

Occupational and Professional Licensing Amendments

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill modifies Title 58, Occupations and Professions.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- removes pronouns;
- updates language to remove archaic terminology;
- corrects typographical errors; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:**AMENDS:**

58-1-102 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 9

58-1-108 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 223

58-1-301.5 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 236

58-1-302 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 104

58-1-310 (Effective 07/01/26), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 198

58-1-401 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 404

58-1-501 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 138

58-1-502 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339

58-3a-304 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339

58-4a-105 (Effective 07/01/26), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 107

58-4a-107 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 420

58-5a-306 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 230

58-11a-302 (Effective 07/01/26), as repealed and reenacted by Laws of Utah 2025,
Chapter 491

58-11a-302.5 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Sixth Special
Session, Chapter 5

58-11a-302.13 (Effective 07/01/26), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 491

58-11a-302.21 (Effective 07/01/26), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 491

58-13-5 (Effective 07/01/26) (Repealed 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah
2023, Chapter 328

58-15-101 (Effective 07/01/26) (Repealed 07/01/35), as renumbered and amended by
Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 415

58-16a-305 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 256

58-16a-502 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 25

58-16a-801 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 256

58-17b-201 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 287

58-17b-306 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 443

58-17b-308 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339

58-17b-309 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 328

58-17b-501 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 328

58-17b-502 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 273,
317, 321, and 328

58-17b-606 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 328

58-17b-607 (Effective 07/01/26), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 280

58-17b-615 (Effective 07/01/26), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 280

58-22-103 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 400

58-24b-201 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 507

58-26a-302 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 283

58-31b-702 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 50

58-37-2 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 396

58-37-10 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 278

58-37c-8 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapters 262, 413

58-37c-17 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 278

58-37f-301 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 214

58-37f-303 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 340

58-37f-304 (Effective 07/01/26), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 507

65 **58-37f-402 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 318
66 **58-37f-702 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 329
67 **58-37f-703 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 415
68 **58-40a-305 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 206
69 **58-49-4 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 249
70 **58-60-102 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 367
71 **58-60-102.5 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 420
72 **58-60-108 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 404
73 **58-60-117 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339
74 **58-60-207 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 420
75 **58-60-405 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 443
76 **58-60-502 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 420
77 **58-60-506 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 213,
78 443
79 **58-60-508 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 393
80 **58-60-601 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 420
81 **58-61-102 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 420
82 **58-61-301 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 228,
83 420
84 **58-61-307 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 415
85 **58-61-401 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 404
86 **58-61-501 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339
87 **58-63-302 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 443
88 **58-64-302 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 443
89 **58-67-502 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 392
90 **58-68-802 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1996, Chapter 248
91 **58-69-502 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 25
92 **58-70a-503 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 392
93 **58-72-302 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339
94 **58-73-102 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 240
95 **58-73-302 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 443
96 **58-73-401 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 366
97 **58-73-501 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 415
98 **58-73-601 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 269

99 **58-74-302 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 198

100 **58-76-603 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 218

101 **58-81-103 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 49

102 **58-87-202 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2017,
103 Chapter 225

104 **58-87-203 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2017,
105 Chapter 225

106 **58-88-201 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 276

107 **58-88-204 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 353

108 REPEALS:

109 **58-49-5 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 339

110 **58-49-6 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 249

111 **58-60-511 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 179

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113 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

114 Section 1. Section **58-1-102** is amended to read:

115 **58-1-102 (Effective 07/01/26). Definitions.**

116 As used in this title:

117 (1)(a) "Ablative procedure" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-67-102.

118 (b) "Ablative procedure" does not include laser tattoo removal.

119 (2) "Cosmetic medical procedure":

120 (a) means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-67-102; and

121 (b) except for Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, and Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic
122 Medical Practice Act, does not apply to the scope of practice of an individual
123 licensed under this title if the individual's scope of practice includes the authority to
124 operate or perform surgical procedures.

125 (3) "Cryolipolysis" means a nonablative fat reduction procedure that uses cold temperature
126 to reduce fat deposits in certain areas of the body.

127 (4) "Department" means the Department of Commerce.

128 (5) "Director" means the director of the Division of Professional Licensing.

129 (6) "Division" means the Division of Professional Licensing created in Section 58-1-103.

130 (7) "DOD civilian" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53H-11-202.

131 (8) "Executive director" means the executive director of the Department of Commerce.

132 (9) "License" includes any license, certificate, registration, or permit authorized in

accordance with this title.

[(9)] (10) "Licensee" includes any holder of a license, certificate, registration, permit, student card, or apprentice card authorized ~~under~~ in accordance with this title.

[(10)] (11)(a)(i) "Nonablative procedure" means a procedure that is expected or intended to alter living tissue, but not intended or expected to excise, vaporize, disintegrate, or remove living tissue.

(ii) Notwithstanding Subsection ~~[(10)(a)(i)]~~ (11)(a)(i), nonablative procedure includes hair removal and cryolipolysis.

(b) "Nonablative procedure" does not include:

(i) a superficial procedure;

(ii) the application of permanent make-up;

(iii) laser tattoo removal; or

(iv) the use of photo therapy and lasers for neuromusculoskeletal treatments that are performed by an individual licensed under this title who is acting within their scope of practice.

[(11)] (12) "Pain clinic" means:

(a) a clinic that advertises its primary purpose is the treatment of chronic pain; or

(b) a clinic in which greater than 50% of the clinic's annual patient population receive treatment primarily for non-terminal chronic pain using Schedule II-III controlled substances.

[(12)] (13) "Superficial procedure" means a procedure that is expected or intended to temporarily alter living skin tissue and may excise or remove stratum corneum but have no appreciable risk of damage to any tissue below the stratum corneum.

[(13)] (14) "Telemedicine service" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-4-704.

[(14)] (15) "Unlawful conduct" means the same as that term is defined in Subsection 58-1-501(1).

[(15)] (16) "Unprofessional conduct" means the same as that term is defined in Subsection 58-1-501(2).

Section 2. Section **58-1-108** is amended to read:

58-1-108 (Effective 07/01/26). Adjudicative proceedings.

(1) The division and ~~all~~ boards created ~~under~~ in accordance with this title, including the members of a board designated under Subsection 58-1-109(3), shall comply with the procedures and requirements of Title 13, Chapter 1, Department of Commerce, and Title

63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, in all of their adjudicative proceedings as defined by Subsection 63G-4-103(1).

(2) Before proceeding under Section 63G-4-502, the division shall review the proposed action with a committee of ~~[no less than]~~ at least three licensees appointed by the ~~[chairman]~~ chairperson of the licensing board created under this title for the profession of the person against whom the action is proposed.

(3) Notwithstanding Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, a warning or final disposition letter ~~[which]~~ that does not constitute disciplinary action against the addressee, issued in response to a complaint of unprofessional or unlawful conduct under this title, does not constitute an adjudicative proceeding.

Section 3. Section **58-1-301.5** is amended to read:

58-1-301.5 (Effective 07/01/26). Division access to Bureau of Criminal Identification records -- Criminal background check requirement.

(1) As used in this section, "applicant" means an individual applying for licensure or certification, or with respect to a license or certification, applying for renewal, reinstatement, or relicensure or recertification, as required in:

- (a) Section 58-5a-302;
- (b) Section 58-16a-302;
- (c) Section 58-17b-303;
- (d) Section 58-17b-304;
- (e) Section 58-17b-305;
- (f) Section 58-17b-306;
- (g) Section 58-24b-302;
- (h) Section 58-31b-302;
- (i) Section 58-42a-302;
- (j) Section 58-44a-302;
- (k) Section 58-47b-302;
- (l) Section 58-55-302;
- (m) Section 58-47b-302.2;
- (n) Section 58-49-4;
- ~~[(n)]~~ (o) Section 58-60-205;
- ~~[(o)]~~ (p) Section 58-60-305;
- ~~[(p)]~~ (q) Section 58-60-405;
- ~~[(q)]~~ (r) Section 58-60-506;

- 201 ~~[(t)]~~ (s) Section 58-61-304;
202 ~~[(s)]~~ (t) Section 58-63-302;
203 ~~[(t)]~~ (u) Section 58-64-302;
204 ~~[(u)]~~ (v) Section 58-67-302;
205 ~~[(v)]~~ (w) Section 58-68-302;
206 ~~[(w)]~~ (x) Section 58-69-302;
207 ~~[(x)]~~ (y) Section 58-70a-302;
208 ~~[(y)]~~ (z) Section 58-70b-302;
209 ~~[(z)]~~ (aa) Section 58-71-302; ~~[or]~~
210 ~~[(aa)]~~ (bb) Section 58-73-302~~[-]~~ ; or
211 (cc) Section 58-89-104.
- 212 (2) The division shall have direct access to local files ~~[maintained by]~~ the Bureau of
213 Criminal Identification maintains under Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 2, Bureau of Criminal
214 Identification, for background screening of an applicant.
- 215 (3) The division's access to criminal background information under this section:
216 (a) shall meet the requirements of Section 53-10-108; and
217 (b) includes:
218 (i) convictions, pleas of nolo contendere, pleas of guilty or nolo contendere held in
219 abeyance, dismissed charges, and charges without a known disposition; and
220 (ii) criminal background information maintained under Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 2,
221 Bureau of Criminal Identification.
- 222 (4) The division may not disseminate outside of the division any criminal history record
223 information that the division obtains from the Bureau of Criminal Identification or the
224 Federal Bureau of Investigation under the criminal background check requirements of
225 this section.
- 226 (5) To fulfill an applicable criminal background check requirement, an applicant shall:
227 (a) submit fingerprints in a form acceptable to the division at the time the applicant files
228 a license application or a registration; and
229 (b) consent to a fingerprint background check ~~[conducted by]~~ the Bureau of Criminal
230 Identification and the Federal Bureau of Investigation conduct regarding the
231 application.
- 232 (6)(a) Upon receiving fingerprints from an applicant in accordance with Subsection (5),
233 the division shall:
234 (i) collect from each applicant submitting fingerprints in accordance with this section:

- (A) the fee that the Bureau of Criminal Identification is authorized to collect for the services provided under Section 53-10-108; and
- (B) the fee [~~charged by~~]the Federal Bureau of Investigation charges for fingerprint processing for the purpose of obtaining federal criminal history record information;
- (ii) submit from each applicant the fingerprints and the fees described in Subsection (6)(a)(i) to the Bureau of Criminal Identification; and
- (iii) obtain and retain in division records a signed waiver [~~approved by~~]the Bureau of Criminal Identification approves in accordance with Section 53-10-108 for each applicant.
- (b) The fees described in Subsection (6)(a)(i) are in addition to other fees [~~authorized by~~] this chapter authorizes.
- (7) In accordance with the requirements of Section 53-10-108, the Bureau of Criminal Identification shall:
- (a) check the fingerprints submitted under Subsection (5)(a) against the applicable state and regional criminal records databases;
- (b) forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history background check; and
- (c) provide the results from the state, regional, and nationwide criminal history background checks to the division.
- (8)(a)(i) Notwithstanding Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, if the criminal background check required under this section demonstrates, after the applicant is licensed or registered, that the applicant failed to accurately disclose a criminal history, the division may provide notice to the applicant that the license or registration is immediately and automatically revoked.
- (ii) If a massage establishment owner has a criminal conviction or pending criminal charges for any crime under Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4, Sexual Offenses, or any crime [~~listed by rule made by the division~~] the division determines by rule the division makes in collaboration with the board in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the division shall deny an application for registration of a massage establishment.
- (b)(i) An individual whose license has been revoked in accordance with Subsection (8)(a) is entitled to a hearing to challenge the revocation.
- (ii) A registered massage establishment for which the registration has been revoked

in accordance with Subsection (8)(a) is entitled to a hearing to challenge the revocation.

(c) The division shall conduct the hearing described in this Subsection (8) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.

Section 4. Section **58-1-302** is amended to read:

58-1-302 (Effective 07/01/26). License by endorsement.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "License" means an authorization that permits the holder to engage in the practice of a profession regulated under this title.

(b) "Limited supervised training permit" means a temporary authorization to work in a limited professional capacity that would otherwise require licensure under this title.

(2) Subject to Subsections (4) through (7), the division shall issue a license to an applicant who has been licensed in another state, district, or territory of the United States if:

(a) the division determines that the license issued in the other state, district, or territory encompasses a similar scope of practice as the license sought in this state;

(b) the applicant has at least one year of experience practicing under the license issued in the other state, district, or territory; and

(c) the applicant's license is in good standing in the other state, district, or territory where the license was issued.

(3) Subject to the other provisions of this section, the division may issue a license to an applicant who:

(a) has been licensed in another state, district, or territory of the United States, or in a jurisdiction outside of the United States, if:

(i)(A) the division determines that the applicant's education, credentialing examination, experience, and skills demonstrate competency in the profession for which the licensure is sought in this state; and

(B) the applicant has at least one year of experience practicing under the license issued in the other state, district, territory, or jurisdiction; or

(ii) the division determines that the licensure requirements of the other state, district, territory, or jurisdiction at the time the license was issued were substantially similar to the current requirements for the license sought in this state; or

(b) has never been licensed in a state, district, or territory of the United States, or in a jurisdiction outside of the United States, if:

(i) the applicant was educated in or obtained relevant experience in a state, district, or

- territory of the United States, or a jurisdiction outside of the United States; and
- (ii) the division determines that the education, credentialing examination, and experience was substantially similar to the current education, credentialing examination, and experience requirements for the license sought in this state.
- (4) The division may refuse to issue a license to an applicant under this section if:
- (a) the division determines that there is reasonable cause to believe that the applicant is not qualified to receive the license in this state; or
- (b) the applicant has a previous or pending disciplinary action related to the applicant's license.
- (5) Before the division issues a license to an applicant under this section, the applicant shall:
- (a) pay a fee [~~determined by the department under~~] the department determines in accordance with Section 63J-1-504; and
- (b) produce satisfactory evidence of the applicant's identity, qualifications, and good standing in the profession for which licensure is sought in this state.
- (6)(a) For an applicant who is or has been licensed in another jurisdiction, but does not satisfy the requirements of Subsection (2) or (3), the division may evaluate and determine whether:
- (i) the applicant is eligible for a license under this title because the applicant's education, credentialing examination, or experience obtained in the other jurisdiction is substantially similar to the education, credentialing examination, or experience requirements for the license; or
- (ii) in light of the applicant's education or experience obtained in the other jurisdiction, the applicant's education or experience would be substantially similar to the education or experience requirements for a license under this title, if the applicant obtains additional education or experience.
- (b) After the division chooses to evaluate an applicant under Subsection (6)(a), the division may issue a limited supervised training permit to the applicant if:
- (i) the applicant has an employment offer from an employer in the state;
- (ii) the employer attests to the division that the applicant will work under the [~~direct supervision~~] level of supervision the division requires by rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, of an individual who:
- (A) holds a license in good standing of the same classification as the limited supervised training permit; and

- 337 (B) has held the license for a minimum period of time [~~defined by~~]the division
338 defines by rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,
339 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
- 340 (iii)(A) the division needs additional time to make a determination under
341 Subsection (6)(a)(i); or
- 342 (B) the division determines under Subsection (6)(a)(ii) that additional education or
343 experience would make the applicant's education or experience substantially
344 similar to the education or experience requirements for a license under this
345 title, the applicant wishes to pursue the education or experience, and the
346 division [~~establishes~~] makes a deadline for the applicant to complete the
347 additional education or experience;
- 348 (iv) the applicant pays a fee [~~determined by the department under~~] the department
349 determines in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;
- 350 (v) the applicant meets the minimum professional standards to work in a supervised
351 environment that the division, in consultation with the applicable board,
352 establishes for the applicable profession;
- 353 (vi) the applicant submits to a background check, if required for the license for which
354 the applicant applied; and
- 355 (vii) the applicant meets with the applicable board, if requested, to evaluate the
356 applicant's qualifications.
- 357 (c)(i) A limited supervised training permit issued under this Subsection (6) expires:
- 358 (A) on the deadline that the division [~~establishes~~] makes for the applicant to
359 complete the additional education or experience described in Subsection
360 (6)(b)(iii)(B); or
- 361 (B) upon the division's grant or denial of the applicant's application for licensure
362 by endorsement.
- 363 (ii) The division may not renew or otherwise extend a limited supervised training
364 permit unless:
- 365 (A) a circumstance or hardship arose beyond the limited supervised training
366 permit holder's control that prevented the limited supervised training permit
367 holder from completing the licensure process;
- 368 (B) the limited supervised training permit holder presents satisfactory evidence to
369 the division that the limited supervised training permit holder is making
370 reasonable progress toward obtaining licensure in the state;

(C) the division grants the renewal or extension for a period proportionate to the circumstance or hardship; and

(D) the limited supervised training permit holder's employer consents in writing to the renewal or extension.

(7) The division, in consultation with the applicable licensing board, may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, prescribing the administration and requirements of this section.

(8)(a) The provisions of this section control over any conflicting licensure by endorsement provision in another chapter of this title.

(b) The division, in consultation with the applicable licensing board and professional educators that help establish and monitor educational requirements for the profession of the applicant under review, shall ensure that the provisions of this section apply uniformly to the administration and enforcement of licensure by endorsement for each license type under this title.

(9) The division shall compile and post on the division's website an annual report that includes:

- (a) the number of licenses and limited supervised training permits issued under this section during the preceding year;
- (b) each determination in which the division deems specified education, credentialing examination, experience, or skills substantially similar to the education, credentialing examination, experience, or skills required for a license sought under this section; and
- (c) documentation of each instance in which the applicable board disagreed with the division's determination that an applicant's education, credentialing examination, experience, or skills from another jurisdiction were substantially similar to the education, credentialing examination, experience, or skills required for the license sought under this section.

Section 5. Section **58-1-310** is amended to read:

58-1-310 (Effective 07/01/26). Application for division determination regarding criminal conviction.

(1) An individual with a criminal record may apply to the division at any time for a determination of whether the individual's criminal record would disqualify the individual from obtaining a license in an occupation or profession regulated by this title if the individual has completed or were to complete all other licensing requirements for the occupation or profession.

- (2) To receive a determination, the individual shall submit the application described in this section in a form ~~[prescribed by the division]~~ the division approves and shall include information regarding:
- (a) the individual's complete criminal conviction history;
 - (b) what occupational or professional license the individual is interested in seeking;
 - (c) what licensing requirements ~~[have been met by the individual]~~ the individual meets;
 - (d) what licensing requirements ~~[have not yet been met by the individual]~~ the individual has not met; and
 - (e) any other information ~~[required by the division as established by division rule made]~~ the division requires by rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- (3) The division may charge the individual a fee, established in accordance with Section 63J-1-504, to submit an application under this section.
- (4) Within ~~[30]~~ 90 days of the day on which the division receives a completed application from an individual for a determination under this section, based on the statutory authority and administrative rules governing the occupation or profession at the time of the application, the division shall provide a written determination to the individual of whether the individual's criminal record would disqualify the individual from obtaining a license in an occupation or profession ~~[regulated by]~~ this title regulates if the individual were to complete all other licensing requirements.
- (5) If the individual's criminal record would disqualify the individual from obtaining a license in an occupation or profession ~~[regulated by]~~ this title regulates, the written determination described in Subsection (4) may also include information regarding additional steps the individual could take to qualify for licensure.

Section 6. Section **58-1-401** is amended to read:

58-1-401 (Effective 07/01/26). Grounds for denial of license -- Disciplinary proceedings -- Time limitations -- Sanctions.

- (1) The division shall refuse to issue a license to an applicant and shall refuse to renew or shall revoke, suspend, restrict, place on probation, or otherwise act upon the license of a licensee who does not meet the qualifications for licensure under this title.
- (2) The division may refuse to issue a license to an applicant and may refuse to renew or may revoke, suspend, restrict, place on probation, issue a public reprimand to, or otherwise act upon the license of a licensee for the following reasons:
 - (a) subject to the provisions of Subsection (7), the applicant or licensee ~~[has engaged]~~

- 439 engages in unprofessional conduct, as ~~[defined by]~~ statute or rule under this title
440 defines;
- 441 (b) the applicant or licensee ~~[has engaged]~~ engages in unlawful conduct as ~~[defined by]~~
442 statute under this title defines;
- 443 (c) ~~[the applicant or licensee has been determined to be mentally incompetent by a court~~
444 ~~of competent jurisdiction]~~ a court with jurisdiction determines that the applicant is
445 mentally incompetent; or
- 446 (d) subject to Subsections 58-31b-401(7), 58-60-108(2), 58-61-401(2), 58-67-401(2),
447 58-68-401(2), 58-70a-401(2), and Section 58-81-105, the applicant or licensee is
448 unable to practice the occupation or profession with reasonable skill and safety
449 because of ~~[illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or~~
450 ~~other type of material, or as a result of a mental or physical condition]~~ a mental or
451 physical illness or condition, or engagement in any of the behaviors listed in
452 Subsection 58-1-501(2)(a)(v), when the condition demonstrates a threat or potential
453 threat to the public health, safety, or welfare.
- 454 (3) ~~[A licensee whose license to practice an occupation or profession regulated by this title~~
455 ~~has been suspended, revoked, placed on probation, or restricted may apply for~~
456 ~~reinstatement of the license at reasonable intervals and upon compliance with conditions~~
457 ~~imposed upon the licensee by statute, rule, or terms of the license suspension,~~
458 ~~revocation, probation, or restriction]~~ A licensee with a license that has been suspended,
459 revoked, placed on probation, or restricted, may apply for reinstatement of the license at
460 reasonable intervals when the licensee complies with the conditions that statute, rule, or
461 the terms of the suspension, revocation, probation, or restriction impose.
- 462 (4) The division may issue cease and desist orders to:
- 463 (a) a licensee or applicant who may be disciplined under Subsection (1) or (2);
- 464 (b) a person ~~[who]~~ that engages in or represents that the person is engaged in an
465 occupation or profession regulated under this title; and
- 466 (c) a person ~~[who]~~ that otherwise violates this title or a rule adopted under this title.
- 467 (5) The division may impose an administrative penalty in accordance with Section 58-1-502.
- 468 (6)(a) The division may not take disciplinary action against a person for unprofessional
469 or unlawful conduct under this title, unless the division enters into a stipulated
470 agreement or initiates an adjudicative proceeding regarding the conduct within four
471 years after the conduct is reported to the division, except under Subsection (6)(b).
- 472 (b)(i) The division may not take disciplinary action against a person for

unprofessional or unlawful conduct more than 10 years after the occurrence of the conduct, unless the proceeding is in response to a civil or criminal judgment or settlement and the proceeding is initiated within one year following the judgment or settlement.

(ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (6)(b)(i), the division may refuse to issue a license due to unprofessional or unlawful conduct that occurred more than 10 years before a request or application for licensure is made.

(7) When the division is determining whether to refuse to issue a license to an applicant, or to refuse to renew the license of a licensee, based solely on the criminal conviction of an applicant or licensee, the division shall:

- (a) provide individualized consideration to the applicant or licensee;
- (b) determine whether the criminal conviction bears a substantial relationship to the applicant's or licensee's ability to safely or competently practice the occupation or profession; and
- (c) consider the applicant's or licensee's current circumstances, which may include any of the following:
 - (i) the age of the applicant or licensee when the applicant or licensee committed the offense;
 - (ii) the time that has elapsed since the applicant or licensee committed the offense;
 - (iii) whether the applicant or licensee has completed the applicant's or licensee's criminal sentence;
 - (iv) whether the applicant has completed or is actively participating in rehabilitative drug or alcohol treatment;
 - (v) any testimonials or recommendations from other individuals ~~[provided by]~~ that the applicant or licensee, including a progress report from the applicant's or licensee's probation or parole officer, provides;
 - (vi) other evidence of rehabilitation ~~[provided by]~~ the applicant or licensee provides;
 - (vii) the education and training of the applicant or licensee;
 - (viii) the employment history of the applicant or licensee; and
 - (ix) other relevant information ~~[provided by]~~ the applicant or licensee provides.

Section 7. Section **58-1-501** is amended to read:

58-1-501 (Effective 07/01/26). Unlawful and unprofessional conduct.

