licensure act, the social workers licensure act, the  
39 licensure of master's level psychologists act, the applied behavior analysis  
40 licensure act, the marriage and family therapists licensure act ~~or~~, the  
41 addiction counselor licensure act *or the art therapist licensure act*;

42 (4) enter into contracts necessary to administer this act, the licensure  
43 of psychologists act of the state of Kansas, the professional counselors

1 licensure act, the social workers licensure act, the licensure of master's  
2 level psychologists act, the applied behavior analysis licensure act, the  
3 marriage and family therapists licensure act ~~or~~, the addiction counselor  
4 licensure act *or the art therapist licensure act*;

5 (5) adopt an official seal;

6 (6) adopt and enforce rules and regulations for professional conduct  
7 of persons licensed under the licensure of psychologists act of the state of  
8 Kansas, the professional counselors licensure act, the social workers  
9 licensure act, the licensure of master's level psychologists act, the applied  
10 behavior analysis licensure act, the marriage and family therapists  
11 licensure act ~~or~~, the addiction counselor licensure act *or the art therapist*  
12 *licensure act*;

13 (7) adopt and enforce rules and regulations establishing requirements  
14 for the continuing education of persons licensed under the licensure of  
15 psychologists act of the state of Kansas, the professional counselors  
16 licensure act, the social workers licensure act, the licensure of master's  
17 level psychologists act, the applied behavior analysis licensure act, the  
18 marriage and family therapists licensure act ~~or~~, the addiction counselor  
19 licensure act *or the art therapist licensure act*;

20 (8) adopt rules and regulations establishing classes of social work  
21 specialties ~~which~~ *that* will be recognized for licensure under ~~K.S.A. 65-~~  
22 ~~6301 to 65-6318, inclusive, and amendments thereto~~ *the social workers*  
23 *licensure act*;

24 (9) adopt rules and regulations establishing procedures for  
25 examination of candidates for licensure under the licensure of  
26 psychologists act of the state of Kansas, the professional counselors  
27 licensure act, the social workers licensure act, the licensure of master's  
28 level psychologists act, the applied behavior analysis licensure act, the  
29 marriage and family therapists licensure act, the addiction counselor  
30 licensure act *or the art therapist licensure act* and for issuance of such  
31 certificates and such licenses;

32 (10) adopt rules and regulations as may be necessary for the  
33 administration of this act, the licensure of psychologists act of the state of  
34 Kansas, the professional counselors licensure act, the social workers  
35 licensure act, the licensure of master's level psychologists act, the applied  
36 behavior analysis licensure act, the marriage and family therapists  
37 licensure act ~~and~~, the addiction counselor licensure act *or the art therapist*  
38 *licensure act* and to carry out the purposes thereof;

39 (11) appoint an executive director and other employees as provided in  
40 K.S.A. 74-7501, and amendments thereto; and

41 (12) exercise such other powers and perform such other functions and  
42 duties as may be prescribed by law.

43 (b) If an order of the behavioral sciences regulatory board is adverse

1 to a licensee or registrant of the board, the actual costs shall be charged to  
2 such person as in ordinary civil actions in the district court. The board  
3 shall pay any additional costs and, if the board is the unsuccessful party,  
4 the costs shall be paid by the board. Witness fees and costs may be taxed  
5 in accordance with statutes governing taxation of witness fees and costs in  
6 the district court.

7 Sec. 15. K.S.A. 74-7508 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-  
8 7508. (a) In connection with any investigation, based upon a written  
9 complaint or other reasonably reliable written information, by the  
10 behavioral sciences regulatory board, the board or its duly authorized  
11 agents or employees shall at all reasonable times have access to, for the  
12 purpose of examination, and the right to copy any document, report, record  
13 or other physical evidence of any person being investigated, or any  
14 document, report, record or other evidence maintained by and in  
15 possession of any clinic or office of a practitioner of the behavioral  
16 sciences, or other public or private agency if such document, report, record  
17 or other physical evidence relates to practices ~~which~~ *that* may be grounds  
18 for disciplinary action.

19 (b) In all matters pending before the behavioral sciences regulatory  
20 board, the board shall have the power to administer oaths and take  
21 testimony. For the purpose of all investigations and proceedings conducted  
22 by the behavioral sciences regulatory board:

23 (1) The board may issue subpoenas compelling the attendance and  
24 testimony of witnesses or the production for examination or copying of  
25 documents, reports, records or any other physical evidence if such  
26 documents, reports, records or other physical evidence relates to practices  
27 ~~which~~ *that* may be grounds for disciplinary action. Within five days after  
28 the service of the subpoena on any person requiring the production of any  
29 documents, reports, records or other physical evidence in the person's  
30 possession or under the person's control, such person may petition the  
31 board to revoke, limit or modify the subpoena. The board shall revoke,  
32 limit or modify such subpoena if in its opinion the documents, reports,  
33 records or other physical evidence required does not relate to practices  
34 ~~which~~ *that* may be grounds for disciplinary action, is not relevant to the  
35 allegation—~~which~~ *that* is the subject matter of the proceeding or  
36 investigation, or does not describe with sufficient particularity the  
37 documents, reports, records or other physical evidence—~~which~~ *that* is  
38 required to be produced. Any member of the board, or any agent  
39 designated by the board, may administer oaths or affirmations, examine  
40 witnesses and receive such documents, reports, records or other physical  
41 evidence.