- (1) "Unlawful conduct" means conduct, by any person, that is defined as unlawful under this title and includes~~[:]~~ when the person:

- (a) ~~[practicing or engaging in, representing oneself to be practicing or engaging in, or attempting]~~ practices or engages in, represents oneself to be practicing or engaging in, or attempts to practice or engage in any profession requiring licensure under this title, except the behavioral health technician under Chapter 60, Part 6, Behavioral Health Coach and Technician Licensing Act, if the person is:
- (i) not licensed to do so or not exempted from licensure under this title; or
 - (ii) restricted from doing so by a suspended, revoked, restricted, temporary, probationary, or inactive license;
- (b)(i) ~~[impersonating]~~ impersonates another licensee or practicing a profession under a false or assumed name, except as permitted by law; or
- (ii) for a licensee who has had a license under this title reinstated following disciplinary action, practicing the same profession using a different name than the name used before the disciplinary action, except as permitted by law and after notice to, and approval by, the division;
- (c) knowingly ~~[employing]~~ employs any other person to practice or engage in or attempt to practice or engage in any profession licensed under this title if the employee is not licensed to do so under this title;
- (d) knowingly ~~[permitting]~~ permits the person's authority to practice or engage in any profession licensed under this title to be used by another, except as permitted by law;
- (e) ~~[obtaining]~~ obtains a passing score on a licensure examination, applying for or obtaining a license, or otherwise dealing with the division or a licensing board through the use of fraud, forgery, or intentional deception, misrepresentation, misstatement, or omission;
- (f)(i) ~~[issuing, or aiding and abetting]~~ issues, or engages in aiding and abetting in the issuance of, an order or prescription for a drug or device to a person located in this state:
- (A) without prescriptive authority conferred by a license issued under this title, or by an exemption to licensure under this title; or
 - (B) with prescriptive authority conferred by an exception issued under this title or a multistate practice privilege recognized under this title, if the prescription was issued without first obtaining information, in the usual course of professional practice, that is sufficient to establish a diagnosis, to identify underlying conditions, and to identify contraindications to the proposed treatment; and

- 541 (ii) Subsection (1)(f)(i) does not apply to treatment rendered in an emergency, on-call
542 or cross coverage situation, provided that the person ~~[who]~~ that issues the
543 prescription has prescriptive authority conferred by a license under this title, or is
544 exempt from licensure under this title; or
- 545 (g) ~~[aiding or abetting]~~ engages in aiding or abetting any other person to violate any
546 statute, rule, or order regulating a profession under this title.
- 547 (2)(a) "Unprofessional conduct" means conduct, by a licensee or applicant, that is
548 defined as unprofessional conduct under this title or under any rule adopted under
549 this title and includes~~[:]~~ when a licensee or applicant:
- 550 (i) ~~[violating]~~ violates any statute, rule, or order regulating ~~[an]~~ a profession under
551 this title;
- 552 (ii) ~~[violating, or aiding or abetting]~~ violates or engages in aiding or abetting any
553 other person to violate, any generally accepted professional or ethical standard
554 applicable to an occupation or profession regulated under this title;
- 555 (iii) subject to the provisions of Subsection (4), ~~[engaging]~~ engages in conduct that
556 results in conviction, a plea of nolo contendere, or a plea of guilty or nolo
557 contendere that is held in abeyance pending the successful completion of
558 probation with respect to a crime that, when considered with the functions and
559 duties of the profession for which the license was issued or is to be issued, bears a
560 substantial relationship to the licensee's or applicant's ability to safely or
561 competently practice the profession;
- 562 (iv) ~~[engaging]~~ engages in conduct that results in disciplinary action, including
563 reprimand, censure, diversion, probation, suspension, or revocation, by any other
564 licensing or regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the licensee or applicant
565 in ~~[the same]~~ any profession if the conduct would, in this state, constitute grounds
566 for denial of licensure or disciplinary proceedings under Section 58-1-401;
- 567 (v) ~~[engaging]~~ engages in conduct, including the use of intoxicants, drugs, narcotics,
568 or similar chemicals, to the extent that the conduct does, or might reasonably be
569 considered to, impair the ability of the licensee or applicant to ~~[safely engage in~~
570 ~~the profession]~~ perform licensed duties with reasonable skill and safety;
- 571 (vi) ~~[practicing or attempting]~~ practices or attempts to practice a profession regulated
572 under this title despite being physically or mentally unfit to do so;
- 573 (vii) ~~[practicing or attempting]~~ practices or attempts to practice a or profession
574 regulated under this title through gross incompetence, gross negligence, or a

- 575 pattern of incompetency or negligence;
- 576 (viii) ~~[practicing or attempting]~~ practices or attempts to practice a profession requiring
- 577 licensure under this title by any form of action or communication which is false,
- 578 misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent;
- 579 (ix) ~~[practicing or attempting]~~ practices or attempts to practice a profession regulated
- 580 under this title beyond the scope of the licensee's competency, abilities, or
- 581 education;
- 582 (x) ~~[practicing or attempting]~~ practices or attempts to practice a profession regulated
- 583 under this title beyond the scope of the licensee's license;
- 584 (xi) acts or attempts to act to prohibit or inhibit the ability of a licensee's customer,
- 585 patient, or other consumer of the licensee's goods or services from making a
- 586 complaint to a licensing or regulatory authority, including through the use of a
- 587 contract provision;
- 588 ~~[(xi)]~~ (xii) verbally, physically, mentally, or sexually ~~[abusing or exploiting]~~ abuses or
- 589 exploits any person through conduct connected with the licensee's practice under
- 590 this title or otherwise facilitated by the licensee's license;
- 591 ~~[(xii)]~~ (xiii) ~~[acting-]~~ acts as a supervisor without meeting the qualification
- 592 requirements for that position that are defined by statute or rule;
- 593 ~~[(xiii)]~~ (xiv) ~~[issuing, or aiding and abetting]~~ issues, or engages in aiding and abetting
- 594 in the issuance of, an order or prescription for a drug or device:
- 595 (A) without first obtaining information in the usual course of professional
- 596 practice, that is sufficient to establish a diagnosis, to identify conditions, and to
- 597 identify contraindications to the proposed treatment; or
- 598 (B) with prescriptive authority conferred by an exception issued under this title, or
- 599 a multi-state practice privilege recognized under this title, if the prescription
- 600 was issued without first obtaining information, in the usual course of
- 601 professional practice, that is sufficient to establish a diagnosis, to identify
- 602 underlying conditions, and to identify contraindications to the proposed
- 603 treatment;
- 604 ~~[(xiv)]~~ (xv) ~~[violating-]~~ violates a provision of Section 58-1-501.5;
- 605 ~~[(xv)]~~ (xvi) ~~[violating-]~~ violates the terms of an order governing a license; or
- 606 ~~[(xvi)]~~ (xvii) ~~[violating-]~~ violates Section 58-1-511.
- 607 (b) ~~["Unprofessional conduct"]~~ Unprofessional conduct does not include:
- 608 (i) a health care provider, as defined in Section 78B-3-403 and who is licensed under

- 609 this title, deviating from medical norms or established practices if the conditions
610 described in Subsection (5) are met; and
- 611 (ii) notwithstanding Section 58-1-501.6, a health care provider advertising that the
612 health care provider deviates from medical norms or established practices,
613 including the maladies the health care provider treats, if the health care provider:
614 (A) does not guarantee any results regarding any health care service;
615 (B) fully discloses on the health care provider's website that the health care
616 provider deviates from medical norms or established practices with a
617 conspicuous statement; and
618 (C) includes the health care provider's contact information on the website.
- 619 (3) Unless otherwise specified by statute or administrative rule, in a civil or administrative
620 proceeding ~~[commenced by]~~ that the division commences under this title, a person
621 subject to any of the unlawful and unprofessional conduct provisions of this title is
622 strictly liable for each violation.
- 623 (4) The following are not evidence of engaging in unprofessional conduct under Subsection
624 (2)(a)(iii):
- 625 (a) an arrest not followed by a conviction; or
626 (b) a conviction for which an individual's incarceration has ended more than five years
627 before the date of the division's consideration, unless:
- 628 (i) after the incarceration the individual has engaged in additional conduct that results
629 in another conviction, a plea of nolo contendere, or a plea of guilty or nolo
630 contendere that is held in abeyance pending the successful completion of
631 probation; or
- 632 (ii) the conviction was for:
- 633 (A) a violent felony as defined in Section 76-3-203.5;
634 (B) a felony related to a criminal sexual act under Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4,
635 Sexual Offenses, or Title 76, Chapter 5b, Sexual Exploitation Act;
636 (C) a felony related to criminal fraud or embezzlement, including a felony under
637 Title 76, Chapter 6, Part 5, Fraud, or Title 76, Chapter 6, Part 4, Theft; or
638 (D) a crime or a pattern of crimes that demonstrates a substantial potential to harm
639 Utah patients or consumers, as ~~[may be determined by]~~ the director may
640 determine in a process ~~[defined by rule made]~~ the division defines by rule the
641 division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
642 Rulemaking Act.

- 643 (5) In accordance with Subsection (2)(b)(i), a health care provider may deviate from
644 medical norms or established practices if:
- 645 (a) the health care provider does not deviate outside of the health care provider's scope
646 of practice and possesses the education, training, and experience to competently and
647 safely administer the alternative health care service;
 - 648 (b) the health care provider does not provide an alternative health care service that is
649 otherwise contrary to any state or federal law;
 - 650 (c) the alternative health care service has reasonable potential to be of benefit to the
651 patient to whom the alternative health care service is to be given;
 - 652 (d) the potential benefit of the alternative health care service outweighs the known
653 harms or side effects of the alternative health care service;
 - 654 (e) the alternative health care service is reasonably justified under the totality of the
655 circumstances;
 - 656 (f) after diagnosis but before providing the alternative health care service:
 - 657 (i) the health care provider educates the patient on the health care services that are
658 within the medical norms and established practices;
 - 659 (ii) the health care provider discloses to the patient that the health care provider is
660 recommending an alternative health care service that deviates from medical norms
661 and established practices;
 - 662 (iii) the health care provider discusses the rationale for deviating from medical norms
663 and established practices with the patient;
 - 664 (iv) the health care provider discloses any potential risks associated with deviation
665 from medical norms and established practices; and
 - 666 (v) the patient signs and acknowledges a notice of deviation; and
 - 667 (g) before providing an alternative health care service, the health care provider discloses
668 to the patient that the patient may enter into an agreement describing what would
669 constitute the health care provider's negligence related to deviation.
- 670 (6) As used in this section, "notice of deviation" means a written notice ~~[provided by]~~a
671 health care provider provides to a patient that:
- 672 (a) is specific to the patient;
 - 673 (b) indicates that the health care provider is deviating from medical norms or established
674 practices in the health care provider's recommendation for the patient's treatment;
 - 675 (c) describes how the alternative health care service deviates from medical norms or
676 established practices;

- (d) describes the potential risks and benefits associated with the alternative health care service;
- (e) describes the health care provider's reasonably justified rationale regarding the reason for the deviation; and
- (f) provides clear and unequivocal notice to the patient that the patient is agreeing to receive the alternative health care service which is outside medical norms and established practices.

Section 8. Section **58-1-502** is amended to read:

58-1-502 (Effective 07/01/26). Unlawful and unprofessional conduct -- Penalties.

- (1)(a) Unless otherwise specified in this title, a person who violates the unlawful conduct provisions defined in this title is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- (b) Unless a specific fine amount is specified elsewhere in this title, the director or the director's designee may assess an administrative fine of up to \$1,000 for each instance of unprofessional or unlawful conduct defined in this title.
- (2)(a) In addition to any other statutory penalty for a violation related to a specific occupation or profession regulated by this title, if upon inspection or investigation, the division concludes that a person has violated Subsection 58-1-501(1)(a), (1)(c), (1)(g), or [~~(2)(a)(xv)~~] (2)(a)(xvi), or a rule or order issued with respect to those subsections, and that disciplinary action is appropriate, the director or the director's designee from within the division shall promptly:
 - (i) issue a citation to the person according to this section and any pertinent rules;
 - (ii) attempt to negotiate a stipulated settlement; or
 - (iii) notify the person to appear before an adjudicative proceeding conducted under Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
- (b)(i) The division may assess a fine under this Subsection (2) against a person who violates Subsection 58-1-501(1)(a), (1)(c), (1)(g), or [~~(2)(a)(xv)~~] (2)(a)(xvi), or a rule or order issued with respect to those subsections, as evidenced by:
 - (A) an uncontested citation;
 - (B) a stipulated settlement; or
 - (C) a finding of a violation in an adjudicative proceeding.
- (ii) The division may, in addition to or in lieu of a fine under Subsection (2)(b)(i), order the person to cease and desist from violating Subsection 58-1-501(1)(a), (1)(c), (1)(g), or [~~(2)(a)(xv)~~] (2)(a)(xvi), or a rule or order issued with respect to those subsections.

- (c) Except for a cease and desist order, the division may not assess the licensure sanctions cited in Section 58-1-401 through a citation.
- (d) A citation shall:
- (i) be in writing;
 - (ii) describe with particularity the nature of the violation, including a reference to the provision of the chapter, rule, or order alleged to have been violated;
 - (iii) clearly state that the recipient must notify the division in writing within 20 calendar days of service of the citation if the recipient wishes to contest the citation at a hearing conducted under Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act; and
 - (iv) clearly explain the consequences of failure to timely contest the citation or to make payment of a fine assessed by the citation within the time specified in the citation.
- (e) The division may issue a notice in lieu of a citation.
- (f)(i) If within 20 calendar days from the service of the citation, the person to whom the citation was issued fails to request a hearing to contest the citation, the citation becomes the final order of the division and is not subject to further agency review.
- (ii) The period to contest a citation may be extended by the division for cause.
- (g) The division may refuse to issue or renew, suspend, revoke, or place on probation the license of a licensee who fails to comply with a citation after ~~[it]~~ the citation becomes final.
- (h) The failure of an applicant for licensure to comply with a citation after ~~[it]~~ the citation becomes final is a ground for denial of license.
- (i) Subject to the time limitations described in Subsection 58-1-401(6), the division may not issue a citation under this section after the expiration of one year following the date on which the violation that is the subject of the citation is reported to the division.
- (j) The director or the director's designee shall assess fines according to the following:
- (i) for the first offense handled ~~[pursuant to]~~ in accordance with Subsection (2)(a), a fine of up to \$1,000;
 - (ii) for a second offense handled ~~[pursuant to]~~ in accordance with Subsection (2)(a), a fine of up to \$2,000; and
 - (iii) for each subsequent offense handled ~~[pursuant to]~~ in accordance with Subsection (2)(a), a fine of up to \$2,000 for each day of continued offense.

- (3)(a) An action for a first or second offense that has not yet resulted in a final order of the division may not preclude initiation of a subsequent action for a second or subsequent offense during the pendency of a preceding action.
- (b) The final order on a subsequent action is considered a second or subsequent offense, respectively, provided the preceding action resulted in a first or second offense, respectively.

- (4)(a) The director may collect a penalty that is not paid by:
- (i) referring the matter to a collection agency; or
 - (ii) bringing an action in the district court of the county where the person against whom the penalty is imposed resides or in the county where the office of the director is located.
- (b) A county attorney or the attorney general of the state shall provide legal assistance and advice to the director in an action to collect a penalty.
- (c) A court may award reasonable attorney fees and costs to the prevailing party in an action brought by the division to collect a penalty.

Section 9. Section **58-3a-304** is amended to read:

58-3a-304 (Effective 07/01/26). Exemptions from licensure.

- (1) In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Section 58-1-307, the following may engage in the stated limited acts or practices without being licensed under this chapter:
- (a) a person offering to render architectural services in this state when not licensed under this chapter if the person:
 - (i) holds a current and valid architect license issued by a licensing authority recognized by rule by the division in collaboration with the board;
 - (ii) discloses in writing to the potential client the fact that the architect:
 - (A) is not licensed in the state;
 - (B) may not provide architectural services in the state until the architect is licensed in the state; and
 - (C) that such condition may cause a delay in the ability of the architect to provide architectural services in the state;
 - (iii) notifies the division in writing of ~~[his-]~~ the person's intent to offer to render architectural services in the state; and
 - (iv) does not provide architectural services or engage in the practice of architecture in this state until licensed to do so;
 - (b) a person preparing a plan and specification for one or two-family dwellings,

- 779 including townhouses;
- 780 (c) a person licensed to practice professional engineering under Title 58, Chapter 22,
- 781 Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors Licensing Act, performing
- 782 engineering or incidental architectural acts or practices that do not exceed the scope
- 783 of the education and training of the person performing architecture;
- 784 (d) unlicensed employees, subordinates, associates, or drafters of a person licensed
- 785 under this chapter while preparing plans and specifications under the supervision of
- 786 an architect;
- 787 (e) a person preparing a plan or specification for, or supervising the alteration of or
- 788 repair to, an existing building affecting an area not exceeding 3,000 square feet when
- 789 structural elements of a building are not changed, such as foundations, beams,
- 790 columns, and structural slabs, joists, bearing walls, and trusses; and
- 791 (f) an organization engaged in the practice of architecture, provided that:
- 792 (i) the organization employs a principal; and
- 793 (ii) all individuals ~~[employed by]~~the organization employs, who are engaged in the
- 794 practice of architecture, are licensed or exempt from licensure under this chapter.
- 795 (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict a person from preparing plans for a
- 796 client under the exemption provided in Subsection (1)(b) or taking those plans to a
- 797 licensed architect for review, approval, and subsequent fixing of the architect's seal to
- 798 that set of plans.

799 Section 10. Section **58-4a-105** is amended to read:

800 **58-4a-105 (Effective 07/01/26). Program contract.**

- 801 (1) A licensee may enter into a program contract:
- 802 (a) any time before the conclusion of a hearing under Section 63G-4-206; and
- 803 (b) if the licensee who enters into the program contract has a substance use disorder or
- 804 the division has referred the licensee for diagnostic monitoring.
- 805 (2) A licensee may enter into a program contract to replace a diversion agreement the
- 806 licensee previously entered into with the department.
- 807 (3) ~~[A licensee who does not have a substance use disorder may not enter into a program~~
- 808 ~~contract with the division]~~ A licensee may not enter into a program contract with the
- 809 division unless the licensee has a substance use disorder or the division has referred the
- 810 licensee for diagnostic monitoring.
- 811 (4) The committees described in Section 58-4a-104 may assist the division in evaluating or
- 812 verifying documentation showing completion of or compliance with a program contract.

(5) ~~[A decision by the program not to permit a licensee to participate in the program is not subject to appeal, agency review, or judicial review]~~ A decision by the program denying a licensee participation in the program is final and not subject to appeal, agency review, or judicial review.

Section 11. Section **58-4a-107** is amended to read:

58-4a-107 (Effective 07/01/26). Violation of a program contract -- Adjudicative proceedings -- Penalties.

(1) The division may serve an order to show cause on the licensee if the licensee:

- (a) violates any term or condition of the program contract or diversion agreement;
- (b) makes an intentional, material misrepresentation of fact in the program contract or diversion agreement; or
- (c) violates any rule or law governing the licensee's profession.

~~[(2) The order to show cause described in Subsection (1) shall:]~~

~~[(a) describe the alleged misconduct;]~~

~~[(b) set a time and place for a hearing to determine whether the licensee's program contract should be terminated; and]~~

~~[(c) contain all of the information required by a notice of agency action in Subsection 63G-4-201(2).]~~

~~[(3)]~~ (2) Proceedings to terminate a program contract shall comply with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act~~[-except the notice of agency action shall be in the form of the order to show cause described in Subsection (2)].~~

~~[(4)]~~ (3) During a proceeding to terminate a program contract, the licensee, the licensee's legal representative, and the division shall have access to information contained in the division's program file as permitted by law.

~~[(5)]~~ (4) The director shall terminate the program contract and place the licensee on probation in accordance with rules made by the division in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act if, during the administrative proceedings described in Subsection ~~[(3)]~~ (2), the presiding officer finds that the licensee has:

- (a) violated the program contract;
- (b) made an intentional material misrepresentation of fact in the program contract; or
- (c) violated a law or rule governing the licensee's profession.

~~[(6)]~~ (5) If, during the proceedings described in Subsection ~~[(3)]~~ (2), the presiding officer finds that the licensee has engaged in especially egregious misconduct, the director may

revoke the licensee's license or take other appropriate disciplinary action.

~~[(7)]~~ (6) A licensee who is terminated from the program may have disciplinary action taken under Title 58, Chapter 1, Part 4, License Denial, for misconduct committed before, during, or after the licensee's participation in the program.

Section 12. Section **58-5a-306** is amended to read:

58-5a-306 (Effective 07/01/26). Exemptions from licensure.

The following ~~[persons]~~ individuals may practice podiatry, subject to stated circumstances and limitations, without being licensed under this chapter:

- (1) a podiatric physician serving in the armed forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or other federal agencies while engaged in activities regulated under this chapter as a part of ~~[his]~~ the podiatric physician's employment with that federal agency if the ~~[individual]~~ podiatric physician holds a valid license to practice podiatry ~~[issued by]~~ that any other state or jurisdiction ~~[recognized by the division]~~ the division recognizes issues;
- (2) a student engaged in activities that constitute the practice of podiatry while in training in a recognized school ~~[approved by the division]~~ the division approves to the extent the activities are under the supervision of qualified faculty or staff and the activities are a defined part of the training program;
- (3) ~~[a person]~~ an individual engaged in an internship, residency, preceptorship, postceptorship, fellowship, apprenticeship, or on-the-job training program ~~[approved by the division]~~ the division approves while under the supervision of qualified persons;
- (4) ~~[a person]~~ an individual residing in another state and licensed to practice podiatry there, who is called in for a consultation by ~~[a person]~~ an individual licensed in this state and services provided are limited to that consultation or who is invited by a recognized school, association, society, or other body ~~[approved by the division]~~ the division approves to conduct a lecture, clinic, or demonstration of the practice of podiatry so long as that individual does not establish a place of business or regularly engage in the practice of podiatry in the state;
- (5) a person licensed under the laws of this state to practice or engage in any other occupation or profession while engaged in the lawful, professional, and competent practice of that occupation or profession;
- (6) ~~[persons who fit or sell]~~ a person that fits or sells corrective shoes, arch supports, or similar devices, to the extent their acts and practices involve only the fitting and selling of these items; or

- (7) a medical assistant working under the indirect supervision of a licensed podiatric physician, if the medical assistant:
- (a) engages only in tasks appropriately ~~[delegated by]~~ that the licensed podiatric physician delegates in accordance with the standards and ethics of the practice of podiatry, and consistent with this chapter;
 - (b) does not perform surgical procedures;
 - (c) does not prescribe prescription medications;
 - (d) does not administer anesthesia, except for a local anesthetic; and
 - (e) does not engage in other practices or procedures defined by the division by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, and in collaboration with the board.

Section 13. Section **58-11a-302** is amended to read:

58-11a-302 (Effective 07/01/26). General qualifications for licensure and permitting.

- (1) An applicant for a license or permit under this chapter shall:
- (a)(i) submit an application in a form ~~[prescribed by]~~ the division approves; and
 - (ii) pay a fee ~~[determined by]~~ the division determines in compliance with Section 63J-1-504;
 - (b) provide satisfactory documentation of completion of required minimum service counts~~[-certified by]~~ that the applicant's school certifies, or, if under an apprenticeship, the applicant's supervisor certifies; and~~[:]~~
 - (i) compliance with educational requirements of the respective license or permit; or
 - (ii) completion of an approved apprenticeship; and
 - (c) pass an examination, as ~~[required by administrative rule established by the division]~~ the division requires by rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- (2)(a) The division shall establish administrative rules to determine how many hours for an existing license or permit that an applicant may credit towards the hours required for an additional permit or license.
- (b) An individual ~~[that]~~ who holds a cosmetology license may count 600 hours as a cosmetologist to satisfy the 1,200 total hours requirement for a master esthetics license.

Section 14. Section **58-11a-302.5** is amended to read:

58-11a-302.5 (Effective 07/01/26). Online curriculum for a licensed school.

[A barber school, cosmetology/barber school, electrologist school, esthetics school, hair design school, or nail technology] A school licensed under this chapter may offer up to 50% of the school's total per program curriculum online in accordance with standards [adopted by] that an applicable nationally recognized accrediting organization adopts.

Section 15. Section **58-11a-302.13** is amended to read:

58-11a-302.13 (Effective 07/01/26). Practice of cosmetology -- Cosmetology license -- Qualifications.

(1) The practice of cosmetology includes:

- (a) styling, arranging, dressing, curling, waving, cleaning, singeing, bleaching, tinting, coloring, permanent waving, or similarly treating the hair of the head of an individual;
- (b) cutting, clipping, or trimming the hair by using scissors, shears, clippers, or other appliances;
- (c) engaging in draping, shampooing, scalp treatments, basic wet styling, and blow drying;
- (d) removing hair from the face or neck of an individual by using shaving equipment;
- (e) arching eyebrows by tweezing or waxing, tinting eyelashes or eyebrows~~[-or eyelashes]~~, or perming eyelashes or eyebrows;
- (f) manual hair removal;
- (g) cleansing, stimulating, manipulating, exercising, applying oils, antiseptics, clays or masks, and manual extraction, including a comedone extractor;
- (h) limited chemical exfoliation as ~~[defined by administrative rules made by the division]~~ the division defines by rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
- (i) cutting, curling, styling, fitting, measuring, or forming caps for wigs and hairpieces on the human head;
- (j) practicing hair weaving or hair fusing or servicing previously medically implanted hair;
- (k) trimming, cutting, cleaning, manicuring, shaping, massaging hands to elbows and feet to knees, or enhancing the appearance of the hands, feet, and nails of an individual by using the cosmetologist's hands, mechanical or electrical preparation, antiseptic, lotion, or cream;
- (l) natural nail manicures and pedicures;
- (m) applying and removing sculptured or artificial nails; and
- (n) using blades, including corn or callus planer or rasp, for smoothing, shaving, or

removing dead skin from the feet.

(2) An individual may not engage in the practice of cosmetology unless the individual holds a cosmetology license.

(3) An applicant for a cosmetology license shall comply with the requirements in Section 58-11a-302 and:

(a) attend a licensed or recognized school and complete a curriculum that:

(i) covers:

(A) barbering;

(B) haircutting;

(C) chemical hair services;

(D) manual hair removal;

(E) eyelash and eyebrow technology, except for eyelash extensions;

(F) basic esthetics; and

(G) nail technology; and

(ii) has a minimum of 1,250 hours of instruction or the equivalent number of credit hours; or

(b) complete an approved cosmetologist apprenticeship.

(4) If the applicant graduates from a recognized school with less than 1,250 hours of instruction, the applicant may count hours practiced as a cosmetologist in a jurisdiction other than Utah to satisfy the 1,250 total hours requirement.

(5) An individual with a cosmetology license may be known as a cosmetologist or a barber.

(6) An individual with a cosmetology license may apply credit hours to another license or permit under this chapter, as allowed in Subsection 58-11a-302(2).

Section 16. Section **58-11a-302.21** is amended to read:

58-11a-302.21 (Effective 07/01/26). Licensed instructor -- Qualifications.

(1) An applicant for licensure as an instructor shall:

(a) submit an application in a form [~~prescribed by~~]the division approves;

(b) subject to Subsection (4), pay a fee [~~determined by the division under~~] the division determines in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;

(c) provide satisfactory documentation that the applicant is currently licensed or permitted in the discipline that the applicant is seeking to instruct;

(d) provide satisfactory documentation that the applicant has completed six months of work experience in the discipline the applicant intends to instruct and:

(i) an instructor training program [~~for the discipline for which the applicant is~~

- 983 licensed, by a licensed or recognized school for a minimum of 35% of the
984 minimum hours for the license or permit the applicant intends to instruct] of 75
985 clock hours; or
- 986 (ii) an on-the-job [instructor training for the discipline for which the applicant is
987 licensed, by a licensed or recognized school for a minimum of 35% of the
988 minimum hours for the license or permit the applicant intends to instruct] training
989 program of 75 clock hours; and
- 990 (e) meet the examination requirement [~~established by administrative rules made by the~~
991 ~~division]~~ the division requires by rule the division makes in accordance with Title
992 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- 993 (2) An applicant for an instructor license or permit under this chapter whose education in
994 the discipline for which a license or permit is sought was completed at a foreign school
995 may satisfy the educational requirement for licensure by demonstrating, to the
996 satisfaction of the division, the educational equivalency of the foreign school education
997 with a licensed school under this chapter.
- 998 (3)(a) An individual may not instruct a discipline unless the individual has an instructor
999 license that allows instruction of that discipline.
- 1000 (b) The division shall make rules establishing which disciplines each type of instructor
1001 license may instruct.
- 1002 (4) The division may not charge a fee to an individual applying for licensure as an
1003 instructor under this chapter if the individual is a licensed instructor in any other
1004 discipline under this chapter.
- 1005 (5) The division may offer any [~~required examination under this section, which is prepared~~
1006 ~~by]~~ examination this section requires that a national testing organization[, in languages
1007 in addition to English] prepares.
- 1008 (6) For purposes of a national accrediting agency [~~recognized by]~~ that the United States
1009 Department of Education recognizes, on-the-job instructor training described in this
1010 section is not considered a program.
- 1011 Section 17. Section **58-13-5** is amended to read:
- 1012 **58-13-5 (Effective 07/01/26) (Repealed 07/01/26). Information relating to**
1013 **adequacy and quality of medical care -- Immunity from liability.**
- 1014 (1) As used in this section, "health care provider" has the same meaning as defined in
1015 Section 78B-3-403.
- 1016 (2)(a) The division, and the boards within the division that act regarding the health care

providers defined in this section, shall adopt rules to establish procedures to obtain information concerning the quality and adequacy of health care rendered to patients by those health care providers.

(b) It is the duty of ~~[an individual]~~ a health care provider licensed under Title 58, Occupations and Professions, ~~[as a health care provider]~~ to furnish information known to ~~[him]~~ the health care provider with respect to health care rendered to patients by any health care provider licensed under Title 58, Occupations and Professions, as the division or a board may request during the course of the performance of its duties.

(3) A health care facility as defined in Section 26B-2-201 which employs, grants privileges to, or otherwise permits a licensed health care provider to engage in licensed practice within the health care facility, and any professional society of licensed health care providers, shall report any of the following events in writing to the division within 60 days after the event occurs regarding the licensed health care provider:

(a) terminating employment of an employee for cause related to the employee's practice as a licensed health care provider;

(b) terminating or restricting privileges for cause to engage in any act or practice related to practice as a licensed health care provider;

(c) terminating, suspending, or restricting membership or privileges associated with membership in a professional association for acts of unprofessional, unlawful, incompetent, or negligent conduct related to practice as a licensed health care provider;

(d) subjecting a licensed health care provider to disciplinary action for a period of more than 30 days;

(e) a finding that a licensed health care provider has violated professional standards or ethics;

(f) a finding of incompetence in practice as a licensed health care provider;

(g) a finding of acts ~~[of moral turpitude by]~~ which, when considered with the functions and duties of the profession, bear a substantial relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently perform the duties expected of a licensed health care provider; or

(h) a finding that a licensed health care provider is engaged in abuse of alcohol or drugs.

(4) This section does not prohibit any action by a health care facility, or professional society comprised primarily of licensed health care providers to suspend, restrict, or

revoke the employment, privileges, or membership of a health care provider.

(5) The data and information obtained in accordance with this section is classified as a "protected" record under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

(6)(a) Any person or organization furnishing information in accordance with this section in response to the request of the division or a board, or voluntarily, is immune from liability with respect to information provided in good faith and without malice, which good faith and lack of malice is presumed to exist absent clear and convincing evidence to the contrary.

(b) The members of the board are immune from liability for any decisions made or actions taken in response to information ~~[acquired by]~~ the board acquires if those decisions or actions are made in good faith and without malice, which good faith and lack of malice is presumed to exist absent clear and convincing evidence to the contrary.

(7) An individual who is a member of a hospital administration, board, committee, department, medical staff, or professional organization of health care providers, and any hospital, other health care entity, or professional organization conducting or sponsoring the review, is immune from liability arising from participation in a review of a health care provider's professional ethics, medical competence, ~~[moral turpitude]~~ or a behavior which, when considered with the functions and duties of the profession, bears a substantial relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently perform the duties expected of a health care provider including any mental or physical illness or condition, or engagement in any of the behaviors listed in Subsection 58-1-501(2)(a)(v), or substance abuse.

(8) This section does not exempt a person licensed under Title 58, Occupations and Professions, from complying with any reporting requirements established under state or federal law.

Section 18. Section **58-15-101** is amended to read:

58-15-101 (Effective 07/01/26) (Repealed 07/01/35). Definitions.

~~[In addition to the definitions in Section 58-1-102, as]~~ As used in this chapter:

(1) "Administrator" means a ~~[person who]~~ person that is charged with the general administration of a health facility, regardless of whether:

(a) the person has an ownership interest in the facility; or

(b) the person's functions and duties are shared with one or more persons.

- (2) "Board" means the Health Facility Administrators Licensing Board created in Section 58-15-201.
- (3) "Health facility" means a skilled nursing facility, an intermediate care facility, or an intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability.
- (4) "Intermediate care facility" means an institution that provides, on a regular basis, health care and services to individuals who do not require the degree of care and treatment a hospital or skilled nursing facility provides, but who require health care and services in addition to room and board.
- (5) "Intermediate care facility for people with an intellectual disability" means an institution that provides, on a regular basis, health-related care and service to individuals with intellectual disabilities as defined in Section 68-3-12.5 or individuals with related conditions, who do not require the degree of care and treatment a hospital or skilled nursing facility provides, but who require health-related care and services above the need for room and board.
- (6) "Skilled nursing facility" means an institution primarily providing inpatients with skilled nursing care and related services on a continuing basis for patients who require mental, medical, or nursing care, or service for the rehabilitation of an injured individual, a sick individual, or an individual with a disability.
- (7) "Unprofessional conduct" as defined in Section 58-1-501 and as ~~[may be further defined by rule]~~ the division may define by rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, includes:
- (a) intentionally filing a false report or record, intentionally failing to file a report or record ~~[required by]~~ that state or federal law requires, or willfully impeding or obstructing the filing of a required report. These reports or records only include those which are signed in the capacity of a licensed health facility administrator; and
- (b) ~~[acting in a manner inconsistent with the health and safety of the patients of the health facility in which he is the administrator]~~ the administrator acting in a manner inconsistent with the health and safety of a patient of the health facility that employs the administrator.

Section 19. Section **58-16a-305** is amended to read:

58-16a-305 (Effective 07/01/26). License -- Exemptions.

In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Section 58-1-307, the following persons may engage in acts included in the definition of the practice of optometry subject to the stated circumstances and limitations without being licensed under this chapter:

- 1119 (1) a person ~~[who]~~ that sells contact lenses on prescription ~~[provided by a person]~~ a person
1120 provides that is authorized under state law to practice either optometry or medicine and
1121 surgery if the person complies with Section 58-16a-801;
- 1122 (2) a person ~~[who]~~ that sells eyeglasses or spectacles as articles of merchandise or who
1123 fabricates them from a prescription if the person complies with Subsection 58-16a-801(2),
1124 and if the person:
- 1125 (a) does so in the ordinary course of trade from a permanently located and established
1126 place of business;
- 1127 (b) does not traffic or attempt to traffic upon assumed skill in testing the eye and
1128 adapting lenses according to the test;
- 1129 (c) does not duplicate, replace, or accept for replacement any ophthalmic lens, except in
1130 the case of an emergency;
- 1131 (d) does not use in the testing of the eyes any lenses or instruments other than the lenses
1132 actually sold; and
- 1133 (e) does not give or offer eyeglasses or spectacles as premiums as defined in Section
1134 13-26-2; and
- 1135 (3) a person ~~[who]~~ that fits contact lenses ~~[under the following conditions]~~ that:
- 1136 (a) ~~[he-]~~has a current certification from both the American Board of Opticianry and the
1137 National Contact Lens Examiners;
- 1138 (b) ~~[he-]~~does not give or offer contact lenses as premiums;
- 1139 (c) ~~[he-]~~does not perform a refraction, over-refraction, or attempt to traffic upon assumed
1140 skill in testing the eye;
- 1141 (d) ~~[he-]~~operates in the ordinary course of trade from a permanently located and
1142 established place of business;
- 1143 (e) ~~[he-]~~performs the work involved in fitting contact lenses himself and does not
1144 delegate the contact lens fitting to any other individual who is not qualified under this
1145 Subsection (3);
- 1146 (f) ~~[he-]~~does not use in the testing of the eye any lenses or instruments other than the
1147 lenses ~~[he actually will sell]~~ that will actually be sold;
- 1148 (g) ~~[he-]~~provides services only to a patient who:
- 1149 (i) presents an unexpired contact lens prescription; or
- 1150 (ii) has had an eye examination within the prior six months ~~[by-]~~ that an optometrist or
1151 ophthalmologist meeting the requirements under Section 58-16a-306 performs;
1152 and

(h) ~~[he-]maintains a copy of the patient's contact lens prescription for not less than seven years[;] .~~

~~[(i) he enters into a written agreement with an optometrist or an ophthalmologist before July 1, 2000, to fit contact lenses prescribed by that optometrist or ophthalmologist;]~~

~~[(j) he fits contact lenses for at least two years under the direct supervision of the optometrist or ophthalmologist identified in Subsection (3)(i) before July 1, 2000, as documented in the written agreement; and]~~

~~[(k) the optometrist or ophthalmologist described in Subsection (3)(i):]~~

~~[(i) ensures that the final contact lens is accurate;]~~

~~[(ii) presents a written copy of the prescription to the person fitting the contact lens; and]~~

~~[(iii) ensures that a copy of the prescription is provided to the patient, except as provided in Section 58-16a-306.]~~

Section 20. Section **58-16a-502** is amended to read:

58-16a-502 (Effective 07/01/26). Unprofessional conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct" includes, in addition to the definition in Section 58-1-501:

- (1) using or employing the services of an optometric assistant to assist a licensee in any manner not in accordance with:
 - (a) the generally recognized practices and standards of ethics of the profession; or
 - (b) applicable state law or division rule;
- (2) failure to refer a patient to an appropriate licensed practitioner when:
 - (a) the patient's condition does not respond to treatment; or
 - (b) the treatment is not within the scope of competence or licensure of the licensee;
- (3) providing confidential information regarding a patient to any third party who does not have a legal and professional ground for obtaining the information;
- (4) knowingly prescribing, selling, giving away, or administering any prescription drug unless:
 - (a) for a legitimate medical purpose;
 - (b) upon a proper diagnosis indicating the use of the drug in the amount prescribed or provided; and
 - (c) in compliance with Section 58-17b-309;
- (5) giving or receiving directly or indirectly any fee, commission, rebate, or other compensation for professional services not actually and personally rendered, except as part of a legal relationship within a lawful professional partnership, corporation, or

association;

(6) failure to transfer pertinent and necessary information from a patient's medical records to another optometrist or physician when ~~[so requested by]~~ the patient or ~~[his]~~ the patient's representative, as designated in writing, requests;

(7) failure to provide a contact lens prescription to a ~~[person who]~~ person that sells contact lenses in accordance with Section 58-16a-306; or

(8) falsely making an entry in, or altering, a medical record with the intent to conceal:

(a) a wrongful or negligent act or omission of an individual licensed under this chapter or an individual under the direction or control of an individual licensed under this chapter; or

(b) conduct described in Subsections (1) through (7) or Subsection 58-1-501(1).

Section 21. Section **58-16a-801** is amended to read:

58-16a-801 (Effective 07/01/26). Contact lens and ophthalmic lens seller or provider.

(1) A person may sell or provide contact lenses if the person:

(a) does so in the ordinary course of trade from a permanently located and established place of business;

(b) does not perform refractions, over-refractions, or attempts to traffic upon assumed skill in testing the eye;

(c) provides all contact lenses consistent with and in accordance with a valid contact lens prescription;

(d) does not fit contact lenses;

(e) provides a contact lens to a patient after:

(i) receiving an unexpired verbal or written prescription; or

(ii) sending a contact lens prescription verification to the prescribing optometrist or physician, regardless of whether the prescribing optometrist or physician responds to or confirms the verification, provided that:

(A) the person has all of the information necessary to fill the prescription;

(B) the prescribing optometrist or physician has not informed the person that the prescription has expired or is otherwise inaccurate prior to the person shipping or hand-delivering the contact lens to the patient;

(C) the person confirms a valid, unexpired contact lens prescription for the patient if the person is aware that the patient provided inaccurate prescription information in ~~[his]~~ that patient's last order; and

- 1221 (D) the person informs the patient that the prescription has expired or that there is
1222 a medical problem associated with the prescription if the ~~[information is~~
1223 ~~communicated by the prescribing optometrist or physician]~~ prescribing
1224 optometrist or physician communicates the information to the person within 72
1225 hours of the contact lens prescription verification being sent; and
- 1226 (f) maintains patient information, including the method and date of any prescription
1227 verification, for no less than seven years.
- 1228 (2)(a) A person may engage in the activities described in Subsection (2)(b), without a
1229 license under this title, if the person:
- 1230 (i) provides the ophthalmic lenses consistent with and in accordance with a
1231 prescription from a licensed physician or optometrist that is unexpired as provided
1232 in Subsection 58-16a-102(8)(b);
- 1233 (ii) dispenses the ophthalmic lenses within or from the state;
- 1234 (iii) does so in the ordinary course of trade from a permanently located and
1235 established place of business;
- 1236 (iv) does not perform refractions, over-refractions, or attempt to traffic upon assumed
1237 skill in licensed physician or optometrist testing of the eye; and
- 1238 (v) complies with impact tolerance standards based on ANSI Z80.1-2010, American
1239 National Standard for Ophthalmics - Prescription Lenses.
- 1240 (b) In accordance with Subsection (2)(a), a person may:
- 1241 (i) sell, reproduce, or dispense ophthalmic lenses;
- 1242 (ii) fit or adjust ophthalmic lenses or frames;
- 1243 (iii) assist with the selection of frames for ophthalmic lenses;
- 1244 (iv) measure pupillary distance and interpret pupillary distance measurements; or
- 1245 (v) measure or interpret the reading segment height in bifocal, tri-focal, progressive,
1246 or multi-focal lenses.
- 1247 (3) Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring a person to be licensed or certified
1248 in any way under this or any another chapter of this title to sell contact lenses in
1249 accordance with Subsection (1), or to sell ophthalmic lenses in accordance with
1250 Subsection (2).
- 1251 Section 22. Section **58-17b-201** is amended to read:
- 1252 **58-17b-201 (Effective 07/01/26). Board -- Membership -- Qualifications -- Terms.**
- 1253 (1) There is created the Utah State Board of Pharmacy consisting of five pharmacists, one
1254 pharmacy technician, and one member of the general public.

- 1255 (a) The public member of the board shall be a Utah resident who:
- 1256 (i) is ~~[21 years of age or older]~~ at least 21 years old;
- 1257 (ii) has never been licensed to engage in the practice of pharmacy;
- 1258 (iii) has never been the spouse of a person licensed to engage in the practice of
- 1259 pharmacy;
- 1260 (iv) has never held any material financial interest in pharmacy practice; and
- 1261 (v) has never engaged in any activity directly related to the practice of pharmacy.
- 1262 (b) The licensed pharmacist and licensed pharmacy technician members of the board
- 1263 shall:
- 1264 (i) have been Utah residents continuously for at least three years;
- 1265 (ii) have at least five years experience in the practice of pharmacy in good standing
- 1266 with the division in Utah after licensure; and
- 1267 (iii) maintain licensure in good standing to engage in the practice of pharmacy or
- 1268 practice as a pharmacy technician in Utah for the duration of the appointment.
- 1269 (2) The board shall be appointed and serve in accordance with Section 58-1-201.
- 1270 (3) The duties and responsibilities of the board are in accordance with Sections 58-1-202
- 1271 and 58-1-203, and as required under Section 58-37f-202 regarding the controlled
- 1272 substance database. In addition, the board shall designate an appropriate member on a
- 1273 permanent or rotating basis to:
- 1274 (a) assist the division in reviewing complaints concerning the unlawful or unprofessional
- 1275 conduct of a licensee; and
- 1276 (b) advise the division in its investigation of these complaints.
- 1277 (4) A board member who has, under Subsection (3), reviewed a complaint or advised in its
- 1278 investigation may be disqualified from participating with the board when the board
- 1279 serves as a presiding officer in an adjudicative proceeding concerning the complaint.
- 1280 (5) A board member may be removed in accordance with Subsection 58-1-201(2)(e) or
- 1281 upon one of the following grounds:
- 1282 (a) refusal or inability for any reason of a board member to perform ~~[his-]~~ the board
- 1283 member's duties as a member of the Board in an efficient, responsible, and
- 1284 professional manner;
- 1285 (b) misuse of appointment to obtain personal, pecuniary, or material gain or advantage
- 1286 for ~~[himself]~~ the board member or another through such appointment; or
- 1287 (c) violation of the laws governing the practice of pharmacy or Chapter 37, Utah
- 1288 Controlled Substances Act.

Section 23. Section **58-17b-306** is amended to read:

58-17b-306 (Effective 07/01/26). Qualifications for licensure as a pharmacy.

- (1) Each applicant for licensure under this section, except for those applying for a class D license, shall:
- (a) submit a written application in the form the division approves;
 - (b) pay a fee [~~as determined by the department under~~] the department determines in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;
 - (c) satisfy the division that the applicant, and each owner, officer, or manager of the applicant, has not engaged in any act, practice, or omission, which when considered with the duties and responsibilities of a licensee under this section indicates there is cause to believe that issuing a license to the applicant is inconsistent with the interest of the public's health, safety, or welfare;
 - (d) demonstrate the licensee's operations will be in accordance with all federal, state, and local laws relating to the type of activity [~~engaged in by the licensee~~] that the licensee engages in, including regulations of the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration and Food and Drug Administration;
 - (e) maintain operating standards [~~established by~~] the division determines by rule made in collaboration with the board and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
 - (f)(i) [~~for each pharmacy license, ensure that the pharmacist-in-charge, as defined by the division consents to, and completes, a criminal background check, described in Section 58-1-301.5~~] for each pharmacy license, ensure that the pharmacist-in-charge, or the pharmacy manager if the pharmacy is not required to have a pharmacist-in-charge, consents to and completes a criminal background check as described in Section 58-1-301.5;
 - (ii) [~~meets~~] meet any other standard related to the criminal background check described in Subsection (1)(f)(i), that the division [~~establishes~~] makes by rule in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
 - (iii) [~~discloses~~] disclose any criminal history the division requests on a form the division approves; and
 - (g) acknowledge the division's authority to inspect the licensee's business premises [~~pursuant to~~] in accordance with Section 58-17b-103.
- (2) Each applicant applying for a class D license shall:
- (a) submit a written application in the form the division approves;

- (b) pay a fee as ~~[determined by the department under]~~ the department determines in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;
- (c) present to the division verification of licensure in the state where physically located and verification that such license is in good standing;
- (d) satisfy the division that the applicant and each of the applicant's pharmacy managers has not engaged in any act, practice, or omission, which when considered with the duties and responsibilities of a licensee under this section, indicates there is cause to believe that issuing a license to the applicant is inconsistent with the interest of the public's health, safety, or welfare;
- (e) for each pharmacy manager:
- (i) consent to, and complete, a criminal background check, described in Section 58-1-301.5;
 - (ii) meet any other standard related to the criminal background check described in Subsection (2)(e)(i), that the division ~~[establishes]~~ makes by rule in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
 - (iii) disclose any criminal history the division requests on a form the division approves;
- (f) ~~as the division requires by rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,~~ provide a statement of the scope of pharmacy services that will be provided and a detailed description of the protocol~~[-as described by rule by]~~, which pharmacy care will be provided, including any collaborative practice arrangements with other health care practitioners;
- (g) sign an affidavit attesting that any healthcare practitioners employed by the applicant and physically located in Utah have the appropriate license issued by the division and in good standing;
- (h) sign an affidavit attesting that the applicant will abide by the pharmacy laws and regulations of the jurisdiction in which the pharmacy is located; and
- (i) if an applicant engages in compounding, submit the most recent inspection report:
- (i) conducted within two years before the application for licensure; and
 - (ii)(A) conducted as part of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy Verified Pharmacy Program; or
 - (B) performed by the state licensing agency of the state in which the applicant is a resident and in accordance with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy multistate inspection blueprint program.

- 1357 (3)(a) Each license issued under this section shall be associated with a single, specific
1358 address.
- 1359 (b) By rule made in collaboration with the board and in accordance with Title 63G,
1360 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the division shall allow a licensee
1361 to update, by request to the division, the address associated with the licensee under
1362 Subsection (3)(a), to a new address if the licensee requests the change of address at
1363 least 90 days before the day on which the licensee begins operating at the new
1364 address.

1365 Section 24. Section **58-17b-308** is amended to read:

1366 **58-17b-308 (Effective 07/01/26). Term of license -- Expiration -- Renewal.**

- 1367 (1)(a) ~~Except as provided in Subsection (2), [each license issued under this chapter shall~~
1368 ~~be issued in accordance with a two-year renewal cycle established by rule]~~ the
1369 division shall issue a license for a term of two years as the division establishes by
1370 rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
1371 Rulemaking Act.
- 1372 (b) ~~[A renewal period may be extended or shortened by as much as one year to~~
1373 ~~maintain established renewal cycles or to change an established renewal cycle]~~ The
1374 division may extend or shorten a license term by up to one year to stagger renewals
1375 as the division determines by rule in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
1376 Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- 1377 (c) ~~[Each license automatically expires on the expiration date shown on the license~~
1378 ~~unless renewed by the licensee in accordance with Section 58-1-308]~~ A license
1379 expires on the expiration date shown on the license.
- 1380 (2) The duration of a pharmacy intern license may be no longer than:
- 1381 (a) ~~[one year]~~ two years for a license issued under Subsection 58-17b-304(6)(b); or
- 1382 (b) five years for a license issued under Subsection 58-17b-304(6)(a).
- 1383 (3) A pharmacy intern license issued under this chapter may not be renewed, but ~~[may be~~
1384 ~~extended by]~~ the division may extend the pharmacy intern license in collaboration with
1385 the board.
- 1386 (4) As a prerequisite for renewal of a class D pharmacy license of a pharmacy that engages
1387 in compounding, a licensee shall submit the most recent inspection report:
- 1388 (a) conducted within two years before the application for renewal; and
- 1389 (b)(i) conducted as part of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy Verified
1390 Pharmacy Program; or

- (ii) performed by the state licensing agency of the state in which the applicant is a resident and in accordance with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy multistate inspection blueprint program.

Section 25. Section **58-17b-309** is amended to read:

58-17b-309 (Effective 07/01/26). Exemptions from licensure.

In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Section 58-1-307, the following individuals may engage in the acts or practices described in this section without being licensed under this chapter:

- (1) a person selling or providing contact lenses in accordance with Section 58-16a-801;
- (2) an animal shelter that:
 - (a) under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian, stores, handles, or administers a drug used for ~~[euthanising]~~ euthanizing an animal; and
 - (b) under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian who is under contract with the animal shelter, stores, handles, or administers a rabies vaccine;
- (3) an overdose outreach provider, as defined in Section 26B-4-501, that obtains, stores, or furnishes an opiate antagonist in accordance with Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 5, Treatment Access; and
- (4) a dispensing practitioner, as defined in Section 58-88-201, dispensing a drug under Chapter 88, Part 2, Dispensing Practice.

Section 26. Section **58-17b-501** is amended to read:

58-17b-501 (Effective 07/01/26). Unlawful conduct.

"Unlawful conduct" includes:

- (1) knowingly preventing or refusing to permit an authorized agent of the division to conduct an inspection ~~[pursuant to]~~ in accordance with Section 58-17b-103;
- (2) failing to deliver the license, permit, or certificate to the division upon demand, if ~~[it]~~ the license, permit, or certificate has been revoked, suspended, or refused;
- (3)(a) using the title "pharmacist," "druggist," "pharmacy intern," "pharmacy technician," or a term having similar meaning, except by ~~[a person]~~ an individual who is licensed as a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician; or
- (b) conducting or transacting business under a name that contains, as part of that name, the words "drugstore," "pharmacy," "drugs," "medicine store," "medicines," "drug shop," "apothecary," "prescriptions," or a term having a similar meaning, or in any manner advertising, otherwise describing, or referring to the place of the conducted business or profession, unless the place is a pharmacy issued a license by the

division, except an establishment selling nonprescription drugs and supplies may display signs bearing the words "packaged drugs," "drug sundries," or "nonprescription drugs," and is not considered to be a pharmacy or drugstore by reason of the display;

- (4) buying, selling, causing to be sold, or offering for sale, a drug or device that bears, or the package bears or originally did bear, the inscription "sample," "not for resale," "for investigational or experimental use only," or other similar words, except when a cost is incurred in the bona fide acquisition of an investigational or experimental drug;
- (5) using to a person's own advantages or revealing to anyone other than the division, board, and its authorized representatives, or to the courts, when relevant to a judicial or administrative proceeding under this chapter, information acquired under authority of this chapter or concerning a method of process that is a trade secret;
- (6) procuring or attempting to procure a drug or to have someone else procure or attempt to procure a drug:
 - (a) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge;
 - (b) by forgery or alteration of a prescription or a written order;
 - (c) by concealment of a material fact;
 - (d) by use of a false statement in a prescription, chart, order, or report; or
 - (e) by theft;
- (7) filling, refilling, or advertising the filling or refilling of prescriptions for a consumer or patient residing in this state if the person is not licensed:
 - (a) under this chapter; or
 - (b) in the state from which ~~[he]~~ the individual is dispensing;
- (8) requiring an employed pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, or authorized supportive personnel to engage in conduct in violation of this chapter;
- (9) being in possession of a prescription drug for an unlawful purpose;
- (10) dispensing a prescription drug to a ~~[person who]~~ person that does not have a prescription from a practitioner, except as permitted under Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 5, Treatment Access;
- (11) dispensing a prescription drug to a ~~[person who]~~ person that the person dispensing the drug knows or should know is attempting to obtain drugs by fraud or misrepresentation;
- (12) selling, dispensing, distributing, or otherwise trafficking in prescription drugs when not licensed to do so or when not exempted from licensure; and
- (13) a person using a prescription drug or controlled substance that was not lawfully

prescribed for the person by a practitioner.

Section 27. Section **58-17b-502** is amended to read:

58-17b-502 (Effective 07/01/26). Unprofessional conduct.