42 (2) The district court, upon application by the board or by the person  
43 subpoenaed, shall have jurisdiction to issue an order:

1 (A) Requiring such person to appear before the board or the board's  
2 duly authorized agent to produce documents, reports, records or other  
3 physical evidence relating to the matter under investigation; or

4 (B) revoking, limiting or modifying the subpoena if in the court's  
5 opinion the evidence demanded does not relate to practices ~~which~~ *that* may  
6 be grounds for disciplinary action, is not relevant to the allegation ~~which~~  
7 *that* is the subject matter of the hearing or investigation or does not  
8 describe with sufficient particularity the documents, reports, records or  
9 other physical evidence ~~which~~ *that* is required to be produced.

10 (3) (A) If the board determines that an individual has practiced  
11 without a valid license a profession regulated by the board ~~for which the~~  
12 ~~practitioners of the profession are~~ *that are* required by law to be licensed in  
13 order to practice the profession, in addition to any other penalties imposed  
14 by law, the board, in accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure  
15 act, may issue a cease and desist order against such individual.

16 (B) Whenever in the judgment of the behavioral sciences regulatory  
17 board any person has engaged, or is about to engage, in any acts or  
18 practices ~~which~~ *that* constitute, or will constitute, a violation of ~~K.S.A. 65-~~  
19 ~~6301 to 65-6320, inclusive, and amendments thereto, 74-5361 to 74-5374,~~  
20 ~~inclusive, and K.S.A. 74-5375, and amendments thereto,~~ the licensure of  
21 psychologists *act of the state of Kansas, the professional counselors*  
22 *licensure act, the social workers licensure act, the licensure of master's*  
23 *level psychologists act, the applied behavioral analysis licensure act,* the  
24 marriage and family therapists licensure act ~~or the alcohol and other drug~~  
25 ~~abuse counselor registration act, the addiction counselor licensure act or~~  
26 ~~the art therapist licensure act,~~ or any valid rule or regulation of the board,  
27 the board may make application to any court of competent jurisdiction for  
28 an order enjoining such acts or practices, and upon a showing by the board  
29 that such person has engaged; or is about to engage in any such acts or  
30 practices, an injunction, restraining order; or such other order as may be  
31 appropriate shall be granted by such court without bond.

32 (c) Any complaint or report, record or other information relating to a  
33 complaint ~~which~~ *that* is received, obtained or maintained by the behavioral  
34 sciences regulatory board shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed  
35 by the board or its employees in a manner ~~which~~ *that* identifies or enables  
36 identification of the person who is the subject or source of the information  
37 except the information may be disclosed:

38 (1) In any proceeding conducted by the board under the law or in an  
39 appeal of an order of the board entered in a proceeding, or to any party to a  
40 proceeding or appeal or the party's attorney;

41 (2) to the person who is the subject of the information or to any  
42 person or entity when requested by the person who is the subject of the  
43 information, ~~but~~ *except that* the board may require disclosure in such a

1 manner that will prevent identification of any other person who is the  
2 subject or source of the information; or

3 (3) to a state or federal licensing, regulatory or enforcement agency  
4 with jurisdiction over the subject of the information or to an agency with  
5 jurisdiction over acts or conduct similar to acts or conduct—~~which that~~  
6 would constitute grounds for action under this act. Any confidential  
7 complaint or report, record or other information disclosed by the board as  
8 authorized by this section shall not be redisclosed by the receiving agency  
9 except as otherwise authorized by law.

10 (d) Nothing in this section or any other provision of law making  
11 communications between a practitioner of one of the behavioral sciences  
12 and the practitioner's client or patient a privileged or confidential  
13 communication shall apply to investigations or proceedings conducted  
14 pursuant to this section. The behavioral sciences regulatory board and its  
15 employees, agents and representatives shall keep in confidence the content  
16 and the names of any clients or patients whose records are reviewed during  
17 the course of investigations and proceedings pursuant to this section.

18 (e) In all matters pending before the behavioral sciences regulatory  
19 board, the board shall have the power to revoke the license or registration  
20 of any licensee or registrant who voluntarily surrenders such person's  
21 license or registration pending investigation of misconduct or while  
22 charges of misconduct against the licensee are pending or anticipated.

23 (f) In all matters pending before the behavioral sciences regulatory  
24 board, the board shall have the option to censure the licensee or registrant  
25 in lieu of other disciplinary action.

26 Sec. 16. K.S.A. 74-7507 and 74-7508 are hereby repealed.

27 Sec. 17. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
28 publication in the statute book.