(1) "Unprofessional conduct" includes:

(a) willfully deceiving or attempting to deceive the division, the board, or their agents as to any relevant matter regarding compliance under this chapter;

(b) except as provided in Subsection (2):

(i) paying or offering rebates to practitioners or any other health care providers, or receiving or soliciting rebates from practitioners or any other health care provider; or

(ii) paying, offering, receiving, or soliciting compensation in the form of a commission, bonus, rebate, kickback, or split fee arrangement with practitioners or any other health care provider, for the purpose of obtaining referrals;

(c) misbranding or adulteration of any drug or device or the sale, distribution, or dispensing of any outdated, misbranded, or adulterated drug or device;

(d) engaging in the sale or purchase of drugs or devices that are samples or packages bearing the inscription "sample" or "not for resale" or similar words or phrases;

(e) except as provided in Section 58-17b-503, accepting back and redistributing any unused drug, or a part of [it] the unused drug, after [it] the unused drug has left the premises of a pharmacy;

(f) an act in violation of this chapter [~~committed by~~] that a person commits for any form of compensation if the act is incidental to the person's professional activities, including the activities of a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician;

(g) violating:

(i) the federal Controlled Substances Act, Title II, P.L. 91-513;

(ii) Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act; or

(iii) rules or regulations adopted under either act;

(h) requiring or permitting pharmacy interns or technicians to engage in activities outside the scope of practice for their respective license classifications, as defined in this chapter and division rules made in collaboration with the board, or beyond their scope of training and ability;

(i) administering:

(i) without appropriate training, as [~~defined by rule~~] the division defines by rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative

- 1493 Rulemaking Act;
- 1494 (ii) without a physician's order, when [~~one is required by law~~] the law requires a
- 1495 physician's order; [and] or
- 1496 (iii) in conflict with a practitioner's written guidelines or written protocol for
- 1497 administering;
- 1498 (j) disclosing confidential patient information in violation of the provisions of the Health
- 1499 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-191, 110 Stat.
- 1500 1936, as amended, or other applicable law;
- 1501 (k) engaging in the practice of pharmacy without a licensed pharmacist designated as the
- 1502 pharmacist-in-charge;
- 1503 (l) failing to report to the division any adverse action [~~taken by~~] that another licensing
- 1504 jurisdiction, government agency, law enforcement agency, or court takes for conduct
- 1505 that in substance would be considered unprofessional conduct under this section;
- 1506 (m) as a pharmacist or pharmacy intern, compounding a prescription drug in a dosage
- 1507 form which is [~~regularly and~~] commonly available from a manufacturer in quantities
- 1508 and strengths [~~prescribed by~~] a practitioner prescribes;
- 1509 (n) failing to act in accordance with Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 5, Treatment Access,
- 1510 when dispensing a self-administered hormonal contraceptive under a standing order;
- 1511 (o) violating the requirements of Title 4, Chapter 41a, Cannabis Production
- 1512 Establishments and Pharmacies, or Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid
- 1513 Research and Medical Cannabis; or
- 1514 (p) falsely making an entry in, or altering, a medical record with the intent to conceal:
- 1515 (i) a wrongful or negligent act or omission of an individual licensed under this
- 1516 chapter or an individual under the direction or control of an individual licensed
- 1517 under this chapter; or
- 1518 (ii) conduct described in Subsections (1)(a) through (o) or Subsection 58-1-501(1).
- 1519 (2) Subsection (1)(b) does not apply to:
- 1520 (a) giving or receiving a price discount based on purchase volume;
- 1521 (b) passing along a pharmaceutical manufacturer's rebate; or
- 1522 (c) providing compensation for services to a veterinarian.
- 1523 (3) "Unprofessional conduct" does not include:
- 1524 (a) in accordance with
- 1525 Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid Research and Medical Cannabis when
- 1526 registered as a pharmacy medical provider, as that term is defined in Section 26B-4-201,

providing pharmacy medical provider services in a medical cannabis pharmacy; or
(b) if a pharmacist reasonably believes that a prescription drug will have adverse or harmful effects on an individual and warns the individual of the potential effects, filling a prescription prescribed by a health care provider who:
(i) is operating within the health care provider's scope of practice; and
(ii) is deviating from a medical norm or established practice in accordance with Subsection 58-1-501(2)(b)(i).

(4) Notwithstanding Subsection (3), the division, in consultation with the board and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, shall define unprofessional conduct for a pharmacist described in Subsections (3)(a) and (b).

Section 28. Section **58-17b-606** is amended to read:

58-17b-606 (Effective 07/01/26). Restrictive drug formulary prohibited.

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Generic form" means a prescription drug that is available in generic form and has an A rating in the United States Pharmacopeia and Drug Index.
- (b) "Legend drug" has the same meaning as prescription drug.
- (c) "Restrictive drug formulary" means a list of legend drugs, other than drugs for cosmetic purposes, that ~~[are prohibited by]~~ the Department of Health and Human Services prohibits from dispensation, but are approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration.

(2) A practitioner may prescribe legend drugs in accordance with this chapter that, in ~~[his]~~ the practitioner's professional judgment and within the lawful scope of ~~[his-]~~ the practitioner's practice, ~~[he]~~ and that the practitioner considers appropriate for the diagnosis and treatment of ~~[his]~~ the practitioner's patient.

(3) Except as provided in Subsection (4), the Department of Health and Human Services may not maintain a restrictive drug formulary that restricts a physician's ability to treat a patient with a legend drug that ~~[has been approved and designated as safe and effective by]~~ the Federal Food and Drug Administration approves and designates as safe and effective, except for drugs for cosmetic purposes.

(4) When a multisource legend drug is available in the generic form, the Department of Health and Human Services may only reimburse for the generic form of the drug unless the treating physician demonstrates to the Department of Health and Human Services a medical necessity for dispensing the nongeneric, brand-name legend drug.

(5) The Department of Health and Human Services pharmacists may override the generic

mandate provisions of Subsection (4) if a financial benefit will accrue to the state.

- (6) This section does not affect the state's ability to exercise the exclusion options available under the Federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990.

Section 29. Section **58-17b-607** is amended to read:

58-17b-607 (Effective 07/01/26). Drug substitution is not the practice of medicine -- Other causes of action not denied.

- (1) The substitution of any drug by a licensed pharmacist or pharmacy intern under this chapter does not constitute the practice of medicine.
- (2) This chapter may not be construed to deny any individual a cause of action against a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or ~~[his]~~ the pharmacist's or pharmacy intern's employer for violations of this chapter, including failure to observe accepted standards of care of the pharmaceutical profession.

Section 30. Section **58-17b-615** is amended to read:

58-17b-615 (Effective 07/01/26). Sale of prescription drugs not in normal course of business.

- (1) As used in this section, "seller" means a person selling prescription drugs or devices owned or lawfully controlled by ~~[him]~~ the person, or a party arranging for the sale of prescription drugs or devices owned by or lawfully controlled by another person, including salvage companies that acquire prescription drugs and devices from, or act as an agent or representative for freight haulers and forwarders.
- (2) Any sale of prescription drugs in bankruptcy, at public auction, at freight liquidation sales, or any other sale of prescription drugs other than in the normal course of business or practice shall comply with the following:
- (a) a seller of prescription drugs shall be licensed by the division as a prescription drug distributor or wholesaler with a regular license, or a temporary license for that sale only, before engaging in the sale of any prescription drugs; and
- (b) a person licensed as a pharmacy under this chapter may not acquire by purchase or other means prescription drugs or devices outside the normal course of business within the meaning of this section unless:
- (i) the prescription drugs or devices are accompanied by a certificate signed by a licensed pharmacist employed or retained by the seller, as required in Subsection (3), attesting that the prescription drugs or devices have not been adversely affected by circumstances relating to their transportation, storage, or distribution; and

(ii) the licensee acquiring the prescription drugs or devices employs a qualified pharmacist who is responsible for determining that all prescription drugs being acquired do not pose any threat to the public welfare if introduced into commerce than would be presented by the acquisition of those prescription drugs and devices in the normal course of business through established channels of prescription drug distribution.

- (3) A seller of prescription drugs outside the normal course of business shall retain the services of a qualified pharmacist licensed to practice in the state to serve as either an employee or independent consultant to determine if the:
- (a) prescription drugs and devices to be offered for sale have been transported, stored, and distributed in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws; and
 - (b) condition of the prescription drugs and devices to be offered for sale has been adversely affected by the circumstances of transportation, storage, or distribution.
- (4) The written notice provided to the division prior to the sale of any prescription drugs or devices under this section shall contain written verification of the pharmacist retained by the seller, stating the drugs or devices offered for sale have not been adversely affected by the circumstances of transportation, storage, or distribution.
- (5) A pharmacist employed by a seller under Subsection (3) or a pharmacy, distributor, or wholesaler for whom that pharmacist may be employed or in which ~~he~~ that pharmacist may have an interest, may not purchase any prescription drugs or devices from the seller for which that pharmacist has provided verification regarding the drugs or devices.

Section 31. Section **58-22-103** is amended to read:

58-22-103 (Effective 07/01/26). Education and enforcement fund.

- (1) There is created an expendable special revenue fund known as the "Professional Engineer, Professional Structural Engineer, and Professional Land Surveyor Education and Enforcement Fund."
- (2) The fund consists of money from:
- (a) a surcharge fee placed on initial, renewal, and reinstatement licensure fees under this chapter in accordance with the following:
 - (i) ~~[the surcharge fee shall be established by]~~ the department shall determine the surcharge in accordance with Section 63J-1-504; and
 - (ii) the surcharge fee shall not exceed 50% of the respective initial, renewal, or reinstatement licensure fee; and
 - (b) administrative penalties collected ~~[pursuant to]~~ in accordance with this chapter.

- (3) The fund shall earn interest and all interest earned on fund money shall be deposited into the fund.
- (4) The director may, with concurrence of the board, make distributions from the fund for the following purposes:
- (a) education and training of licensees under this chapter;
 - (b) education and training of the public or other interested persons in matters concerning engineering, structural engineering, and land surveying laws and practices; and
 - (c) enforcement of this chapter by:
 - (i) investigating unprofessional or unlawful conduct; and
 - (ii) providing legal representation to the division when the division takes legal action against a person engaging in unprofessional or unlawful conduct.
- (5) If the balance in the fund exceeds [\$100,000] \$200,000 at the close of any fiscal year, the excess shall be transferred to the General Fund.
- (6) The division shall report annually to the appropriate appropriations subcommittee of the Legislature concerning the fund.

Section 32. Section **58-24b-201** is amended to read:

58-24b-201 (Effective 07/01/26). Physical and Occupational Therapy Licensing Board -- Creation -- Membership -- Duties.

- (1) There is created the [~~Physical Therapies Licensing Board~~] Physical and Occupational Therapy Licensing Board, consisting of:
- (a) three licensed physical therapists;
 - (b) one physical therapist assistant;
 - (c) two licensed occupational therapists;
 - (d) one occupational therapy assistant; and
 - (e) one member of the general public.
- (2) Members of the board shall be appointed and serve in accordance with Section 58-1-201.
- (3) The duties and responsibilities of the board are described in Subsection (4) and Sections 58-1-201 through 58-1-203 with respect to this chapter or Chapter 42a, Occupational Therapy Practice Act.
- (4) The board shall designate a member of the board, on a permanent or rotating basis, to:
- (a) assist the division in reviewing complaints concerning the conduct of an individual licensed under this chapter or Chapter 42a, Occupational Therapy Practice Act; and
 - (b) advise the division during the division's investigation of the complaints described in Subsection (4)(a).

- (5) A board member who has reviewed a complaint or been involved in an investigation under Subsection (4) is disqualified from participating in an adjudicative proceeding relating to the complaint or investigation.

Section 33. Section **58-26a-302** is amended to read:

**58-26a-302 (Effective 07/01/26). Qualifications for licensure and registration --
Licensure by endorsement.**

- (1) Each applicant for licensure under this chapter as a certified public accountant shall:

- (a) submit an application in a form the division approves by rule;
 - (b) pay a fee [~~determined by~~]the department [~~under~~] determines in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;
 - (c) submit a certified transcript of credits from an accredited institution acceptable to the board showing:
 - (i) successful completion of:
 - (A) [~~a bachelor's degree, master's degree,~~] a bachelor's degree or a master's degree in accounting at a college or university approved by the board; or
 - (B) [~~the equivalent with~~] at least a bachelor's degree with a concentration [of] in accounting and business as the division defines by rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, at a college or university [approved by]the board approves; and
 - (ii) compliance with any other education requirements [~~established by rule by~~]the division makes by rule made in collaboration with the board in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
 - (d) submit evidence of accounting experience in a form the division approves by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, of at least:
 - (i) one year of accounting experience for an individual with a master's degree[~~or the equivalent with a concentration of accounting and business~~]; or
 - (ii) two years of accounting experience for an individual with a bachelor's degree[~~or the equivalent with a concentration of accounting and business~~];
 - (e) submit evidence of having successfully completed the qualifying examinations in accordance with Section 58-26a-306; and
 - (f) submit to an interview [~~by the board, if requested,~~] as the board may request for the purpose of examining the applicant's competence and qualifications for licensure.
- (2)(a) The division may issue a license under this chapter to an individual who holds a

license as a certified public accountant issued by another state if the applicant for licensure by endorsement:

- (i) submits an application in a form the division approves by rule;
- (ii) pays a fee [~~determined by~~]the department [~~under~~] determines in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;
- (iii) submits to an interview [~~by the board, if requested,~~] as the board may request for the purpose of examining the applicant's competence and qualifications for licensure; and
- (iv)(A)(I) shows evidence of having passed the qualifying examinations; and
(II)(Aa) meets the requirements for licensure that were applicable in this state at the time of the issuance of the applicant's license by the state from which the original licensure by satisfactorily passing the AICPA Uniform CPA Examination was issued; or
(Bb) had four years of professional experience after passing the AICPA Uniform CPA Examination upon which the original license was based, within the 10 years immediately preceding the application for licensure by endorsement; or
(B) shows evidence that the applicant's education, examination record, and experience are substantially equivalent to the requirements of Subsection (1), as [~~provided by rule~~] the division requires by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

(b) This Subsection (2) applies only to an individual seeking to obtain a license issued by this state and does not apply to an individual practicing as a certified public accountant in the state under Subsection 58-26a-305(1).

(3)(a) Each applicant for registration as a [~~Certified Public Accountant~~] certified public accountant firm shall:

- (i) submit an application in a form the division approves by rule;
- (ii) pay a fee [~~determined by~~]the department [~~under~~] determines in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;
- (iii) have, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a simple majority of the ownership of the [~~Certified Public Accountant~~] certified public accountant firm, in terms of financial interests and voting rights of all partners, officers, shareholders, members, or managers, held by individuals who are certified public accountants, licensed under this chapter or another state of the United States of America, and

the partners, officers, shareholders, members, or managers, whose principal place of business is in this state, and who perform professional services in this state hold a valid license issued under Subsection 58-26a-301(2) or the corresponding provisions of prior law; and

(iv) meet any other requirements ~~[established by rule by]~~ the division makes in collaboration with the board, and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

(b) Each separate location of a qualified business entity within the state seeking registration as a ~~[Certified Public Accountant]~~ certified public accountant firm shall register separately.

(c) A ~~[Certified Public Accountant]~~ certified public accountant firm may include owners who are not licensed under this chapter as outlined in Subsection (3)(a)(iii), provided that:

(i) the firm designates a licensee of this state who is responsible for the proper registration of the ~~[Certified Public Accountant]~~ certified public accountant firm and identifies that individual to the division; and

(ii) all nonlicensed owners are active individual participants in the ~~[CPA]~~ certified public accounting firm.

Section 34. Section **58-31b-702** is amended to read:

58-31b-702 (Effective 07/01/26). Reporting of disciplinary action -- Immunity from liability.

(1) A licensed health care facility or organization or a professional society of nurses in the state that takes disciplinary action against ~~[a person]~~ an individual licensed under this chapter relating to any of the following, shall report the action in writing to the division within 30 days after the action is taken:

(a) that ~~[person's]~~ individual's professional acts or omissions as a licensed nurse;

(b) that ~~[person's]~~ individual's nursing competence or ability to practice nursing safely; or

(c) that ~~[person's]~~ individual's use of alcohol or drugs in an unlawful manner or to the extent the ~~[person]~~ individual is impaired in ~~[his-]~~ the ability to practice nursing safely.

(2) Any person or organization furnishing information in accordance with this section is immune from liability to the extent that the information is furnished in good faith and without malice.

Section 35. Section **58-37-2** is amended to read:

58-37-2 (Effective 07/01/26). Definitions.

(1) As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Administer" means the direct application of a controlled substance, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means, to the body of a patient or research subject by:
 - (i) a practitioner or, in the practitioner's presence, by the practitioner's authorized agent; or
 - (ii) the patient or research subject at the direction and in the presence of the practitioner.
- (b) "Agent" means an authorized ~~[person who]~~ person that acts on behalf of or at the direction of a manufacturer, distributor, or practitioner but does not include a motor carrier, public warehouseman, or employee of any of them.
- (c) "Consumption" means ingesting or having any measurable amount of a controlled substance in a person's body, but this Subsection (1)(c) does not include the metabolite of a controlled substance.
- (d) "Continuing criminal enterprise" means any individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, business trust, association, or other legal entity, and any union or groups of individuals associated in fact although not a legal entity, and includes illicit as well as licit entities created or maintained for the purpose of engaging in conduct which constitutes the commission of episodes of activity made unlawful by this chapter, Chapter 37a, Utah Drug Paraphernalia Act, Chapter 37b, Imitation Controlled Substances Act, Chapter 37c, Utah Controlled Substance Precursor Act, or Chapter 37d, Clandestine Drug Lab Act, which episodes are not isolated, but have the same or similar purposes, results, participants, victims, methods of commission, or otherwise are interrelated by distinguishing characteristics. Taken together, the episodes shall demonstrate continuing unlawful conduct and be related either to each other or to the enterprise.
- (e) "Control" means to add, remove, or change the placement of a drug, substance, or immediate precursor under Section 58-37-3.
- (f)(i) "Controlled substance" means a drug or substance:
 - (A) included in Schedules I, II, III, IV, or V of Section 58-37-4;
 - (B) included in Schedules I, II, III, IV, or V of the federal Controlled Substances Act, Title II, P.L. 91-513;
 - (C) that is a controlled substance analog; or
 - (D) listed in Section 58-37-4.2.

(ii) "Controlled substance" does not include:

- (A) distilled spirits, wine, or malt beverages, as those terms are defined in Title 32B, Alcoholic Beverage Control Act;
- (B) any drug intended for lawful use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in human or other animals, which contains ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, norpseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine if the drug is lawfully purchased, sold, transferred, or furnished as an over-the-counter medication without prescription; or
- (C) dietary supplements, vitamins, minerals, herbs, or other similar substances including concentrates or extracts, which:
 - (I) are not otherwise regulated by law; and
 - (II) may contain naturally occurring amounts of chemical or substances listed in this chapter, or in rules adopted ~~[pursuant to]~~ in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

(g)(i) "Controlled substance analog" means:

- (A) a substance the chemical structure of which is substantially similar to the chemical structure of a controlled substance listed in Schedules I and II of Section 58-37-4, a substance listed in Section 58-37-4.2, or in Schedules I and II of the federal Controlled Substances Act, Title II, P.L. 91-513;
- (B) a substance that has a stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system substantially similar to the stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system of controlled substances listed in Schedules I and II of Section 58-37-4, substances listed in Section 58-37-4.2, or substances listed in Schedules I and II of the federal Controlled Substances Act, Title II, P.L. 91-513; or
- (C) A substance that, with respect to a particular individual, is represented or intended to have a stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system substantially similar to the stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect on the central nervous system of controlled substances listed in Schedules I and II of Section 58-37-4, substances listed in Section 58-37-4.2, or substances listed in Schedules I and II of the federal Controlled Substances Act, Title II, P.L. 91-513.

(ii) "Controlled substance analog" does not include:

- (A) a controlled substance currently scheduled in Schedules I through V of

1833 Section 58-37-4;

1834 (B) a substance for which there is an approved new drug application;

1835 (C) a substance with respect to which an exemption is in effect for investigational
1836 use by a particular person under Section 505 of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
1837 Act, 21 U.S.C. 355, to the extent the conduct with respect to the substance is
1838 permitted by the exemption;

1839 (D) any substance to the extent not intended for human consumption before an
1840 exemption takes effect with respect to the substance;

1841 (E) any drug intended for lawful use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment,
1842 or prevention of disease in ~~[man]~~ humans or other animals, which contains
1843 ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, norpseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine if
1844 the drug is lawfully purchased, sold, transferred, or furnished as an
1845 over-the-counter medication without prescription; or

1846 (F) dietary supplements, vitamins, minerals, herbs, or other similar substances
1847 including concentrates or extracts, which are not otherwise regulated by law,
1848 which may contain naturally occurring amounts of chemical or substances
1849 listed in this chapter, or in rules adopted ~~[pursuant to]~~ in accordance with Title
1850 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

1851 (h)(i) "Conviction" means a determination of guilt by verdict, whether jury or bench,
1852 or plea, whether guilty or no contest, for any offense proscribed by:

1853 (A) this chapter;

1854 (B) Chapter 37a, Utah Drug Paraphernalia Act;

1855 (C) Chapter 37b, Imitation Controlled Substances Act;

1856 (D) Chapter 37c, Utah Controlled Substance Precursor Act; or

1857 (E) Chapter 37d, Clandestine Drug Lab Act; or

1858 (ii) for any offense under the laws of the United States and any other state which, if
1859 committed in this state, would be an offense under:

1860 (A) this chapter;

1861 (B) Chapter 37a, Utah Drug Paraphernalia Act;

1862 (C) Chapter 37b, Imitation Controlled Substances Act;

1863 (D) Chapter 37c, Utah Controlled Substance Precursor Act; or

1864 (E) Chapter 37d, Clandestine Drug Lab Act.

1865 (i) "Counterfeit substance" means:

1866 (i) any controlled substance or container or labeling of any controlled substance that:

- 1867 (A) without authorization bears the trademark, trade name, or other identifying
1868 mark, imprint, number, device, or any likeness of them, of a manufacturer,
1869 distributor, or dispenser other than the person [~~or persons who~~] that in fact
1870 manufactured, distributed, or dispensed the substance which falsely purports to
1871 be a controlled substance distributed by any other manufacturer, distributor, or
1872 dispenser; and
- 1873 (B) a reasonable person would believe to be a controlled substance distributed by
1874 an authorized manufacturer, distributor, or dispenser based on the appearance
1875 of the substance as described under Subsection (1)(i)(i)(A) or the appearance of
1876 the container of that controlled substance; or
- 1877 (ii) any substance other than under Subsection (1)(i)(i) that:
- 1878 (A) is falsely represented to be any legally or illegally manufactured controlled
1879 substance; and
- 1880 (B) a reasonable person would believe to be a legal or illegal controlled substance.
- 1881 (j) "Deliver" or "delivery" means the actual, constructive, or attempted transfer of a
1882 controlled substance or a listed chemical, whether or not an agency relationship exists.
- 1883 (k) "Department" means the Department of Commerce.
- 1884 (l) "Depressant or stimulant substance" means:
- 1885 (i) a drug which contains any quantity of barbituric acid or any of the salts of
1886 barbituric acid;
- 1887 (ii) a drug which contains any quantity of:
- 1888 (A) amphetamine or any of its optical isomers;
- 1889 (B) any salt of amphetamine or any salt of an optical isomer of amphetamine; or
- 1890 (C) any substance which the Secretary of Health and Human Services or the
1891 Attorney General of the United States after investigation has found and by
1892 regulation designated habit-forming because of its stimulant effect on the
1893 central nervous system;
- 1894 (iii) lysergic acid diethylamide; or
- 1895 (iv) any drug which contains any quantity of a substance which the Secretary of
1896 Health and Human Services or the Attorney General of the United States after
1897 investigation has found to have, and by regulation designated as having, a
1898 potential for abuse because of its depressant or stimulant effect on the central
1899 nervous system or its hallucinogenic effect.
- 1900 (m) "Dispense" means the delivery of a controlled substance by a pharmacist to an

ultimate user ~~[pursuant to]~~ in accordance with the lawful order or prescription of a practitioner, and includes distributing to, leaving with, giving away, or disposing of that substance as well as the packaging, labeling, or compounding necessary to prepare the substance for delivery.

- (n) "Dispenser" means a pharmacist who dispenses a controlled substance.
- (o) "Distribute" means to deliver other than by administering or dispensing a controlled substance or a listed chemical.
- (p) "Distributor" means a ~~[person who]~~ person that distributes controlled substances.
- (q) "Division" means the Division of Professional Licensing created in Section 58-1-103.
- (r)(i) "Drug" means:
- (A) a substance recognized in the official United States Pharmacopoeia, Official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States, or Official National Formulary, or any supplement to any of them, intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in humans or animals;
 - (B) a substance that is required by any applicable federal or state law or rule to be dispensed by prescription only or is restricted to administration by practitioners only;
 - (C) a substance other than food intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of humans or other animals; and
 - (D) substances intended for use as a component of any substance specified in Subsections (1)(r)(i)(A), (B), and (C).
- (ii) "Drug" does not include dietary supplements.
- (iii) "Drug" includes a food intended for human consumption that intentionally contains a vaccine or vaccine material as provided in Section 4-5-107.
- (s) "Drug dependent person" means any individual who unlawfully and habitually uses any controlled substance to endanger the public morals, health, safety, or welfare, or who is so dependent upon the use of controlled substances as to have lost the power of self-control with reference to the individual's dependency.
- (t)(i) "Food" means:
- (A) any nutrient or substance of plant, mineral, or animal origin other than a drug as specified in this chapter, and normally ingested by human beings; and
 - (B) foods for special dietary uses as exist by reason of a physical, physiological, pathological, or other condition including the conditions of disease,

convalescence, pregnancy, lactation, allergy, hypersensitivity to food, underweight, and overweight; uses for supplying a particular dietary need which exist by reason of age including the ages of infancy and childbirth, and also uses for supplementing and for fortifying the ordinary or unusual diet with any vitamin, mineral, or other dietary property for use of a food.

(ii) Any particular use of a food is a special dietary use regardless of the nutritional purposes.

(u) "Immediate precursor" means a substance which the Attorney General of the United States has found to be, and by regulation designated as being, the principal compound used or produced primarily for use in the manufacture of a controlled substance, or which is an immediate chemical intermediary used or likely to be used in the manufacture of a controlled substance, the control of which is necessary to prevent, curtail, or limit the manufacture of the controlled substance.

(v) "Indian" means a member of an Indian tribe.

(w) "Indian religion" means a religion:

(i) the origin and interpretation of which is from within a traditional Indian culture or community; and

(ii) that is practiced by Indians.

(x) "Indian tribe" means any tribe, band, nation, pueblo, or other organized group or community of Indians, including any Alaska Native village, which is legally recognized as eligible for and is consistent with the special programs, services, and entitlements provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.

(y) "Manufacture" means the production, preparation, propagation, compounding, or processing of a controlled substance, either directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of natural origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis.

(z) "Manufacturer" includes any ~~[person who]~~ person that packages, repackages, or labels any container of any controlled substance, except pharmacists who dispense or compound prescription orders for delivery to the ultimate consumer.

(aa)(i) "Marijuana" means all species of the genus cannabis and all parts of the genus, whether growing or not, including:

(A) seeds;

(B) resin extracted from any part of the plant, including the resin extracted from

- 1969 the mature stalks;
- 1970 (C) every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the
- 1971 plant, seeds, or resin;
- 1972 (D) any synthetic equivalents of the substances contained in the plant cannabis
- 1973 sativa or any other species of the genus cannabis which are chemically
- 1974 indistinguishable and pharmacologically active; and
- 1975 (E) any component part or cannabinoid extracted or isolated from the plant,
- 1976 including extracted or isolated tetrahydrocannabinols.
- 1977 (ii) "Marijuana" does not include:
- 1978 (A) the mature stalks of the plant;
- 1979 (B) fiber produced from the stalks;
- 1980 (C) oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant;
- 1981 (D) except as provided in Subsection (1)(aa)(i), any other compound,
- 1982 manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the mature stalks,
- 1983 fiber, oil or cake;
- 1984 (E) the sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination;
- 1985 (F) any compound, mixture, or preparation approved by the federal Food and
- 1986 Drug Administration under the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21
- 1987 U.S.C. Sec. 301 et seq. that is not listed in a schedule of controlled substances
- 1988 in Section 58-37-4 or in the federal Controlled Substances Act, Title II, P.L.
- 1989 91-513; or
- 1990 (G) transportable industrial hemp concentrate as that term is defined in Section
- 1991 4-41-102.
- 1992 (bb) "Money" means officially issued coin and currency of the United States or any
- 1993 foreign country.
- 1994 (cc) "Narcotic drug" means any of the following, whether produced directly or indirectly
- 1995 by extraction from substances of vegetable origin, or independently by means of
- 1996 chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis:
- 1997 (i) opium, coca leaves, and opiates;
- 1998 (ii) a compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, or preparation of opium, coca leaves,
- 1999 or opiates;
- 2000 (iii) opium poppy and poppy straw; or
- 2001 (iv) a substance, and any compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, or preparation of
- 2002 the substance, which is chemically identical with any of the substances referred to

2003 in Subsection (1)(cc)(i), (ii), or (iii), except narcotic drug does not include
2004 decocainized coca leaves or extracts of coca leaves which do not contain cocaine
2005 or ecgonine.

2006 (dd) "Negotiable instrument" means documents, containing an unconditional promise to
2007 pay a sum of money, which are legally transferable to another party by endorsement
2008 or delivery.

2009 (ee) "Opiate" means any drug or other substance having an addiction-forming or
2010 addiction-sustaining liability similar to morphine or being capable of conversion into
2011 a drug having addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability.

2012 (ff) "Opium poppy" means the plant of the species *papaver somniferum* L., except the
2013 seeds of the plant.

2014 (gg) "Person" means any corporation, association, partnership, trust, other institution or
2015 entity or one or more individuals.

2016 (hh) "Poppy straw" means all parts, except the seeds, of the opium poppy, after mowing.

2017 (ii) "Possession" or "use" means the joint or individual ownership, control, occupancy,
2018 holding, retaining, belonging, maintaining, or the application, inhalation, swallowing,
2019 injection, or consumption, as distinguished from distribution, of controlled
2020 substances and includes individual, joint, or group possession or use of controlled
2021 substances. For a person to be a possessor or user of a controlled substance, it is not
2022 required that the person be shown to have individually possessed, used, or controlled
2023 the substance, but it is sufficient if it is shown that the person jointly participated with
2024 one or more persons in the use, possession, or control of any substances with
2025 knowledge that the activity was occurring, or the controlled substance is found in a
2026 place or under circumstances indicating that the person had the ability and the intent
2027 to exercise dominion and control over the controlled substance.

2028 (jj) "Practitioner" means a physician, dentist, naturopathic physician, veterinarian,
2029 pharmacist, scientific investigator, pharmacy, hospital, or other person licensed,
2030 registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with
2031 respect to, administer, or use in teaching or chemical analysis a controlled substance
2032 in the course of professional practice or research in this state.

2033 (kk) "Prescribe" means to issue a prescription:

2034 (i) orally or in writing; or

2035 (ii) by telephone, facsimile transmission, computer, or other electronic means of
2036 communication as defined by division rule.

(ll) "Prescription" means an order issued:

(i) by a licensed practitioner, in the course of that practitioner's professional practice or by collaborative pharmacy practice agreement; and

(ii) for a controlled substance or other prescription drug or device for use by a patient or an animal.

(mm) "Production" means the manufacture, planting, cultivation, growing, or harvesting of a controlled substance.

(nn) "Securities" means any stocks, bonds, notes, or other evidences of debt or of property.

(oo) "State" means the state of Utah.

(pp) "Ultimate user" means ~~[any person who]~~ a person that lawfully possesses a controlled substance for the person's own use, for the use of a member of the person's household, or for administration to an animal owned by the person or a member of the person's household.

(2) If a term used in this chapter is not defined, the definition and terms of Title 76, Utah Criminal Code, shall apply.

Section 36. Section **58-37-10** is amended to read:

58-37-10 (Effective 07/01/26). Search warrants -- Administrative inspection warrants -- Inspections and seizures of property without warrant.

(1) Search warrants relating to offenses involving controlled substances may be authorized [~~pursuant~~] in accordance with to the Utah Rules of Criminal Procedure.

(2) Issuance and execution of administrative inspection warrants shall be as follows:

(a)(i) ~~[Any]~~ any judge or magistrate of this state ~~[within his]~~ with jurisdiction upon proper oath or affirmation showing probable cause, may issue ~~[warrants]~~ a warrant for the purpose of conducting an administrative ~~[inspections]~~ inspection authorized by this act or regulations thereunder and seizures of property appropriate to such [~~inspections.~~] an inspection; and

(ii) ~~[Probable]~~ probable cause for purposes of this act exists upon showing a valid public interest in the effective enforcement of the act or rules promulgated thereunder sufficient to justify administrative inspection of the area, premises, building, or conveyance in the circumstances specified in the application for the warrant[-] ;

(b)(i) ~~[A]~~ a warrant shall issue only upon an affidavit of an officer or employee duly designated and having knowledge of the facts alleged sworn to before a judge or

magistrate which establish the grounds for issuing the warrant[.] ;

(ii) [If] if the judge or magistrate is satisfied that grounds for the application exist or that there is probable cause to believe [they] that grounds for the application exist, [he] the judge or magistrate shall issue a warrant identifying the area, premises, building, or conveyance to be inspected, the purpose of the inspection, and if appropriate, the type of property to be inspected[, if any.] ; and

(iii) [The] the warrant shall:

[(i)] (A) state the grounds for [its] the warrant's issuance and the name of each [person] individual whose affidavit has been taken to support [it] the warrant;

[(ii)] (B) be directed to a person authorized by Section 58-37-9 of this act to execute [it] the warrant;

[(iii)] (C) command the person to whom [it] the warrant is directed to inspect the area, premises, building, or conveyance identified for the purpose specified and if appropriate, direct the seizure of the property [specified] the warrant specifies;

[(iv)] (D) identify the item or types of property to be seized, if any; and

[(v)] (E) direct that [it] the warrant be served during normal business hours and designate the judge or magistrate to whom [it] the warrant shall be returned[.] ;

(c)(i) [A] a warrant issued [pursuant to] in accordance with this section [must] shall be executed and returned within 10 days after [its] the warrant's date unless, upon a showing of a need for additional time, the court instructs otherwise in the warrant[.] ;

(ii) [If] if property is seized [pursuant to] in accordance with a warrant, the person executing the warrant shall give to the person from whom or from whose premises the property was taken a copy of the warrant and a receipt for the property taken or leave the copy of the warrant and a receipt for the property taken at the place [where] from which the property was taken[.] ;

(iii) [Return] return of the warrant shall be made promptly and be accompanied by a written inventory of any property taken[.] ;

(iv) [The] the inventory shall be made in the presence of the [person] individual executing the warrant and of the [person] individual from whose possession or premises the property was taken, if [they are] that individual is present, or in the presence of at least one credible [person] individual other than the [person] executing the warrant[.] ; and

(v) [A] a copy of the inventory shall be delivered to the [person] individual from whom or from whose premises the property was taken and to the applicant for the

warrant[-] ;

(d) [The] the judge or magistrate who [issued] issues the warrant under this section shall attach a copy of the return and all other papers to the warrant and file [them] the papers and warrant with the court.

(3) The department is authorized to make administrative inspections of controlled premises in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) For purposes of this section only, "controlled premises" means:

(i) [Plaees] places where persons licensed or exempted from licensing requirements under this act are required to keep records.

(ii) [Plaees] places including factories, warehouses, establishments, and conveyances where persons licensed or exempted from licensing requirements are permitted to possess, manufacture, compound, process, sell, deliver, or otherwise dispose of any controlled substance.

(b) When authorized by an administrative inspection warrant a law enforcement officer or employee designated in Section 58-37-9, upon presenting the warrant and appropriate credentials to the owner, operator, or agent in charge, has the right to enter controlled premises for the purpose of conducting an administrative inspection.

(c) When authorized by an administrative inspection warrant, a law enforcement officer or employee designated in Section 58-37-9 has the right:

(i) [Fø] to inspect and copy records required by this chapter.

(ii) [Fø] to inspect within reasonable limits and a reasonable manner, the controlled premises and all pertinent equipment, finished and unfinished material, containers, and labeling found, and except as provided in Subsection (3)(e), all other things including records, files, papers, processes, controls, and facilities subject to regulation and control by this chapter or by rules promulgated by the department.

(iii) [Fø] to inventory and take stock of any controlled substance and obtain samples of any substance.

(d) This section shall not be construed to prevent the inspection of books and records without a warrant [~~pursuant to~~] in accordance with an administrative subpoena issued by a court or the department nor shall [it] this section be construed to prevent entries and administrative inspections including seizures of property without a warrant:

(i) with the consent of the owner, operator, or agent in charge of the controlled premises;

(ii) in situations presenting imminent danger to health or safety;

(iii) in situations involving inspection of conveyances where there is reasonable cause to believe that the mobility of the conveyance makes [it] obtaining a warrant impracticable[~~to obtain a warrant~~];

(iv) in any other exceptional or emergency circumstance where time or opportunity to apply for a warrant is lacking; and

(v) in all other situations where a warrant is not constitutionally required.

(e) No inspection authorized by this section shall extend to financial data, sales data, other than shipment data, or pricing data unless the owner, operator, or agent in charge of the controlled premises consents in writing.

Section 37. Section **58-37c-8** is amended to read:

58-37c-8 (Effective 07/01/26). License -- Exceptions from licensure or regulation.

(1) A person engaged in a regulated transaction under this chapter shall hold a controlled substance precursor license issued under Section 58-37c-7, unless excepted from licensure under this chapter.

(2) The division shall:

(a) establish the form of application for a license, the requirements for licensure, and fees for initial licensure and renewal; and

(b) identify required information to be contained in the application as a condition of licensure.

(3) A practitioner who holds a Utah Controlled Substance License and a Controlled Substance Registration issued by the Drug Enforcement Administration of the [U.S.] United States [~~Government~~] government is excepted from licensure under this chapter.

(4) The purchase, sale, transfer, furnishing, or receipt of a drug intended for lawful use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in [man] humans or other animals, which contains ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, norpseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine, if the drug is lawfully purchased, sold, transferred, or furnished as an over-the-counter medication without prescription [~~pursuant to~~] in accordance with the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 USC, Sec. 301 et seq., or regulations adopted under that act, are excepted from licensure, reporting, and recordkeeping under this chapter, except that products containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine are subject to Section 58-37c-20.5.

(5) The purchase, sale, transfer, receipt, or manufacture of dietary supplements, vitamins, minerals, herbs, or other similar substances, including concentrates or extracts, which are not otherwise prohibited by law, and which may contain naturally occurring amounts

of chemicals or substances listed in this chapter, or in rules adopted [~~pursuant to~~] in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, are exempt from licensure under this chapter.

- (6) A purchaser of two ounces or less of crystal iodine in a single transaction is not required to be licensed as a regulated purchaser if the transaction complies with Section 58-37c-18.
- (7) The purchase, sale, transfer, receipt, or manufacture of a product that contains a precursor chemical listed in Subsection 58-37c-3(1)(ff) or (gg) and that is not intended for human consumption is exempt from licensure or regulation and is not subject to criminal penalties under this chapter.

Section 38. Section **58-37c-17** is amended to read:

58-37c-17 (Effective 07/01/26). Inspection authority.

For the purpose of inspecting, copying, and auditing records and reports required under this chapter and rules adopted pursuant thereto, and for the purpose of inspecting and auditing inventories of listed controlled substance precursors, the director, or [~~his~~] the director's authorized agent, and law enforcement personnel of any federal, state, or local law enforcement agency is authorized to enter the premises of regulated distributors and regulated purchasers during normal business hours to conduct administrative inspections.

Section 39. Section **58-37f-301** is amended to read:

58-37f-301 (Effective 07/01/26). Access to database.

- (1) The division shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:
- (a) effectively enforce the limitations on access to the database as described in this part;
- and
- (b) establish standards and procedures to ensure accurate identification of individuals requesting information or receiving information without request from the database.
- (2) The division shall make information in the database and information obtained from other state or federal prescription monitoring programs by means of the database available only to the following individuals, in accordance with the requirements of this chapter and division rules:
- (a)(i) personnel of the division specifically assigned to conduct investigations related to controlled substance laws under the jurisdiction of the division; and
- (ii) the following law enforcement officers, but the division may only provide nonidentifying information, limited to gender, year of birth, and postal ZIP code, regarding individuals for whom a controlled substance has been prescribed or to

whom a controlled substance has been dispensed:

(A) a law enforcement agency officer who is engaged in a joint investigation with the division; and

(B) a law enforcement agency officer to whom the division has referred a suspected criminal violation of controlled substance laws;

(b) authorized division personnel engaged in analysis of controlled substance prescription information as a part of the assigned duties and responsibilities of their employment;

(c) a board member if:

(i) the board member is assigned to monitor a licensee on probation; and

(ii) the board member is limited to obtaining information from the database regarding the specific licensee on probation;

(d) a person the division authorizes to obtain that information on behalf of the Utah Professionals Health Program established in Subsection 58-4a-103(1) if:

(i) the person the division authorizes is limited to obtaining information from the database regarding the ~~[person whose-]~~ individual whose conduct is the subject of the division's consideration; and

(ii) the conduct that is the subject of the division's consideration includes a violation or a potential violation of Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act, or another relevant violation or potential violation under this title;

(e) in accordance with a written agreement entered into with the department, employees of the Department of Health and Human Services:

(i) whom the director of the Department of Health and Human Services assigns to conduct scientific studies regarding the use or abuse of controlled substances, if the identity of the individuals and pharmacies in the database are confidential and are not disclosed in any manner to any individual who is not directly involved in the scientific studies;

(ii) when the information is requested by the Department of Health and Human Services in relation to a person or provider whom the Department of Health and Human Services suspects may be improperly obtaining or providing a controlled substance; or

(iii) in the medical examiner's office;

(f) in accordance with a written agreement entered into with the department, a designee of the director of the Department of Health and Human Services, who is not an

employee of the Department of Health and Human Services, whom the director of the Department of Health and Human Services assigns to conduct scientific studies regarding the use or abuse of controlled substances ~~[pursuant to]~~ in accordance with an application process established in rule by the Department of Health and Human Services, if:

(i) the designee provides explicit information to the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the purpose of the scientific studies;

(ii) the scientific studies to be conducted by the designee:

(A) fit within the responsibilities of the Department of Health and Human Services for health and welfare;

(B) are reviewed and approved by an Institutional Review Board that is approved for human subject research by the United States Department of Health and Human Services;

(C) are not conducted for profit or commercial gain; and

(D) are conducted in a research facility, as defined by division rule, that is associated with a university or college accredited by one or more regional or national accrediting agencies recognized by the United States Department of Education;

(iii) the designee protects the information as a business associate of the Department of Health and Human Services; and

(iv) the identity of the prescribers, patients, and pharmacies in the database are de-identified, confidential, and not disclosed in any manner to the designee or to any individual who is not directly involved in the scientific studies;

(g) in accordance with a written agreement entered into with the department and the Department of Health and Human Services, authorized employees of a managed care organization, as defined in 42 C.F.R. Sec. 438, if:

(i) the managed care organization contracts with the Department of Health and Human Services under the provisions of Section 26B-3-202 and the contract includes provisions that:

(A) require a managed care organization employee who will have access to information from the database to submit to a criminal background check; and

(B) limit the authorized employee of the managed care organization to requesting either the division or the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a search of the database regarding a specific Medicaid enrollee and to report

2275 the results of the search to the authorized employee; and

2276 (ii) the information is requested by an authorized employee of the managed care
2277 organization in relation to ~~[a person who]~~ an individual who is enrolled in the
2278 Medicaid program with the managed care organization, and the managed care
2279 organization suspects the ~~[person]~~ individual may be improperly obtaining or
2280 providing a controlled substance;

2281 (h) a licensed practitioner having authority to prescribe controlled substances, to the
2282 extent the information:

2283 (i)(A) relates specifically to a current or prospective patient of the practitioner; and

2284 (B) is provided to or sought by the practitioner for the purpose of:

2285 (I) prescribing or considering prescribing any controlled substance to the
2286 current or prospective patient;

2287 (II) diagnosing the current or prospective patient;

2288 (III) providing medical treatment or medical advice to the current or
2289 prospective patient; or

2290 (IV) determining whether the current or prospective patient:

2291 (Aa) is attempting to fraudulently obtain a controlled substance from the
2292 practitioner; or

2293 (Bb) has fraudulently obtained, or attempted to fraudulently obtain, a
2294 controlled substance from the practitioner;

2295 (ii)(A) relates specifically to a former patient of the practitioner; and

2296 (B) is provided to or sought by the practitioner for the purpose of determining
2297 whether the former patient has fraudulently obtained, or has attempted to
2298 fraudulently obtain, a controlled substance from the practitioner;

2299 (iii) relates specifically to an individual who has access to the practitioner's Drug
2300 Enforcement Administration identification number, and the practitioner suspects
2301 that the individual may have used the practitioner's Drug Enforcement
2302 Administration identification number to fraudulently acquire or prescribe a
2303 controlled substance;

2304 (iv) relates to the practitioner's own prescribing practices, except when specifically
2305 prohibited by the division by administrative rule;

2306 (v) relates to the use of the controlled substance database by an employee of the
2307 practitioner, described in Subsection (2)(i); or

2308 (vi) relates to any use of the practitioner's Drug Enforcement Administration

- 2309 identification number to obtain, attempt to obtain, prescribe, or attempt to
2310 prescribe, a controlled substance;
- 2311 (i) in accordance with Subsection (3)(a), an employee of a practitioner described in
2312 Subsection (2)(h), for a purpose described in Subsection (2)(h)(i) or (ii), if:
- 2313 (i) the employee is designated by the practitioner as an individual authorized to
2314 access the information on behalf of the practitioner;
- 2315 (ii) the practitioner provides written notice to the division of the identity of the
2316 employee; and
- 2317 (iii) the division~~[:]~~ grants the employee access to the database;
2318 ~~[(A) grants the employee access to the database; and]~~
2319 ~~[(B) provides the employee with a password that is unique to that employee to~~
2320 ~~access the database in order to permit the division to comply with the~~
2321 ~~requirements of Subsection 58-37f-203(7) with respect to the employee;]~~
- 2322 (j) an employee of the same business that employs a licensed practitioner under
2323 Subsection (2)(h) if:
- 2324 (i) the employee is designated by the practitioner as an individual authorized to
2325 access the information on behalf of the practitioner;
- 2326 (ii) the practitioner and the employing business provide written notice to the division
2327 of the identity of the designated employee; and
- 2328 (iii) the division:
- 2329 (A) grants the employee access to the database; and
- 2330 (B) provides the employee with a password that is unique to that employee to
2331 access the database in order to permit the division to comply with the
2332 requirements of Subsection 58-37f-203(7) with respect to the employee;
- 2333 (k) a licensed pharmacist having authority to dispense a controlled substance, or a
2334 licensed pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician working under the general
2335 supervision of a licensed pharmacist, to the extent the information is provided or
2336 sought for the purpose of:
- 2337 (i) dispensing or considering dispensing any controlled substance;
- 2338 (ii) determining whether a person:
- 2339 (A) is attempting to fraudulently obtain a controlled substance from the pharmacy,
2340 practitioner, or health care facility; or
- 2341 (B) has fraudulently obtained, or attempted to fraudulently obtain, a controlled
2342 substance from the pharmacy, practitioner, or health care facility;

- 2343 (iii) reporting to the controlled substance database; or
- 2344 (iv) verifying the accuracy of the data submitted to the controlled substance database
- 2345 on behalf of a pharmacy where the licensed pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or
- 2346 pharmacy technician is employed;
- 2347 (l) ~~[pursuant to]~~ in accordance with a valid search warrant, federal, state, and local law
- 2348 enforcement officers and state and local prosecutors who are engaged in an
- 2349 investigation related to:
- 2350 (i) one or more controlled substances; and
- 2351 (ii) a specific ~~[person who]~~ person that is a subject of the investigation;
- 2352 (m) subject to Subsection (7), a probation or parole officer, employed by the Division of
- 2353 Adult Probation and Parole created in Section 64-14-202 or by a political
- 2354 subdivision, to gain access to database information necessary for the officer's
- 2355 supervision of a specific probationer or parolee who is under the officer's direct
- 2356 supervision;
- 2357 (n) employees of the Office of Internal Audit within the Department of Health and
- 2358 Human Services who are engaged in their specified duty of ensuring Medicaid
- 2359 program integrity under Section 26B-3-104;
- 2360 (o) a mental health therapist, if:
- 2361 (i) the information relates to a patient who is:
- 2362 (A) enrolled in a licensed substance abuse treatment program; and
- 2363 (B) receiving treatment from, or under the direction of, the mental health therapist
- 2364 as part of the patient's participation in the licensed substance abuse treatment
- 2365 program described in Subsection (2)(o)(i)(A);
- 2366 (ii) the information is sought for the purpose of determining whether the patient is
- 2367 using a controlled substance while the patient is enrolled in the licensed substance
- 2368 abuse treatment program described in Subsection (2)(o)(i)(A); and
- 2369 (iii) the licensed substance abuse treatment program described in Subsection
- 2370 (2)(o)(i)(A) is associated with a practitioner who:
- 2371 (A) is a physician, a physician assistant, an advance practice registered nurse, or a
- 2372 pharmacist; and
- 2373 (B) is available to consult with the mental health therapist regarding the
- 2374 information obtained by the mental health therapist, under this Subsection
- 2375 (2)(o), from the database;
- 2376 (p) an individual who is the recipient of a controlled substance prescription entered into

2377 the database, upon providing evidence satisfactory to the division that the individual
2378 requesting the information is in fact the individual about whom the data entry was
2379 made;

2380 (q) an individual under Subsection (2)(p) for the purpose of obtaining a list of the
2381 persons and entities that have requested or received any information from the
2382 database regarding the individual, except if the individual's record is subject to a
2383 pending or current investigation as authorized under this Subsection (2);

2384 (r) the inspector general, or a designee of the inspector general, of the Office of
2385 Inspector General of Medicaid Services, for the purpose of fulfilling the duties
2386 described in Title 63A, Chapter 13, Part 2, Office and Powers;

2387 (s) the following licensed physicians for the purpose of reviewing and offering an
2388 opinion on an individual's request for workers' compensation benefits under Title
2389 34A, Chapter 2, Workers' Compensation Act, or Title 34A, Chapter 3, Utah
2390 Occupational Disease Act:

2391 (i) a member of the medical panel described in Section 34A-2-601;

2392 (ii) a physician employed as medical director for a licensed workers' compensation
2393 insurer or an approved self-insured employer; or

2394 (iii) a physician offering a second opinion regarding treatment;

2395 (t) members of Utah's Opioid Fatality Review Committee, for the purpose of reviewing a
2396 specific fatality due to opioid use and recommending policies to reduce the frequency
2397 of opioid use fatalities;

2398 (u) a licensed pharmacist who is authorized by a managed care organization as defined
2399 in Section 31A-1-301 to access the information on behalf of the managed care
2400 organization, if:

2401 (i) the managed care organization believes that an enrollee of the managed care
2402 organization has obtained or provided a controlled substance in violation of a
2403 medication management program contract between the enrollee and the managed
2404 care organization; and

2405 (ii) the managed care organization included a description of the medication
2406 management program in the enrollee's outline of coverage described in Subsection
2407 31A-22-605(7); and

2408 (v) the Utah Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the attorney general's office for the purpose
2409 of investigating active cases, in exercising the unit's authority to investigate and
2410 prosecute Medicaid fraud, abuse, neglect, or exploitation under 42 U.S.C. Sec.

- 2411 1396b(q).
- 2412 (3)(a) A practitioner described in Subsection (2)(h) may designate one or more
- 2413 employees to access information from the database under Subsection (2)(i), (2)(j), or
- 2414 (4)(c).
- 2415 (b) The division shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
- 2416 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:
- 2417 (i) establish background check procedures to determine whether an employee
- 2418 designated under Subsection (2)(i), (2)(j), or (4)(c) should be granted access to the
- 2419 database;
- 2420 (ii) establish the information to be provided by an emergency department employee
- 2421 under Subsection (4); and
- 2422 (iii) facilitate providing controlled substance prescription information to a third party
- 2423 under Subsection (5).
- 2424 (c) The division shall grant an employee designated under Subsection (2)(i), (2)(j), or
- 2425 (4)(c) access to the database, unless the division determines, based on a background
- 2426 check, that the employee poses a security risk to the information contained in the
- 2427 database.
- 2428 (4)(a) An individual who is employed in the emergency department of a hospital may
- 2429 exercise access to the database under this Subsection (4) on behalf of a licensed
- 2430 practitioner if the individual is designated under Subsection (4)(c) and the licensed
- 2431 practitioner:
- 2432 (i) is employed or privileged to work in the emergency department;
- 2433 (ii) is treating an emergency department patient for an emergency medical condition;
- 2434 and
- 2435 (iii) requests that an individual employed in the emergency department and
- 2436 designated under Subsection (4)(c) obtain information regarding the patient from
- 2437 the database as needed in the course of treatment.
- 2438 (b) The emergency department employee obtaining information from the database shall,
- 2439 when gaining access to the database, provide to the database the name and any
- 2440 additional identifiers regarding the requesting practitioner as required by division
- 2441 administrative rule established under Subsection (3)(b).
- 2442 (c) An individual employed in the emergency department under this Subsection (4) may
- 2443 obtain information from the database as provided in Subsection (4)(a) if:
- 2444 (i) the employee is designated by the hospital as an individual authorized to access

the information on behalf of the emergency department practitioner;

(ii) the hospital operating the emergency department [~~provide~~] provides written notice to the division of the identity of the designated employee; and

(iii) the division:

(A) grants the employee access to the database; and

(B) provides the employee with a password that is unique to that employee to access the database.

(d) The division may impose a fee, in accordance with Section 63J-1-504, on a practitioner who designates an employee under Subsection (2)(i), (2)(j), or (4)(c) to pay for the costs incurred by the division to conduct the background check and make the determination described in Subsection (3)(b).

(5)(a)(i) An individual may request that the division provide the information under Subsection (5)(b) to a third party who is designated by the individual each time a controlled substance prescription for the individual is dispensed.

(ii) The division shall upon receipt of the request under this Subsection (5)(a) advise the individual in writing that the individual may direct the division to discontinue providing the information to a third party and that notice of the individual's direction to discontinue will be provided to the third party.

(b) The information the division shall provide under Subsection (5)(a) is:

(i) the fact a controlled substance has been dispensed to the individual, but without identifying the controlled substance; and

(ii) the date the controlled substance was dispensed.

(c)(i) An individual who has made a request under Subsection (5)(a) may direct that the division discontinue providing information to the third party.

(ii) The division shall:

(A) notify the third party that the individual has directed the division to no longer provide information to the third party; and

(B) discontinue providing information to the third party.

(6)(a) An individual who is granted access to the database based on the fact that the individual is a licensed practitioner or a mental health therapist shall be denied access to the database when the individual is no longer licensed.

(b) An individual who is granted access to the database based on the fact that the individual is a designated employee of a licensed practitioner shall be denied access to the database when the practitioner is no longer licensed.

- (7) A probation or parole officer is not required to obtain a search warrant to access the database in accordance with Subsection (2)(m).
- (8) The division shall review and adjust the database programming which automatically logs off an individual who is granted access to the database under Subsections (2)(h), (2)(i), (2)(j), and (4)(c) to maximize the following objectives:
- (a) to protect patient privacy;
 - (b) to reduce inappropriate access; and
 - (c) to make the database more useful and helpful to a person accessing the database under Subsections (2)(h), (2)(i), (2)(j), and (4)(c), especially in high usage locations such as an emergency department.

- (9) ~~[Any person who]~~ A person that knowingly and intentionally accesses the database without express authorization under this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

Section 40. Section **58-37f-303** is amended to read:

58-37f-303 (Effective 07/01/26). Access to controlled substance prescription information via an electronic data system.

- (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Controlled substance" means any substance listed in Subsection 58-37-4(2)(b) through (4)(2)(e).

(b) "Dispense" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-17b-102.

~~[(b)]~~ (c) "EDS user":

- (i) means:

(A) a prescriber;

(B) a pharmacist;

(C) a pharmacy intern;

(D) a pharmacy technician; or

(E) an individual granted access to the database under Subsection 58-37f-301(3)(c);

and

- (ii) does not mean an individual whose access to the database has been revoked by the division ~~[pursuant to]~~ in accordance with Subsection 58-37f-301(5)(c).

~~[(c)]~~ (d) "Electronic data system" means a software product or an electronic service used by:

(i) a prescriber to manage electronic health records; or

(ii) a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician working under the general supervision of a licensed pharmacist, for the purpose of:

- 2513 (A) managing the dispensing of prescription drugs; or
- 2514 (B) providing pharmaceutical care as defined in Section 58-17b-102 to a patient.
- 2515 ~~[(d) "Opioid" means any substance listed in Subsection 58-37-4(2)(b)(i) or (2)(b)(ii).]~~
- 2516 (e) "Pharmacist" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-17b-102.
- 2517 (f) "Prescriber" means a practitioner, as that term is defined in Section 58-37-2, who is
- 2518 licensed under Section 58-37-6 to prescribe ~~[an opioid]~~ a controlled substance.
- 2519 (g) "Prescription drug" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-17b-102.
- 2520 (2) Subject to Subsections (3) through (6), no later than January 1, 2017, the division shall
- 2521 make ~~[opioid]~~ controlled substance prescription information in the database available to
- 2522 an EDS user via the user's electronic data system.
- 2523 (3) An electronic data system may be used to make ~~[opioid]~~ controlled substance
- 2524 prescription information in the database available to an EDS user only if the electronic
- 2525 data system complies with rules ~~[established by the division under]~~ the division makes in
- 2526 accordance with Subsection (4).
- 2527 (4)(a) The division shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
- 2528 Administrative Rulemaking Act, specifying:
- 2529 (i) an electronic data system's:
- 2530 (A) allowable access to and use of ~~[opioid]~~ controlled substance prescription
- 2531 information in the database; and
- 2532 (B) minimum actions that ~~[must]~~ shall be taken to ensure that ~~[opioid]~~ controlled
- 2533 substance prescription information accessed from the database is protected
- 2534 from inappropriate disclosure or use; and
- 2535 (ii) an EDS user's:
- 2536 (A) allowable access to ~~[opioid]~~ controlled substance prescription information in
- 2537 the database via an electronic data system; and
- 2538 (B) allowable use of the information.
- 2539 (b) The rules shall establish:
- 2540 (i) minimum user identification requirements that in substance are the same as the
- 2541 database identification requirements in Section 58-37f-301;
- 2542 (ii) user access restrictions that in substance are the same as the database
- 2543 identification requirements in Section 58-37f-301; and
- 2544 (iii) any other requirements necessary to ensure that in substance the provisions of
- 2545 Sections 58-37f-301 and 58-37f-302 apply to ~~[opioid]~~ controlled substance
- 2546 prescription information in the database that has been made available to an EDS

2547 user via an electronic data system.

2548 (5) The division may not make [~~opioid~~] controlled substance prescription information in the
2549 database available to an EDS user via the user's electronic data system if:

2550 (a) the electronic data system does not comply with the rules [~~established by the division~~
2551 ~~under~~] the division makes in accordance with Subsection (4); or

2552 (b) the EDS user does not comply with the rules established by the division under
2553 Subsection (4).

2554 (6)(a) The division shall periodically audit the use of [~~opioid~~] controlled substance
2555 prescription information made available to an EDS user via the user's electronic data
2556 system.

2557 (b) The audit shall review compliance by:

2558 (i) the electronic data system with rules established by the division under Subsection
2559 (4); and

2560 (ii) the EDS user with rules established by the division under Subsection (4).

2561 (c)(i) If the division determines by audit or other means that an electronic data system
2562 is not in compliance with rules [~~established by the division under~~] the division
2563 makes in accordance with Subsection (4), the division shall immediately suspend
2564 or revoke the electronic data system's access to [~~opioid~~] controlled substance
2565 prescription information in the database.

2566 (ii) If the division determines by audit or other means that an EDS user is not in
2567 compliance with rules [~~established by the division under~~] the division makes in
2568 accordance with Subsection (4), the division shall immediately suspend or revoke
2569 the EDS user's access to [~~opioid~~] controlled substance prescription information in
2570 the database via an electronic data system.

2571 (iii) If the division suspends or revokes access to [~~opioid~~] controlled substance
2572 prescription information in the database under Subsection (6)(c)(i) or (6)(c)(ii),
2573 the division shall also take any other appropriate corrective or disciplinary action [
2574 ~~authorized by~~]this chapter or title authorizes.

2575 Section 41. Section **58-37f-304** is amended to read:

2576 **58-37f-304 (Effective 07/01/26). Database utilization.**

2577 (1) As used in this section:

2578 (a) "Dispenser" means a licensed pharmacist, as described in Section 58-17b-303, the
2579 pharmacist's licensed intern, as described in Section 58-17b-304, or licensed
2580 pharmacy technician, as described in Section 58-17b-305, working under the

supervision of a licensed pharmacist who is also licensed to dispense a controlled substance under Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act.

(b) "Outpatient" means a setting in which an individual visits a licensed healthcare facility or a healthcare provider's office for a diagnosis or treatment but is not admitted to a licensed healthcare facility for an overnight stay.

(c) "Prescriber" means an individual authorized to prescribe a controlled substance under Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act.

(d) "Schedule II opioid" means those substances listed in Subsection 58-37-4(2)(b)(i) or (2)(b)(ii).

(e) "Schedule III opioid" means those substances listed in Subsection 58-37-4(2)(c) that are opioids.

(2)(a) A prescriber shall check the database for information about a patient before the first time the prescriber gives a prescription to a patient for a Schedule II opioid or a Schedule III opioid.

(b) If a prescriber is repeatedly prescribing a Schedule II opioid or Schedule III opioid to a patient, the prescriber shall periodically review information about the patient in:

(i) the database; or

(ii) other similar records of controlled substances the patient has filled.

(c) A prescriber may assign the access and review required under Subsection (2)(a) to one or more employees in accordance with Subsections 58-37f-301(2)(i) and (j).

(d)(i) A prescriber may comply with the requirements in Subsections (2)(a) and (b) by checking an electronic health record system if the electronic health record system:

(A) is connected to the database through a connection that ~~[has been approved by the division]~~ the division approves; and

(B) displays the information from the database in a prominent manner for the prescriber.

(ii) The division may not approve a connection to the database if the connection does not satisfy the requirements ~~[established by the division under]~~ the division makes in accordance with Section 58-37f-301.

(e) A prescriber is not in violation of the requirements of Subsection (2)(a) or (b) if the failure to comply with Subsection (2)(a) or (b):

(i) is necessary due to an emergency situation as the division defines by rule the division makes in collaboration with the board and in accordance with Title 63G,

Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;

- (ii) is caused by a suspension or disruption in the operation of the database; or
- (iii) is caused by a failure in the operation or availability of the ~~[Internet]~~ internet.
- (f) The division may not take action against the license of a prescriber for failure to comply with this Subsection (2) unless the failure occurs after the earlier of:
- (i) December 31, 2018; or
- (ii) the date that the division has the capability to establish a connection that meets the requirements ~~[established by the division under]~~ the division makes in accordance with Section 58-37f-301 between the database and an electronic health record system.
- (3) The division shall, in collaboration with the licensing boards for prescribers and dispensers:
- (a) develop a system that gathers and reports to prescribers and dispensers the progress and results of the prescriber's and dispenser's individual access and review of the database, as provided in this section; and
- (b) reduce or waive the division's continuing education requirements regarding opioid prescriptions, described in Section 58-37-6.5, including the online tutorial and test relating to the database, for prescribers and dispensers whose individual utilization of the database, as ~~[determined by the division]~~ the division determines, demonstrates substantial compliance with this section.
- (4) If the dispenser's access and review of the database suggest that the individual seeking an opioid may be obtaining opioids in quantities or frequencies inconsistent with generally recognized standards as provided in this section and Section 58-37f-201, the dispenser shall reasonably attempt to contact the prescriber to obtain the prescriber's informed, current, and professional decision regarding whether the prescribed opioid is medically justified, notwithstanding the results of the database search.
- (5)(a) The division shall review the database to identify any prescriber who has a pattern of prescribing opioids not in accordance with the recommendations of:
- (i) the CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain, published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
- (ii) the Utah Clinical Guidelines on Prescribing Opioids for Treatment of Pain, published by the Department of Health and Human Services; or
- (iii) other publications describing best practices related to prescribing opioids as ~~identified by division]~~ the division identifies in rule the division makes in

accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, and
in consultation with the Medical Licensing Board.

(b) The division shall offer education to a prescriber identified under this Subsection (5)
regarding best practices in the prescribing of opioids.

(c) A decision by a prescriber to accept or not accept the education [~~offered by the
division~~] the division offers under this Subsection (5) is voluntary.

(d) The division may not use an identification the division has made under this
Subsection (5) or the decision by a prescriber to accept or not accept education [~~offered by the division~~] the division offers under this Subsection (5) in a licensing
investigation or action by the division.

(e) Any record [~~created by the division~~] the division creates as a result of this Subsection
(5) is a protected record under Section 63G-2-305.

(6) The division may consult with a prescriber or health care system to assist the prescriber
or health care system in following evidence-based guidelines regarding the prescribing
of controlled substances, including the recommendations listed in Subsection (5)(a).

Section 42. Section **58-37f-402** is amended to read:

**58-37f-402 (Effective 07/01/26). Online tutorial and test relating to the database
-- Fees -- Rulemaking authority -- Continuing professional education credit.**

(1) The division shall develop an online tutorial and an online test for registration to use the
database that provides instruction regarding, and tests, the following:

(a) the purpose of the database;

(b) how to access and use the database; and

(c) the law relating to:

(i) the use of the database; and

(ii) the information submitted to, and obtained from, the database[~~;~~ and] .

~~[(d) basic knowledge that is important for all people who prescribe controlled substances
to know in order to help ensure the health and safety of an individual to whom a
controlled substance is prescribed.]~~

(2) The division shall design the test described in this section as follows:

(a) an individual shall answer all of the questions correctly in order to pass the test;

(b) an individual shall be permitted to immediately retake the portion of the test that the
individual answers incorrectly as many times as necessary for the individual to pass
the test; and

(c) after an individual takes the test, the test software shall:

- (i) immediately inform the individual of the number of questions that were answered incorrectly;
- (ii) provide the correct answers;
- (iii) replay the portion of the tutorial that relates to the incorrectly answered questions; and
- (iv) ask the individual the incorrectly answered questions again.
- (3) The division shall design the tutorial and test so that ~~[it is possible to take the tutorial and complete the test in 20 minutes or less]~~ an individual may complete the tutorial and test within 20 minutes, if the individual answers all of the questions correctly on the first attempt.
- (4) The division shall ensure that the tutorial and test described in this section are fully functional and available for use online on or before November 1, 2010.
- (5) The division shall impose a fee, in accordance with Section 63J-1-504, on an individual who takes the test described in this section, to pay the costs ~~[incurred by the division]~~ the division incurs to:
- (a) develop, implement, and administer the tutorial and test described in this section; and
- (b) fulfill the other duties imposed on the division under this part.
- (6) The division may make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:
- (a) develop, implement, and administer the tutorial and test described in this section; and
- (b) fulfill the other duties imposed on the division under this part.
- (7) The Department of Health and Human Services shall assist the division in developing the portion of the test described in Subsection (1)(d).
- Section 43. Section **58-37f-702** is amended to read:
- 58-37f-702 (Effective 07/01/26). Reporting prescribed controlled substance poisoning or overdose to a practitioner.**
- (1)(a) The division shall take the actions described in Subsection (1)(b) if the division receives a report from a general acute hospital under Section 26B-2-225 regarding admission to a general acute hospital for poisoning or overdose involving a prescribed controlled substance.
- (b) The division shall, within ~~[three]~~ five business days after the day on which a report in Subsection (1)(a) is received:
- (i) attempt to identify, through the database, each practitioner who may have prescribed the controlled substance to the patient; and

- 2717 (ii) ~~[provide-]~~ alert each practitioner identified under Subsection (1)(b)(i) ~~[with:]~~
 2718 concerning the information described in this Subsection (1).
 2719 ~~[(A) a copy of the report provided by the general acute hospital under Section~~
 2720 ~~26B-2-225; and]~~
 2721 ~~[(B) the information obtained from the database that led the division to determine~~
 2722 ~~that the practitioner receiving the information may have prescribed the~~
 2723 ~~controlled substance to the person named in the report.]~~
- 2724 (2)(a) When the division receives a report from the medical examiner under Section
 2725 26B-8-210 regarding a death caused by poisoning or overdose involving a prescribed
 2726 controlled substance, for each practitioner ~~[identified by the medical examiner]~~ the
 2727 medical examiner identifies under Subsection 26B-8-210(1)(c), the division:
 2728 (i) shall, within five business days after the day on which the division receives the
 2729 report, provide the practitioner with a copy of the report; and
 2730 (ii) may offer the practitioner an educational visit to review the report.
- 2731 (b) A practitioner may decline an educational visit described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii).
 2732 (c) The division may not use, in a licensing investigation or action by the division:
 2733 (i) information from an educational visit described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii); or
 2734 (ii) a practitioner's decision to decline an educational visit described in Subsection
 2735 (2)(a)(ii).
- 2736 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that the information provided under Subsection (1) or
 2737 (2) is provided for the purpose of assisting the practitioner in:
 2738 (a) discussing with the patient or others issues relating to the poisoning or overdose;
 2739 (b) advising the patient or others of measures that may be taken to avoid a future
 2740 poisoning or overdose; and
 2741 (c) making decisions regarding future prescriptions written for the patient or others.
- 2742 (4) Any record ~~[created by the division]~~ the division creates as a result of an educational
 2743 visit described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii) is a protected record for purposes of Title 63G,
 2744 Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.
- 2745 (5) Beginning on July 1, 2010, the division shall, in accordance with Section 63J-1-504,
 2746 increase the licensing fee described in Subsection 58-37-6(1)(b) to pay the startup and
 2747 ongoing costs of the division for complying with the requirements of this section.
- 2748 Section 44. Section **58-37f-703** is amended to read:
 2749 **58-37f-703 (Effective 07/01/26). Entering certain convictions into the database**
 2750 **and reporting them to practitioners.**

- (1) When the division receives a report from a court under Subsection 41-6a-502(5) or 41-6a-502.5(5)(b) relating to a conviction for driving under the influence of, or while impaired by, a prescribed controlled substance, the division shall:
- (a) ~~[daily-]~~ within five business days enter into the database the information supplied in the report, including the date on which the person was convicted;
 - (b) attempt to identify, through the database, each practitioner who may have prescribed the controlled substance to the convicted person; and
 - (c) ~~[provide-]~~ alert each practitioner identified under Subsection (1)(b) ~~[with:]~~ concerning the information described in this Subsection (1).
 - ~~[(i) a copy of the information provided by the court; and]~~
 - ~~[(ii) the information obtained from the database that led the division to determine that the practitioner receiving the information may have prescribed the controlled substance to the convicted person.]~~
- (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that the information provided under Subsection (1)(b) is provided for the purpose of assisting the practitioner in:
- (a) discussing the manner in which the controlled substance may impact the convicted person's driving;
 - (b) advising the convicted person on measures that may be taken to avoid adverse impacts of the controlled substance on future driving; and
 - (c) making decisions regarding future prescriptions written for the convicted person.
- (3) Beginning on July 1, 2010, the division shall, in accordance with Section 63J-1-504, increase the licensing fee described in Subsection 58-37-6(1)(b) to pay the startup and ongoing costs of the division for complying with the requirements of this section.

Section 45. Section **58-40a-305** is amended to read:

58-40a-305 (Effective 07/01/26). Exemptions from licensure.

In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Section 58-1-307, this chapter does not require the licensure of a medical assistant as defined in Section 58-67-102 or 58-68-102 or an individual who assists in an emergency or in providing services for which no fee is contemplated, charged, or received, provided the individual does not ~~[hold himself out as]~~ represent that the individual is an athletic trainer.

Section 46. Section **58-49-4** is amended to read:

58-49-4 (Effective 07/01/26). Qualifications for certification -- Fee.

- (1) Each applicant for certification under this chapter shall provide proof satisfactory to the division that the applicant:

2785 [(1)] (a) holds a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degree conferred by a college or
 2786 university approved by the division at the time the degree was conferred with a major
 2787 course of study in the sciences of food, dietetics, food systems management, or an
 2788 equivalent major course of study;

2789 [(2)] (b) has completed an internship or preplanned professional baccalaureate or
 2790 post-baccalaureate experience in a dietetic program under the supervision of a
 2791 certified dietitian who is certified under this chapter or certified, registered, or
 2792 licensed under the laws of another state or territory of the United States;

2793 [(3)] (c) has satisfactorily passed a competency examination, approved by or given at the
 2794 direction of the division; and

2795 [(4)] (d) has paid the appropriate fees determined by the Department of Commerce. The
 2796 fee assessed by the Department of Commerce shall be fair and reasonable and shall
 2797 reflect the cost of services provided.

2798 (2) In addition to the requirements of Subsection 58-49-4(1), an applicant seeking to
 2799 exercise the compact privilege in accordance with Chapter 89, Dietitian Licensure
 2800 Compact, shall:

2801 (a) complete a criminal background check in accordance with Section 58-1-301.5;

2802 (b) meet any other standard related to the criminal background check described in
 2803 Chapters 58 through 89, that the division establishes by rule in accordance with Title
 2804 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and

2805 (c) disclose any criminal history the division requests on a form the division approves.

2806 Section 47. Section **58-60-102** is amended to read:

2807 **58-60-102 (Effective 07/01/26). Definitions.**

2808 As used in this chapter, unless a ~~[different meaning is established by definition]~~
 2809 definition establishes a different meaning under a specific section or part:

2810 (1) "Board" means the Behavioral Health Board created in Section 58-60-102.5.

2811 (2) "Client" or "patient" means an individual who ~~[consults or is examined or interviewed~~
 2812 ~~by]~~ an individual licensed under this chapter who is acting in the individual's
 2813 professional capacity consults, examines, or interviews.

2814 (3) "Clinical supervision" means work experience conducted under the supervision of a
 2815 clinical supervisor, including the practice of mental health therapy, direct client care,
 2816 direct clinical supervision, direct observation, and other duties and activities completed
 2817 in the course of the day-to-day job functions and work of:

2818 (a) a certified social worker;

- (b) an associate marriage and family therapist;
- (c) an associate clinical mental health counselor; or
- (d) an associate master addiction counselor, wherein the supervisor is available to the supervisee for consultation ~~[with the supervisee]~~ by personal face-to-face contact, or by direct voice contact by telephone, ~~[radio]~~ video conference, or other means within a reasonable ~~[time-]~~ timeframe consistent with the acts and practices in which the supervisee is engaged.
- (4) "Clinical supervisor" means an individual who oversees and mentors one or more mental health therapists licensed under this chapter, and who:
- (a)(i) is licensed, in good standing, as a mental health therapist;
- (ii) is approved or certified in good standing as a supervisor by a national professional organization for social work, mental health counseling, addiction counseling, marriage and family therapy, psychology, medicine, or nursing, or other organization as ~~[approved by the division]~~ the division approves;
- (iii)(A) has completed eight or more hours of supervision instruction that meets minimum standards ~~[established by the division in rule]~~ the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; or
- (B) has completed a graduate course on clinical supervision from an accredited program;
- (iv) completes continuing education in clinical supervision, as ~~[established by the division in rule]~~ the division requires by rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
- (v) provides supervision to no more than the number of individuals to whom the supervisor can reasonably provide clinical supervision by performing the duties and responsibilities of a supervisor, including:
- (A) being available to the supervisee for consultation by personal face-to-face contact, or by direct voice contact by telephone, video conference, or other means within a reasonable time frame;
- (B) providing instruction, direction, oversight, observation, evaluation, and feedback, to enable the supervisee to acquire the knowledge, skills, techniques, and abilities necessary to engage in the practice of behavioral health care ethically, safely, and competently; and
- (C) maintaining routine personal contact with the supervisee; and
- (b)(i) is qualified and acting as a valid supervisor, in accordance with applicable law

and division rules, as of April 30, 2024; and

(ii) has satisfied the requirements of Subsection (4)(a), as of January 1, 2027.

(5) "Confidential communication" means information obtained by an individual licensed under this chapter, including information obtained by the individual's examination of the client or patient, which is:

(a)(i) transmitted between the client or patient and an individual licensed under this chapter in the course of that relationship; or

(ii) transmitted among the client or patient, an individual licensed under this chapter, and individuals who are participating in the diagnosis or treatment under the direction of an individual licensed under this chapter, including members of the client's or patient's family; and

(b) made in confidence, for the diagnosis or treatment of the client or patient by the individual licensed under this chapter, and by a means not intended to be disclosed to third persons other than those individuals:

(i) present to further the interest of the client or patient in the consultation, examination, or interview;

(ii) reasonably necessary for the transmission of the communications; or

(iii) participating in the diagnosis and treatment of the client or patient under the direction of the mental health therapist.

(6) "Designated examiner" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-5-301.

(7)(a) "Direct client care" means the practice of mental health therapy performed as an applicant for licensure.

(b) "Direct client care" includes:

(i) the practice of mental health therapy;

(ii) the utilization of patient-reported progress and outcomes to inform care; and

(iii) direct observation.

(8)(a) "Direct clinical supervision" means an applicant for licensure and the applicant's direct clinical supervisor meeting in real time and in accordance with the applicant for licensure's supervision contract as ~~[defined by division rule]~~ the division defines by rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

(b) "Direct clinical supervision" includes group supervision.

(9) "Direct clinical supervisor" means the clinical supervisor who has signed the supervision contract with the applicant for licensure.

- (10) "Direct observation" means observation of an applicant for licensure's live or recorded direct client care:
- (a)(i) by the applicant for licensure's clinical supervisor; or
 - (ii) by a licensee under Subsection (4)(a) who the applicant for licensure's direct clinical supervisor approves; and
 - (b) after which the applicant for licensure and the observer under Subsection (10)(a) meet, in-person or electronically, to discuss the direct client care for the purpose of developing the applicant for licensure's clinical knowledge and skill.
- (11) "FBI Rap Back System" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-10-108.
- (12) "Group supervision" means an applicant for licensure meeting with the applicant's direct clinical supervisor and at least one of the direct clinical supervisor's other supervised applicants for licensure:
- (a) while the clinical supervisor and the applicants:
 - (i) can see and openly communicate with each other; and
 - (ii) are present in the same room or via electronic video; and
 - (b) for the purpose of developing the applicants' clinical knowledge and skill.
- (13) "Hypnosis" means, when referring to individuals exempted from licensure under this chapter, a process by which an individual induces or assists another individual into a hypnotic state without the use of drugs or other substances and for the purpose of increasing motivation or to assist the individual to alter lifestyles or habits.
- (14) "Individual" means a natural person.
- (15) "Mental health therapist" means an individual who is practicing within the scope of practice defined in the individual's respective licensing act and is licensed under this title as:
- (a) a physician and surgeon, or osteopathic physician engaged in the practice of mental health therapy;
 - (b) an advanced practice registered nurse, specializing in psychiatric mental health nursing;
 - (c) an advanced practice registered nurse intern, specializing in psychiatric mental health nursing;
 - (d) a psychologist qualified to engage in the practice of mental health therapy;
 - (e) a certified psychology resident qualifying to engage in the practice of mental health therapy;
 - (f) a physician assistant specializing in mental health care under Section 58-70a-501.1;

- 2921 (g) a clinical social worker;
- 2922 (h) a certified social worker;
- 2923 (i) a marriage and family therapist;
- 2924 (j) an associate marriage and family therapist;
- 2925 (k) a clinical mental health counselor;
- 2926 (l) an associate clinical mental health counselor;
- 2927 (m) a master addiction counselor; or
- 2928 (n) an associate master addiction counselor.
- 2929 (16) "Mental illness" means a mental or emotional condition defined in an approved
- 2930 diagnostic and statistical manual for mental disorders generally recognized in the
- 2931 professions of mental health therapy listed under Subsection (15).
- 2932 (17) "Practice of mental health therapy" means treatment or prevention of another
- 2933 individual's mental illness or emotional disorder, whether in person or remotely,
- 2934 including:
- 2935 (a) conducting a professional evaluation of an individual's condition of mental health,
- 2936 mental illness, or emotional disorder consistent with standards generally recognized
- 2937 in the professions of mental health therapy listed under Subsection (15);
- 2938 (b) establishing a diagnosis in accordance with established written standards generally
- 2939 recognized in the professions of mental health therapy listed under Subsection (15);
- 2940 (c) conveying an opinion as to the validity of an individual's established diagnosis;
- 2941 (d) prescribing a plan for the prevention or treatment of a condition of mental illness or
- 2942 emotional disorder; and
- 2943 (e) engaging in the conduct of professional intervention, including:
- 2944 (i) psychotherapy by the application of established methods and procedures generally
- 2945 recognized in the professions of mental health therapy listed under Subsection (15);
- 2946 and
- 2947 (ii) modes of treatment designed to treat interpersonal dysfunction; and
- 2948 (f) holding oneself out as providing, or has having the skills, experience, or training to
- 2949 competently provide, any of the services described in Subsections (17)(a) through (e).
- 2950 (18) "Remotely" means communicating via [~~Internet~~] internet, telephone, or other electronic
- 2951 means that facilitate real-time audio or visual interaction between individuals when they
- 2952 are not physically present in the same room at the same time.
- 2953 (19) "Unlawful conduct" [~~is as~~] means the same as that term is defined in Sections 58-1-501
- 2954 and 58-60-109.

(20) "Unprofessional conduct" ~~[is-as]~~ means the same as that term is defined in Sections 58-1-501 and 58-60-110, and [may be further defined by division rule] as the division defines by rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

Section 48. Section **58-60-102.5** is amended to read:

58-60-102.5 (Effective 07/01/26). Behavioral Health Board -- Advisory committees.

(1) There is created the Behavioral Health Board consisting of:

(a) no less than six behavioral health care providers licensed in Utah to practice as a:

(i) clinical social worker;

(ii) marriage and family therapist;

(iii) clinical mental health counselor;

(iv) master addiction counselor;

(v) psychologist under Chapter 61, Psychologist Licensing Act; or

(vi) behavior analyst or specialist;

(b) no less than two other behavioral health care providers licensed in Utah to practice as:

(i) a certified social worker;

(ii) a social service worker;

(iii) an associate marriage and family therapist;

(iv) an associate clinical mental health counselor;

(v) an associate master addiction counselor;

(vi) an advanced substance use disorder counselor;

(vii) a substance use disorder counselor;

(viii) a certified psychology resident; or

(ix) an assistant behavior analyst or specialist;

(c) no less than four public members:

(i) who comprise no less than 1/3 of the total membership of the board;

(ii) who are not licensed to practice under:

(A) this chapter; or

(B) Chapter 61, Psychologist Licensing Act;

(iii) two of whom shall, at the time of appointment to the board, hold a leadership position with:

(A) a behavioral health consumer advocacy organization;

(B) a behavioral health employer;

- 2989 (C) a behavioral health payor;
- 2990 (D) an academic institution conducting research related to the behavioral health
- 2991 licenses under Subsection (3)(b), including public health, epidemiology,
- 2992 economics, and the health care workforce;
- 2993 (E) a training institution providing education credentials required for a license
- 2994 under Subsection (3)(b);
- 2995 (F) a licensed health care facility as defined in Section 26B-2-201; or
- 2996 (G) a licensed human services program as defined in Section 26B-2-101;
- 2997 (iv) one of whom the executive director of the Department of Health and Human
- 2998 Services appoints; and
- 2999 (v) one of whom is licensed in Utah to practice as a:
- 3000 (A) physician under Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Chapter 68, Utah
- 3001 Osteopathic Medical Practice Act;
- 3002 (B) physician assistant under Chapter 70a, Utah Physician Assistant Act; or
- 3003 (C) nurse under Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act, or Chapter 31e, Nurse Licensure
- 3004 Compact - Revised.
- 3005 (2) Board members shall be appointed, serve terms, and be compensated in accordance with
- 3006 Section 58-1-201.
- 3007 (3) The board shall:
- 3008 (a) operate in accordance with Section 58-1-202, unless otherwise provided in this
- 3009 section;
- 3010 (b) oversee licenses under:
- 3011 (i) this chapter; and
- 3012 (ii) Chapter 61, [Psychologist] Psychologist Licensing Act;
- 3013 (c) recommend to the appropriate legislative committee statutory changes to:
- 3014 (i) ensure that regulation supports an adequate workforce to meet consumer demand
- 3015 for behavioral health services; and
- 3016 (ii) prevent harm to the health, safety, and financial welfare of the public;
- 3017 (d) recommend to the appropriate legislative committee statutory changes to remove
- 3018 regulations that are no longer necessary or effective in protecting the public and
- 3019 enhancing commerce; and
- 3020 (e) disqualify any member from acting as a presiding officer in any administrative
- 3021 procedure in which that member has previously reviewed the complaint or advised
- 3022 the division.

- (4)(a) There are created the following advisory committees to the board:
- (i) the Qualifications and Professional Development Advisory Committee;
 - (ii) the Background and Investigations Advisory Committee; and
 - (iii) the Probation and Compliance Advisory Committee.
- (b) Each advisory committee shall consist of:
- (i) a committee chair who is a member of the Behavioral Health Board; and
 - ~~[(ii) a member of each profession regulated under this chapter;]~~
 - ~~[(iii) Chapter 61, Psychologist Licensing Act; and]~~
 - ~~[(iv)] (ii) [as determined by the division in rule, additional members from the~~
~~professions licensed under this chapter or Chapter 61, Psychologist Licensing Act.]~~
additional members from the professions licensed under this chapter or Chapter 61,
Psychologist Licensing Act, that the division appoint by rule the division makes in
accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- (c) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (4)(b):
- (i) the Qualifications and Professional Development Advisory Committee shall also consist of an educator for each profession regulated under this chapter and Chapter 61, Psychologist Licensing Act; and
 - (ii) the Background and Investigations Advisory Committee shall also consist of a criminal justice professional.
- (d) The Qualifications and Professional Development Advisory Committee shall:
- (i) advise the division regarding qualifications for licensure, including passing scores for applicant examinations and standards of supervision for students or persons in training to become licensed;
 - (ii) recommend evidence-based ongoing professional development requirements for licensure that:
 - (A) ensure an adequate workforce to meet consumer demand; and
 - (B) prevent harm to the health, safety, and financial welfare of the public;
 - (iii) advise the division on the licensing, renewal, reinstatement, and relicensure of:
 - (A) internationally trained applicants;
 - (B) applicants applying via licensure by endorsement; and
 - (C) applicants applying using an alternate pathway to licensure including a non-exam or equivalent field degree path;
 - (iv) draw on additional profession-specific advisors as needed;
 - (v) make policy recommendations to the board regarding qualifications for licensure

or renewal for a specific profession, including the committee chair assigning at least one committee member licensed under that profession to serve as a subject matter expert; and

- (vi) make recommendations to the board related to an individual applicant for a specific license, including the committee chair assigning at least one committee member licensed under the same profession as the applicant to serve as a subject matter expert.

(e) The Background and Investigations Advisory Committee shall:

- (i) advise the division on establishing criteria for licensure for those with a criminal conviction according to Section 58-1-401;
- (ii) advise the division on establishing criteria for referral to the Utah Professionals Health Program under Chapter 4a, Utah Professionals Health Program;
- (iii) screen applicants with a criminal history for licensing, renewal, reinstatement, and relicensure and recommending licensing, renewal, reinstatement, and relicensure actions to the division;
- (iv) advise the division on investigative practices and procedures and administrative sanctions for consistency and fairness across relevant occupations;
- (v) make recommendations to the board for sanctions against individual licensees [~~and certificate holders~~] and referral to the Utah Professionals Health Program under Chapter 4a, Utah Professionals Health Program;
- (vi) draw on additional profession-specific advisors as needed; and
- (vii) make recommendations to the board related to the disposition for any specific applicant or licensee, including the committee chair assigning at least one committee member licensed under the same profession as the applicant or licensee to serve as a subject matter expert.

(f) The Probation and Compliance Advisory Committee shall:

- (i) review compliance with probationary orders;
- (ii) review early termination and make any recommendations [~~as requested by the board~~] the board may request;
- (iii) advise the board regarding the screening of applicants previously sanctioned for licensing, renewal, reinstatement, and relicensure, including recommending licensing, renewal, reinstatement, and relicensure actions to the board;
- (iv) establish procedures for monitoring sanctioned licensees or certificate holders;
- (v) draw on additional profession-specific advisors as needed; and

- (vi) make recommendations to the board related to the disposition for any specific licensee or certification holder, including the committee chair assigning a committee member licensed under the same profession as the licensee or certification holder to serve as a subject-matter expert related to that disposition.
- (5) The division, in consultation with the board, may establish one or more standing or ad hoc subcommittees to consider and advise the board regarding any aspect of licensing, including:
- (a) client or patient access to qualified licensees;
 - (b) education, examination, and supervision of applicants for licensure;
 - (c) verification of applicant for licensure qualifications;
 - (d) continuing education requirements;
 - (e) alternate pathways to licensure; and
 - (f) probation and recovery assistance.
- (6) The division may consult with licensed psychologists on matters specific to the oversight of doctoral-level licensed psychologists.
- (7) Members of the board and any subcommittees created under this section may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:
- (a) Section 63A-3-106;
 - (b) Section 63A-3-107; and
 - (c) rules made by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
- (8) The division shall consult with the Physicians Licensing Board created in Section 58-67-201 on any matters relating to:
- (a) the licensing of individual certified prescribing psychologists and provisional prescribing psychologists; and
 - (b) rulemaking related to the occupation of prescribing psychology.
- Section 49. Section **58-60-108** is amended to read:
- 58-60-108 (Effective 07/01/26). Grounds for denial of licensure or certification -- Disciplinary proceedings.**
- ~~[(1) Subject to Subsection (2), the division's grounds for refusing to issue a license to an applicant, for refusing to renew the license of a licensee, for revoking, suspending, restricting, or placing on probation the license of a licensee, for issuing a public or private reprimand to a licensee, and for issuing a cease and desist order are under Section 58-1-401.]~~

~~[(2) The division may not refuse, revoke, suspend, or in any way restrict an applicant or licensee's license under this chapter solely because the applicant or licensee seeks or participates in mental health or substance abuse treatment.]~~

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "License" includes a certification issued under this chapter.

(b) "Licensed" includes a person certified under this chapter.

(c) "Licensee" includes a certificate holder under this chapter.

(2) Subject to Subsection (7), the division may take an action described in Section 58-1-401 and in accordance with that section, including refusing to issue or renew a license, or revoking, suspending, restricting, or placing a license on probation, issuing a public or private reprimand, or issuing a cease and desist order.

(3)(a)(i) Subject to Subsection (7), if a court with jurisdiction determines a licensee is incapacitated as defined in Section 75-1-20, or that the licensee has a mental illness as defined in Section 26B-5-301, and is unable to safely engage in practice under this chapter, the director shall immediately suspend the license of the licensee upon the entry of the judgment of the court, without further proceedings under Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, regardless of whether an appeal from the court's ruling is pending.

(ii) The director shall promptly notify the licensee in writing of a suspension under Subsection (3)(a)(i).

(b)(i) If the division and a majority of the board find reasonable cause to believe that a licensee cannot practice under this chapter with reasonable skill and safety to protect a patient due to illness, excessive use of drugs or alcohol, or another mental or physical condition, and a court has not determined that the licensee is incapacitated or has a mental illness, the board shall:

(A) recommend that the director file a petition with the division; and

(B) ensure service of the petition on the licensee together with a notice of hearing limited to the licensee's capacity to competently and safely practice under this chapter.

(ii) Except as provided in Subsection (4), the hearing described in Subsection (3)(b)(i) shall be conducted under Section 58-1-109 and Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.

(4)(a) Every licensee who accepts the privilege of being licensed under this chapter gives consent to:

- 3159 (i) submitting to an immediate mental or physical examination, at the licensee's
3160 expense and by a division-approved practitioner selected by the licensee when
3161 directed in writing by the division and a majority of the board to do so; and
3162 (ii) the admissibility of the reports of the examining practitioner's testimony or
3163 examination, and waives all objections on the ground the reports constitute a
3164 privileged communication.
- 3165 (b) The examination may be ordered by the division, with the consent of a majority of
3166 the board, only upon a finding of reasonable cause to believe:
3167 (i) the licensee has a mental illness, is incapacitated, or otherwise unable to practice
3168 with reasonable skill and safety; and
3169 (ii) immediate action by the division and the board is necessary to prevent harm to
3170 the licensee's patients or the general public.
- 3171 (c)(i) By written order of the director, the division may immediately suspend the
3172 license of a licensee who fails to submit to examination in accordance with this
3173 section.
3174 (ii) The division may enter the order of suspension without further compliance with
3175 Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, unless the division finds the
3176 licensee's failure to submit to examination was due to circumstances beyond the
3177 control of the licensee and unrelated to the illness or incapacity of the licensee.
- 3178 (5)(a) A licensee whose license is suspended under Subsection (3) or (4)(c) may appeal
3179 the suspension within 10 days after the day on which the division suspends the
3180 license.
- 3181 (b) The hearing held under this Subsection (5) shall be conducted in accordance with
3182 Sections 58-1-108 and 58-1-109 for the sole purpose of determining if sufficient
3183 basis exists for the continuance of the order of suspension in order to prevent harm to
3184 the licensee's patients or the general public.
- 3185 (6) A licensee whose license is revoked, suspended, or in any way restricted under this
3186 section may request the division and the board to consider, at reasonable intervals,
3187 evidence presented by the licensee, under procedures the division makes in accordance
3188 with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, regarding change in
3189 the licensee's condition, to determine whether:
3190 (a) the licensee is able to safely and competently engage in the practice under the
3191 licensee's license; and
3192 (b) the licensee is qualified to have the licensee's license to practice under this chapter

3193 partially or completely restored.

3194 (7) The division may not refuse, revoke, suspend, or restrict an applicant or licensee's
 3195 license under this chapter solely because the applicant or licensee seeks or participates in
 3196 mental health or substance abuse treatment.

3197 (8) Section 63G-2-206 may not be construed as limiting the authority of the division to
 3198 report current significant investigative information to the coordinated licensure
 3199 information system for transmission to party states as required of the division by the
 3200 Counseling Compact in Section 58-60a-103 or the Social Work Licensure Compact in
 3201 Section 58-60b-103.

3202 Section 50. Section **58-60-117** is amended to read:

3203 **58-60-117 (Effective 07/01/26). Externship licenses.**

3204 (1) The division shall issue a temporary license under [~~Part 2, Social Worker Licensing Act,~~]
 3205 Part 3, Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Act, or Part 4, Clinical Mental Health
 3206 Counselor Licensing Act, of this chapter to a [~~person who~~] person that:

3207 (a) submits an application for licensure under [~~Part 2, Social Worker Licensing Act,~~]
 3208 Part 3, Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Act, or Part 4, Clinical Mental
 3209 Health Counselor Licensing Act;

3210 (b) pays a fee [~~determined by the department under~~] the division determines in
 3211 accordance with Section 63J-1-504;

3212 (c) holds an earned doctoral degree or master's degree in a discipline that is a
 3213 prerequisite for practice as a mental health therapist;

3214 (d) has a deficiency, as [~~defined by division rule~~] the division defines by rule the
 3215 division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
 3216 Rulemaking Act, in course work;

3217 (e) provides mental health therapy as an employee of a public or private organization,
 3218 which provides mental health therapy, while under the supervision of a person
 3219 licensed under this chapter; and

3220 (f) has no disciplinary action pending or in effect against the applicant in connection
 3221 with the practice of mental health therapy, in any jurisdiction.

3222 (2) A temporary license issued under this section shall expire upon the earlier of:

3223 (a) issuance of the license applied for; or

3224 (b) unless the deadline is extended for good cause as [~~determined by the division~~] the
 3225 division determines, three years from the date the temporary license was issued.

3226 (3) The temporary license issued under this section is an externship license.

Section 51. Section **58-60-207** is amended to read:

58-60-207 (Effective 07/01/26). Scope of practice -- Limitations.

- (1) A clinical social worker may engage in all acts and practices defined as the practice of clinical social work without supervision, in private and independent practice, or as an employee of another person, limited only by the licensee's education, training, and competence.
- (2) To the extent an individual is professionally prepared by the education and training track completed while earning a master's or doctor of social work degree, a licensed certified social worker may engage in all acts and practices defined as the practice of certified social work consistent with the licensee's education, clinical training, experience, and competence:
 - (a) under supervision of an individual described in Subsection 58-60-205(2)(d)(ii) and as an employee of another person when engaged in the practice of mental health therapy;
 - (b) without supervision and in private and independent practice or as an employee of another person, if not engaged in the practice of mental health therapy;
 - (c) including engaging in the private, independent, unsupervised practice of social work as a self-employed individual, in partnership with other mental health therapists, as a professional corporation, or in any other capacity or business entity, so long as [he] the individual does not practice unsupervised psychotherapy; and
 - (d) supervising social service workers as [~~provided by division rule~~] the division provides by rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

Section 52. Section **58-60-405** is amended to read:

58-60-405 (Effective 07/01/26). Qualifications for licensure.

- (1) An applicant for licensure as a clinical mental health counselor shall:
 - (a) submit an application on a form the division approves;
 - (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
 - (c) produce certified transcripts evidencing completion of:
 - (i) a master's or doctorate degree conferred to the applicant in:
 - (A) clinical mental health counseling, clinical rehabilitation counseling, counselor education and supervision from a program accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs; or
 - (B) clinical mental health counseling or an equivalent field from a program affiliated with an institution that has accreditation that is recognized by the

- 3261 Council for Higher Education Accreditation; and
- 3262 (ii) at least 60 semester credit hours or 90 quarter credit hours of coursework related
- 3263 to an educational program described in Subsection (1)(c)(i);
- 3264 (d) if required under federal law for any licensee as a clinical mental health counselor to
- 3265 qualify as an eligible professional under CMS rules for Medicare payment, document
- 3266 completion of:
- 3267 (i) not less than 3,000 hours of clinical supervision, which includes hours accrued
- 3268 under Subsection (1)(e); or
- 3269 (ii) not less than two years of clinical supervision;
- 3270 (e) document successful completion of not less than 1,200 direct client care hours:
- 3271 (i) obtained after completion of the education requirements under Subsection (1)(c);
- 3272 (ii) subject to Subsection (1)(e)(iii), not less than 100 of which are direct clinical
- 3273 supervision hours under the supervision of a clinical supervisor;
- 3274 (iii) not less than 25 of which are direct observation hours; and
- 3275 (iv) not more than 25 of which are group supervision hours concurrently with more
- 3276 than one other applicant for licensure;
- 3277 (f) document successful completion of not less than two hours of training in suicide
- 3278 prevention obtained after completion of the education requirements under Subsection
- 3279 (1)(c) via a course that the division designates as approved;
- 3280 (g)(i) pass the examination requirement the division establishes by rule under Section
- 3281 58-1-203; or
- 3282 (ii) satisfy the following requirements:
- 3283 (A) document at least one examination attempt that did not result in a passing
- 3284 score;
- 3285 (B) document successful completion of not less than 500 additional direct client
- 3286 care hours, not less than 25 of which are direct clinical supervision hours, and
- 3287 not less than five of which are direct observation hours by a clinical supervisor;
- 3288 (C) submit to the division a recommendation letter from the applicant's direct
- 3289 clinical supervisor; and
- 3290 (D) submit to the division a recommendation letter from another licensed mental
- 3291 health therapist who has directly observed the applicant's direct client care
- 3292 hours and who is not the applicant's direct clinical supervisor; and
- 3293 (h)(i) consent to, and complete, a criminal background check, described in Section
- 3294 58-1-301.5;

- (ii) meet any other standard related to the criminal background check described in Subsection (1)(h)(i), that the division establishes by rule in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
- (iii) disclose any criminal history the division requests on a form the division approves.

- (2) An applicant for licensure as an associate clinical mental health counselor shall comply with the provisions of Subsections (1)(a) through ~~[(e)]~~ (1)(c) and ~~[(h)]~~ (1)(h).
- (3) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(c), an applicant satisfies the education requirement described in Subsection (1)(c) if the applicant submits documentation verifying:
 - (a) satisfactory completion of a doctoral or master's degree from an educational program in rehabilitation counseling accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs;
 - (b) satisfactory completion of at least 60 semester credit hours or 90 quarter credit hours of coursework related to an educational program described in Subsection (1)(c)(i); and
 - (c) that the applicant received a passing score ~~[that is valid and in good standing on:]~~ on the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination.
 - ~~[(i) the National Counselor Examination; and]~~
 - ~~[(ii) the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination.]~~

Section 53. Section **58-60-502** is amended to read:

58-60-502 (Effective 07/01/26). Definitions.

~~[In addition to the definitions in Sections 58-1-102 and 58-60-102, as]~~ As used in this part:

- (1)(a) "Counseling" means a collaborative process that facilitates the client's progress toward mutually determined treatment goals and objectives.
- (b) "Counseling" includes:
 - (i) methods that are sensitive to an individual client's characteristics, to the influence of significant others, and to the client's cultural and social context; and
 - (ii) an understanding, appreciation, and ability to appropriately use the contributions of various addiction counseling models as the counseling models apply to modalities of care for individuals, groups, families, couples, and significant others.
- (2) "Direct supervision" means:
 - (a) a minimum of one hour of supervision by a supervisor of the substance use disorder counselor for every 40 hours of client care provided by the substance use disorder

- 3329 counselor, which supervision may include group supervision;
- 3330 (b) the supervision is conducted in a face-to-face manner, unless ~~[otherwise approved on~~
3331 ~~a case-by-case basis by the division in collaboration with the board]~~ the division
3332 otherwise approves in collaboration with the board; and
- 3333 (c) a supervisor is available for consultation with the counselor at all times.
- 3334 (3) "General supervision" shall be defined by division rule the division makes in
3335 accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- 3336 (4) "Group supervision" means more than one counselor licensed under this part meets with
3337 the supervisor at the same time.
- 3338 (5) "Individual supervision" means only one counselor licensed under this part meets with
3339 the supervisor at a given time.
- 3340 (6) "Practice as an advanced substance use disorder counselor" means:
- 3341 (a) providing the services described in Subsections (9)(a) and (b);
- 3342 (b) screening and assessing of individuals, including identifying substance use disorder
3343 symptoms and behaviors and co-occurring mental health issues;
- 3344 (c) treatment planning for substance use disorders, including initial planning, reviewing
3345 and updating treatment plans for substance use disorders, ongoing intervention,
3346 continuity of care, discharge planning, planning for relapse prevention, and long term
3347 recovery support;
- 3348 (d) supervising a substance use disorder counselor in accordance with Subsection
3349 58-60-508(2); and
- 3350 (e) conducting supportive counseling and psychosocial education for substance use
3351 disorders and co-occurring mental health disorders, including:
- 3352 (i) providing individual and group support;
- 3353 (ii) providing individual and group psychosocial education; and
- 3354 (iii) providing manualized therapeutic interventions if:
- 3355 (A) conducted under the supervision of a mental health therapist;
- 3356 (B) for the treatment of mild to moderate behavioral health symptoms or
3357 disorders, as ~~[diagnosed by]~~ a mental health therapist diagnoses; and
- 3358 (C) consistent with the client's treatment plan ~~[approved by a]~~ that a mental health
3359 therapist approves.
- 3360 (7) "Practice as a master addiction counselor" means the practice of mental health therapy
3361 by means of observation, description, evaluation, interpretation, intervention, and
3362 treatment to effect modification of human behavior~~[by]~~:

(a) by the application of generally recognized substance use disorder counseling and addiction counseling principles, methods, and procedures for the purpose of preventing, treating, or eliminating mental or emotional illness or dysfunction, symptoms of any of these, or maladaptive behavior; and

(b) under the supervision of an advanced substance use disorder counselor or a substance use disorder counselor.

(8) "Practice as an associate master addiction counselor" means the same as the practice as a master addiction counselor, except while under the supervision of a clinical supervisor.

(9)(a) "Practice as a substance use disorder counselor" means providing services as an employee of a substance use disorder agency under the general supervision of a licensed mental health therapist to individuals or groups of persons, whether in person or remotely, for conditions of substance use disorders consistent with the education and training of a substance use disorder counselor required under this part, and the standards and ethics of the profession as ~~[approved by the division]~~ the division approves in collaboration with the board.

(b) "Practice as a substance use disorder counselor" includes:

(i) administering the screening process by which a client is determined to need substance use disorder services, which may include screening, brief intervention, and treatment referral;

(ii) conducting the administrative intake procedures for admission to a program;

(iii) conducting orientation of a client, including:

(A) describing the general nature and goals of the program;

(B) explaining rules governing client conduct and infractions that can lead to disciplinary action or discharge from the program;

(C) explaining hours during which services are available in a nonresidential program;

(D) treatment costs to be borne by the client, if any; and

(E) describing the client's rights as a program participant;

(iv) conducting assessment procedures by which a substance use disorder counselor gathers information related to an individual's strengths, weaknesses, needs, and substance use disorder symptoms for the development of the treatment plan;

(v) participating in the process of treatment planning, including recommending specific interventions to support existing treatment goals and objectives developed by the substance use disorder counselor, the mental health therapist, and the client

- 3397 to:
- 3398 (A) identify and rank problems needing resolution;
- 3399 (B) establish agreed upon immediate and long term goals; and
- 3400 (C) decide on a treatment process and the resources to be utilized;
- 3401 (vi) monitoring compliance with treatment plan progress;
- 3402 (vii) providing substance use disorder counseling services to alcohol and drug use
- 3403 disorder clients and significant people in the client's life as part of a
- 3404 comprehensive treatment plan, including:
- 3405 (A) leading specific task-oriented groups, didactic groups, and group discussions;
- 3406 (B) cofacilitating group therapy with a licensed mental health therapist; and
- 3407 (C) engaging in one-on-one interventions and interactions coordinated by a mental
- 3408 health therapist;
- 3409 (viii) performing case management activities that bring services, agencies, resources,
- 3410 or people together within a planned framework of action toward the achievement
- 3411 of established goals, including, when appropriate, liaison activities and collateral
- 3412 contacts;
- 3413 (ix) providing substance use disorder crisis intervention services;
- 3414 (x) providing client education to individuals and groups concerning alcohol and other
- 3415 substance use disorders, including identification and description of available
- 3416 treatment services and resources;
- 3417 (xi) identifying the needs of the client that cannot be met by the substance use
- 3418 disorder counselor or substance use disorder agency and referring the client to
- 3419 appropriate services and community resources;
- 3420 (xii) developing and providing effective reporting and recordkeeping procedures and
- 3421 services, which include charting the results of the assessment and treatment plan,
- 3422 writing reports, progress notes, discharge summaries, and other client-related data;
- 3423 and
- 3424 (xiii) consulting with other professionals in regard to client treatment and services to
- 3425 assure comprehensive quality care for the client.
- 3426 (c) "Practice as a substance use disorder counselor" does not include:
- 3427 (i) the diagnosing of mental illness, including substance use disorders, as defined in
- 3428 Section 58-60-102;
- 3429 (ii) engaging in the practice of mental health therapy as defined in Section 58-60-102;
- 3430 or

- (iii) the performance of a substance use disorder diagnosis, other mental illness diagnosis, or psychological testing.
- (10) "Program" means a substance use disorder agency that provides substance use disorder services, including recovery support services.
- (11) "Recovery support services" means services provided to an individual who is identified as having need of substance use disorder preventive or treatment services, either before, during, or after an episode of care that meets the level of care standards [~~established by division rule~~] the division makes by rule in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- (12) "Substance use disorder agency" means a public or private agency, health care facility, or health care practice that:
- (a) provides substance use disorder services, recovery support services, primary health care services, or substance use disorder preventive services; and
 - (b) employs qualified mental health therapists in sufficient number to:
 - (i) evaluate the condition of clients being treated by each counselor licensed under this part and employed by the substance use disorder agency; and
 - (ii) ensure that appropriate substance use disorder services are being given.
- (13) "Substance use disorder education program" means a formal program of substance use disorder education offered by an accredited institution of higher education that meets standards [~~established by division rule~~] the division makes by rule in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- Section 54. Section **58-60-506** is amended to read:
- 58-60-506 (Effective 07/01/26). Qualifications for licensure.**
- (1) Subject to Subsection (2), an applicant for licensure as master addiction counselor based on education, training, and experience shall:
- (a) submit an application on a form the division approves;
 - (b) pay a fee [~~determined by the department under~~] the division determines in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;
 - (c) document successful completion of not less than two hours of training in suicide prevention obtained after completion of the education requirements under Subsection (1)(d) via a course that the division designates as approved;
 - (d) produce a certified transcript from an accredited institution of higher education that meets standards [~~established by division rule under~~] the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, and in accordance

- 3465 with Section 58-1-203, verifying the satisfactory completion of:
- 3466 (i) a doctoral or master's degree in:
- 3467 (A) substance use disorders or addiction counseling and treatment; or
- 3468 (B) a counseling subject [~~approved by the division~~] the division approves in
- 3469 collaboration with the board, which may include social work, mental health
- 3470 counseling, marriage and family therapy, psychology, or medicine;
- 3471 (ii) an associate's degree or higher, or 18 credit hours, in substance use disorder or
- 3472 addiction counseling and treatment from a regionally accredited institution of
- 3473 higher education;
- 3474 (e) if required under federal law for any licensee as a master addiction counselor to
- 3475 qualify as an eligible professional under CMS rules for Medicare payment, document
- 3476 completion of:
- 3477 (i) not less than 3,000 hours of clinical supervision, which includes hours accrued
- 3478 under Subsection (1)(g); or
- 3479 (ii) not less than two years of clinical supervision;
- 3480 (f) document successful completion of not less than 1,200 direct client care hours:
- 3481 (i) obtained after completion of the education requirements under Subsection (1)(d)(ii);
- 3482 (ii) subject to Subsection (1)(f)(iii), not less than 100 of which are direct clinical
- 3483 supervision hours under the supervision of a clinical supervisor;
- 3484 (iii) not less than 25 of which are direct observation hours; and
- 3485 (iv) not more than 25 of which are group supervision hours concurrently with more
- 3486 than one other applicant for licensure;
- 3487 (g) if the applicant for licensure produces a transcript described in Subsection (1)(d)(ii),
- 3488 evidence completion of an additional 200 hours of direct client care hours in
- 3489 substance use disorder or addiction treatment;
- 3490 (h)(i) pass the examination requirement the division [~~establishes~~] makes by rule [~~under~~]
- 3491 in accordance with Section 58-1-203; or
- 3492 (ii) satisfy the following requirements:
- 3493 (A) document at least one examination attempt that did not result in a passing
- 3494 score;
- 3495 (B) document successful completion of not less than 500 additional direct client
- 3496 care hours, not less than 25 of which are direct clinical supervision hours, and
- 3497 not less than five of which are direct observation hours by a clinical supervisor;
- 3498 (C) submit to the division a recommendation letter from the applicant's direct

- 3499 clinical supervisor; and
- 3500 (D) submit to the division a recommendation letter from another licensed mental
- 3501 health therapist who has directly observed the applicant's direct client care
- 3502 hours and who is not the applicant's direct clinical supervisor; and
- 3503 (i)(i) consent to, and complete, a criminal background check, described in Section
- 3504 58-1-301.5;
- 3505 (ii) meet any other standard related to the criminal background check described in
- 3506 Subsection (1)(i)(i), that the division [~~establishes~~] makes by rule in accordance
- 3507 with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
- 3508 (iii) disclose any criminal history the division requests on a form the division
- 3509 approves.
- 3510 (2) In lieu of the requirements under Subsections (1)(d) through (i), an applicant for
- 3511 licensure as master addiction counselor may document current certification in good
- 3512 standing as:
- 3513 (a) a master addiction counselor by the National Certification Commission for Addiction
- 3514 Professionals;
- 3515 (b) a master addiction counselor by the National Board for Certified Counselors; or
- 3516 (c) an equivalent certification as under Subsections (2)(a) and (b), [~~as determined in rule~~
- 3517 ~~made by the division in collaboration with the board~~] the division determines by rule
- 3518 the division makes in collaboration with the board, and in accordance with Title 63G,
- 3519 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- 3520 (3) An applicant for licensure as an associate master addiction counselor shall satisfy the
- 3521 requirements under Subsections (1)(a) through [~~(e)~~] (1)(c) and [~~(f)~~] (1)(i).
- 3522 (4) Subject to Subsection (5), an applicant for licensure as an advanced substance use
- 3523 disorder counselor shall:
- 3524 (a) submit an application on a form the division approves;
- 3525 (b) pay a fee [~~determined by the department under~~] the division determines in accordance
- 3526 with Section 63J-1-504; [and]
- 3527 (c) document successful completion of at least two hours of training in suicide
- 3528 prevention obtained after completion of the education requirements under Subsection
- 3529 (4)(d) via a course that the division designates as approved; and
- 3530 [~~(e)~~] (d)(i) produce certified transcripts verifying satisfactory completion of:
- 3531 (A) a bachelor's degree or higher, from a regionally accredited institution of
- 3532 higher learning, in substance use disorders, addiction, or related counseling

subjects, including social work, mental health counseling, marriage and family counseling, or psychology; or

(B) two academic years of study in a master's of addiction counseling curriculum and practicum approved by the National Addictions Studies Accreditation Commission;

(ii) document completion of at least 500 hours of supervised experience while licensed as a substance use disorder counselor under this section, which the applicant may complete while completing the education requirements under Subsection ~~[(4)(e)(i)]~~ (1)(d)(i); and

(iii) satisfy examination requirements ~~[established by the division in rule]~~ the division makes by rule in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

(5) An applicant for licensure as an advanced substance use disorder counselor may satisfy the requirements of Subsection ~~[(4)(e)]~~ (4)(d) by providing official verification of current certification in good standing:

(a)(i) as a National Certified Addiction Counselor Level II (NCAC II) from the National Certification Commission for Addiction Professionals (NCC AP); or

(ii) as an Advanced Alcohol & Drug Counselor (AADC), from the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium; or

(b) of substantive equivalence to the certifications under Subsection (5)(a), as [~~determined by division rule made in consultation with the board~~] the division determines by rule the division makes in collaboration with the board, and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

(6) In accordance with division rules, an applicant for licensure as a substance use disorder counselor shall produce:

(a) certified transcripts from an accredited institution that:

(i) meet division standards; and

(ii) verify the completion of prerequisite courses ~~[established by division rules]~~ the division requires by rule in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and

(b) documentation of the applicant's completion of a substance use disorder education program that includes:

~~[(i) completion of at least 200 hours of substance use disorder related education;]~~

~~[(ii)]~~ (i) ~~[included in the 200 hours described in Subsection (6)(b)(i),]~~ a minimum of

3567 two hours of training in suicide prevention via a course that the division
3568 designates as approved; and

3569 [(iii)] (ii) completion of a supervised practicum[~~of at least 200 hours~~].

3570 Section 55. Section **58-60-508** is amended to read:

3571 **58-60-508 (Effective 07/01/26). Substance use disorder counselor supervisor's**
3572 **qualifications -- Functions.**

3573 (1) A mental health therapist supervisor of a substance use disorder counselor shall:

3574 (a) be qualified by education or experience to treat substance use disorders;

3575 (b) be currently working in the substance use disorder treatment field;

3576 (c) review substance use disorder counselor assessment procedures and
3577 recommendations;

3578 (d) provide substance use disorder diagnosis and other mental health diagnoses in
3579 accordance with Subsection 58-60-102(7);

3580 (e) supervise the development of a treatment plan;

3581 (f) approve the treatment plan; and

3582 (g) provide direct supervision for not more than six persons, unless granted an exception
3583 in writing from the board and the division.

3584 (2) A licensed advanced substance use disorder counselor may act as the supervisor of a [
3585 ~~certified~~] licensed substance use disorder counselor[, ~~certified substance use disorder~~
3586 ~~counselor intern, certified advanced substance use disorder counselor, or certified~~
3587 ~~advanced substance use disorder counselor intern~~] if the licensed advanced substance
3588 use disorder counselor:

3589 (a) has at least two years of experience as a licensed advanced substance use disorder
3590 counselor;

3591 (b) is currently working in the substance use disorder field; and

3592 (c) provides direct supervision for no more than six individuals, unless granted an
3593 exception in writing from the board and the division.

3594 Section 56. Section **58-60-601** is amended to read:

3595 **58-60-601 (Effective 07/01/26). Definitions.**

3596 As used in this part:

3597 (1) "Health care facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-2-201.

3598 (2) "Human services program" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-2-101.

3599 (3) "Practice of mental health therapy" means the same as that term is defined in Section
3600 58-60-102.

- (4) "Practice as a behavioral health coach" means, subject to Subsection (5), providing services as an employee of a substance use disorder or mental health agency, and working under the general supervision of a mental health therapist and includes:
- (a) providing services under the definition of practice as a behavioral health technician in Subsection (6);
 - (b) conducting administrative and care coordination activities, including:
 - (i) providing targeted case management;
 - (ii) providing care navigation services, including:
 - (A) connecting individuals to behavioral health resources and social services; and
 - (B) facilitating communication with other behavioral health providers;
 - (iii) providing referrals and crisis referrals, including:
 - (A) engaging in warm handoffs with other behavioral health providers; and
 - (B) adhering to a standardized protocol in responding to a crisis or risk of crisis within a behavioral health facility, program, or other entity;
 - (iv) providing additional support to other behavioral health providers, facilities, programs, and entities, including:
 - (A) conducting administrative activities; and
 - (B) extending non-clinical behavioral health support; and
 - (v) providing discharge, post-treatment referral, and non-clinical after-care services;
 - (c) conducting patient assessment, monitoring, and planning activities, including:
 - (i) conducting non-clinical psychosocial assessments and screenings;
 - (ii) conducting collaborative planning, care planning, and goal setting;
 - (iii) gathering information to inform a mental health therapist's:
 - (A) diagnostic evaluations;
 - (B) initial treatment plans; and
 - (C) treatment plan reviews and updates;
 - (iv) monitoring client progress and tracking outcomes to inform a mental health therapist's:
 - (A) diagnostic evaluations; and
 - (B) treatment plan reviews and updates;
 - (v) assisting in drafting initial treatment plans by gathering information on a client's history and demographics, only:
 - (A) in the treatment of clients with mild to moderate behavioral health symptoms or disorders, as assessed or diagnosed by a mental health therapist, and as [

- 3635 ~~defined by the division in rule]~~ the division defines by rule the division makes
3636 in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
- 3637 (B) with completion of the treatment plan by a mental health therapist after
3638 assessing the client before treatment begins; and
- 3639 (C) at the discretion of and with prior documented authorization from a licensed
3640 health care facility, or from a licensed human services program; and
- 3641 (vi) assisting in the information gathering process of reviewing and updating
3642 treatment goals, only:
- 3643 (A) in the treatment of clients with mild to moderate behavioral health symptoms
3644 or disorders, as assessed or diagnosed by a mental health therapist;
- 3645 (B) with completion of the treatment plan from a mental health therapist after
3646 assessing the client before subsequent treatment begins; and
- 3647 (C) at the discretion of and with prior documented authorization from a licensed
3648 health facility or a licensed human service program; and
- 3649 (d) conducting intervention and treatment activities, including:
- 3650 (i) providing psychosocial education groups related to behavioral health literacy,
3651 wellness education and promotion, goal setting, life skills, and coping skills;
- 3652 (ii) providing other interventions to enhance client social skills, emotional
3653 well-being, and overall functioning, including:
- 3654 (A) supportive consultations;
- 3655 (B) habilitation services; and
- 3656 (C) activity-based programs;
- 3657 (iii) providing evidence-based, manualized interventions, only:
- 3658 (A) under the supervision of a mental health therapist;
- 3659 (B) in the treatment of mild to moderate behavioral health symptoms or disorders,
3660 as assessed or diagnosed by a mental health therapist, and as the division
3661 defines by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
3662 Administrative Rulemaking Act; [and]
- 3663 (C) according to a treatment plan reviewed and signed by a mental health therapist
3664 after assessing the client before treatment begins; [and] and
- 3665 (D) at the discretion of and with prior documented authorization from a licensed
3666 health care facility, or from a licensed human services program; and
- 3667 (iv) co-facilitating group therapy with a mental health therapist.
- 3668 (5) "Practice as a behavioral health coach" does not include engaging in the practice of

3669 mental health therapy.

3670 (6)(a) "Practice as a behavioral health technician" means working under the general
3671 supervision of a mental health therapist and includes:

3672 (i) supporting administrative and care coordination activities, including:

3673 (A) maintaining accurate and confidential client records, progress notes, and
3674 incident reports, in compliance with applicable legal and ethical standards; and

3675 (B) assisting in discharge, referral, and after-care documentation, coordination,
3676 and administration;

3677 (ii) supporting patient non-clinical assessment, monitoring, and care planning
3678 activities, including:

3679 (A) collecting intake and non-clinical psychosocial assessment information;

3680 (B) gathering information to support diagnostic and treatment planning activities
3681 conducted by a mental health therapist; and

3682 (C) observing, documenting, and reporting on client behaviors, treatment
3683 interventions, progress, and outcomes to a mental health therapist;

3684 (iii) supporting intervention and treatment activities, including:

3685 (A) supporting licensed professionals in implementing interventions designed to
3686 address behavioral health issues;

3687 (B) facilitating psychoeducational groups or activities, development skills or
3688 activities, or social support groups or activities to enhance client social skills,
3689 emotional well-being, and overall functioning;

3690 (C) providing education and support to clients and their families on behavioral
3691 health issues, treatment options, and community resources;

3692 (D) implementing behavioral management strategies including de-escalation
3693 techniques and crisis intervention as needed; and

3694 (E) implementing crisis intervention strategies in accordance with established
3695 protocols, and ensuring the safety and well-being of clients during emergencies.

3696 (b) "Practice as a behavioral health technician" does not include:

3697 (i) engaging in the practice of mental health therapy; or

3698 (ii) serving as a designated examiner.

3699 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, no behavioral health coach is
3700 authorized to practice outside of or beyond ~~[his or her]~~ the behavioral health coach's area
3701 of training, experience, or competence.

3702 (8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, no behavioral health technician is

authorized to practice outside of or beyond ~~[his or her]~~ the behavioral health technician's area of training, experience, or competence.

Section 57. Section **58-61-102** is amended to read:

58-61-102 (Effective 07/01/26). Definitions.

~~[In addition to the definitions in Section 58-1-102, as]~~ As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Board" means the Behavioral Health Board created in Section 58-60-102.5.
- (2) "Client" or "patient" means an individual who ~~[consults or is examined or interviewed by]~~ a psychologist, acting in ~~[his]~~ a professional capacity, consults, examines, or interviews.
- (3) "Confidential communication" means information, including information obtained by the psychologist's examination of the client or patient, which is:
 - (a)(i) transmitted between the client or patient and a psychologist in the course of that relationship; or
 - (ii) transmitted among the client or patient, the psychologist, and individuals who are participating in the diagnosis or treatment under the direction of the psychologist, including members of the client's or patient's family; and
 - (b) made in confidence, for the diagnosis or treatment of the client or patient by the psychologist, and by a means not intended to be disclosed to third persons other than those individuals:
 - (i) present to further the interest of the client or patient in the consultation, examination, or interview;
 - (ii) reasonably necessary for the transmission of the communications; or
 - (iii) participating in the diagnosis and treatment of the client or patient under the direction of the psychologist.
- (4) "Hypnosis" means, regarding individuals exempted from licensure under this chapter, a process by which one individual induces or assists another individual into a hypnotic state without the use of drugs or other substances and for the purpose of increasing motivation or to assist the individual to alter lifestyles or habits.
- (5) "Individual" means a natural person.
- (6) "Mental health therapist" means an individual licensed under this title as a:
 - (a) physician and surgeon, or osteopathic physician engaged in the practice of mental health therapy;
 - (b) an advanced practice registered nurse, specializing in psychiatric mental health nursing;

- 3737 (c) an advanced practice registered nurse intern, specializing in psychiatric mental health
3738 nursing;
- 3739 (d) psychologist qualified to engage in the practice of mental health therapy;
- 3740 (e) a certified psychology resident qualifying to engage in the practice of mental health
3741 therapy;
- 3742 (f) clinical social worker;
- 3743 (g) certified social worker;
- 3744 (h) marriage and family therapist;
- 3745 (i) an associate marriage and family therapist;
- 3746 (j) a clinical mental health counselor; or
- 3747 (k) an associate clinical mental health counselor.
- 3748 (7) "Mental illness" means a mental or emotional condition defined in an approved
3749 diagnostic and statistical manual for mental disorders generally recognized in the
3750 professions of mental health therapy listed under Subsection (6).
- 3751 (8) "Practice of mental health therapy" means the treatment or prevention of mental illness,
3752 whether in person or remotely, including:
- 3753 (a) conducting a professional evaluation of an individual's condition of mental health,
3754 mental illness, or emotional disorder;
- 3755 (b) establishing a diagnosis in accordance with established written standards generally
3756 recognized in the professions of mental health therapy listed under Subsection (6);
- 3757 (c) prescribing a plan for the prevention or treatment of a condition of mental illness or
3758 emotional disorder; and
- 3759 (d) engaging in the conduct of professional intervention, including psychotherapy by the
3760 application of established methods and procedures generally recognized in the
3761 professions of mental health therapy listed under Subsection (6).
- 3762 (9)(a) "Practice of psychology" includes:
- 3763 (i) the practice of mental health therapy by means of observation, description,
3764 evaluation, interpretation, intervention, and treatment to effect modification of
3765 human behavior by the application of generally recognized professional
3766 psychological principles, methods, and procedures for the purpose of preventing,
3767 treating, or eliminating mental or emotional illness or dysfunction, the symptoms
3768 of any of these, or maladaptive behavior;
- 3769 (ii) the observation, description, evaluation, interpretation, or modification of human
3770 behavior by the application of generally recognized professional principles,

methods, or procedures requiring the education, training, and clinical experience of a psychologist, for the purpose of assessing, diagnosing, preventing, or eliminating symptomatic, maladaptive, or undesired behavior and of enhancing interpersonal relationships, work and life adjustment, personal effectiveness, behavioral health, and mental health;

(iii) psychological testing and the evaluation or assessment of personal characteristics such as intelligence, personality, abilities, interests, aptitudes, and neuropsychological functioning;

(iv) counseling, marriage and family therapy, psychoanalysis, psychotherapy, hypnosis, and behavior analysis and therapy;

(v) diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders of disability, alcoholism and substance abuse, disorders of habit or conduct, and the psychological aspects of physical illness, accident, injury, or disability; and

(vi) psychoeducational evaluation, therapy, remediation, and consultation.

(b) An individual practicing psychology may provide services to individuals, couples, families, groups of individuals, members of the public, and individuals or groups within organizations or institutions.

(10) "Remotely" means communicating via ~~[Internet]~~ internet, telephone, or other electronic means that facilitate real-time audio or visual interaction between individuals when they are not physically present in the same room at the same time.

(11) "Unlawful conduct" ~~[is-as]~~ means the same as that term is defined in Sections 58-1-501 and 58-61-501.

(12) "Unprofessional conduct" ~~[is-as]~~ means the same as that term is defined in Sections 58-1-501 and 58-61-502, and [may be further defined by division rule] as the division defines by rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

Section 58. Section **58-61-301** is amended to read:

58-61-301 (Effective 07/01/26). Licensure required -- Certifications.

(1)(a) A license is required to engage in the practice of psychology, except as specifically provided in Section 58-1-307.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection 58-1-307(1)(c) an individual shall be certified under this chapter as a psychology resident in order to engage in a residency program of supervised clinical training necessary to meet licensing requirements as a psychologist under this chapter.

(2) The division shall issue to an individual who qualifies under this chapter:

(a) a license in the classification of:

(i) psychologist;

(ii) certified psychology resident; ~~[and]~~ or

(iii) licensed school psychological practitioner; ~~[and]~~ or

(b) a certification in the classification of:

(i) certified prescribing psychologist; ~~[and]~~ or

(ii) provisional prescribing psychologist.

Section 59. Section **58-61-307** is amended to read:

58-61-307 (Effective 07/01/26). Exemptions from licensure.

(1) Except as modified in Section 58-61-301, the exemptions from licensure in Section 58-1-307 apply to this chapter.

(2) In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Section 58-1-307, the following when practicing within the scope of the license held, may engage in acts included within the definition of practice as a psychologist, subject to the stated circumstances and limitations, without being licensed under this chapter:

(a) a physician and surgeon or osteopathic physician licensed under Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act;

(b) a registered psychiatric mental health nurse specialist licensed under Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act;

(c) a recognized member of the clergy while functioning in ~~[his]~~ a ministerial capacity as long as ~~[he]~~ the individual does not represent ~~[himself-as]~~ that the individual is a psychologist or use the title of psychologist;

(d) an individual who is offering expert testimony in any proceeding before a court, administrative hearing, deposition upon the order of any court or other body having power to order the deposition, or proceedings before any master, referee, or alternative dispute resolution provider;

(e) an individual engaged in performing hypnosis who is not licensed under this title in a profession which includes hypnosis in its scope of practice, and who:

(i)(A) induces a hypnotic state in a client for the purpose of increasing motivation or altering lifestyles or habits, such as eating or smoking, through hypnosis;

(B) consults with a client to determine current motivation and behavior patterns;

(C) prepares the client to enter hypnotic states by explaining how hypnosis works and what the client will experience;

- (D) tests clients to determine degrees of suggestibility;
- (E) applies hypnotic techniques based on interpretation of consultation results and analysis of client's motivation and behavior patterns; and
- (F) trains clients in self-hypnosis conditioning;
- (ii) may not:
- (A) engage in the practice of mental health therapy;
- (B) represent himself using the title of a license classification in Subsection 58-60-102(5); or
- (C) use hypnosis with or treat a medical, psychological, or dental condition defined in generally recognized diagnostic and statistical manuals of medical, psychological, or dental disorders;
- (f) an individual's exemption from licensure under Subsection 58-1-307(1)(b) terminates when the student's training is no longer supervised by qualified faculty or staff and the activities are no longer a defined part of the degree program;
- (g) an individual holding an earned doctoral degree in psychology who is employed by an accredited institution of higher education and who conducts research and teaches in that individual's professional field, but only if the individual does not engage in providing delivery or supervision of professional services regulated under this chapter to individuals or groups regardless of whether there is compensation for the services;
- (h) any individual who was employed as a psychologist by a state, county, or municipal agency or other political subdivision of the state prior to July 1, 1981, and who subsequently has maintained employment as a psychologist in the same state, county, or municipal agency or other political subdivision while engaged in the performance of [his] the individual's official duties for that agency or political subdivision;
- (i) an individual licensed as a school psychologist under Section 53E-6-201:
- (i) may ~~represent himself as and~~ use the terms "school psychologist" or "licensed school psychologist"; and
- (ii) ~~[is restricted in his practice to employment]~~ may only practice within settings authorized by the State Board of Education;
- (j) an individual providing advice or counsel to another individual in a setting of ~~[their association as friends]~~ friendship, or relatives and in a nonprofessional and noncommercial relationship, if there is no compensation paid for the advice or counsel; and

(k) an individual who is licensed, in good standing, to practice mental health therapy in a state or territory of the United States outside of Utah may provide short term transitional mental health therapy remotely to a client in Utah only if:

(i) the individual is present in the state or territory where the individual is licensed to practice mental health therapy;

(ii) the client relocates to Utah;

(iii) the client is a client of the individual immediately before the client relocates to Utah;

(iv) the individual provides the short term transitional mental health therapy to the client only during the 45 day period beginning on the day on which the client relocates to Utah;

(v) within 10 days after the day on which the client relocates to Utah, the individual provides written notice to the division of the individual's intent to provide short term transitional mental health therapy remotely to the client; and

(vi) the individual does not engage in unlawful conduct or unprofessional conduct.

Section 60. Section **58-61-401** is amended to read:

58-61-401 (Effective 07/01/26). Grounds for denial of licensure or certification -- Disciplinary proceedings.

~~[(1) Subject to Subsection (2), the division's grounds for refusing to issue a license to an applicant, for refusing to renew the license of a licensee, for revoking, suspending, restricting, or placing on probation the license of a licensee, for issuing a public or private reprimand to a licensee, and for issuing a cease and desist order are under Section 58-1-401.]~~

~~[(2) The division may not refuse, revoke, suspend, or in any way restrict an applicant or licensee's license under this chapter solely because the applicant or licensee seeks or participates in mental health or substance abuse treatment.]~~

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "License" includes a certification issued under this chapter.

(b) "Licensed" includes a person certified under this chapter.

(c) "Licensee" includes a certificate holder under this chapter.

(2) Subject to Subsection (7), the division may take an action described in Section 58-1-401 and in accordance with that section, including refusing to issue or renew a license, or revoking, suspending, restricting, or placing a license on probation, issuing a public or private reprimand, or issuing a cease and desist order.

- (3)(a)(i) Subject to Subsection (7), if a court with jurisdiction determines a licensee is incapacitated as defined in Section 75-1-20, or that the licensee has a mental illness as defined in Section 26B-5-301, and is unable to safely engage in practice under this chapter, the director shall immediately suspend the license of the licensee upon the entry of the judgment of the court, without further proceedings under Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, regardless of whether an appeal from the court's ruling is pending.
- (ii) The director shall promptly notify the licensee in writing of a suspension under Subsection (3)(a)(i).
- (b)(i) If the division and a majority of the board find reasonable cause to believe that a licensee cannot practice under this chapter with reasonable skill and safety to protect a patient due to illness, excessive use of drugs or alcohol, or another mental or physical condition, and a court has not determined that the licensee is incapacitated or has a mental illness, the board shall:
- (A) recommend that the director file a petition with the division; and
- (B) ensure service of the petition on the licensee together with a notice of hearing limited to the licensee's capacity to competently and safely practice under this chapter.
- (ii) Except as provided in Subsection (4), the hearing described in Subsection (3)(b)(i) shall be conducted under Section 58-1-109 and Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
- (4)(a) Every licensee who accepts the privilege of being licensed under this chapter gives consent to:
- (i) submitting to an immediate mental or physical examination, at the licensee's expense and by a division-approved practitioner selected by the licensee when directed in writing by the division and a majority of the board to do so; and
- (ii) the admissibility of the reports of the examining practitioner's testimony or examination, and waives all objections on the ground the reports constitute a privileged communication.
- (b) The examination may be ordered by the division, with the consent of a majority of the board, only upon a finding of reasonable cause to believe:
- (i) the licensee has a mental illness, is incapacitated, or otherwise unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety; and
- (ii) immediate action by the division and the board is necessary to prevent harm to

the licensee's patients or the general public.

(c)(i) By written order of the director, the division may immediately suspend the license of a licensee who fails to submit to examination in accordance with this section.

(ii) The division may enter the order of suspension without further compliance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, unless the division finds the licensee's failure to submit to examination was due to circumstances beyond the control of the licensee and unrelated to the illness or incapacity of the licensee.

(5)(a) A licensee whose license is suspended under Subsection (3) or (4)(c) may appeal the suspension within 10 days after the day on which the division suspends the license.

(b) The hearing held under this Subsection (5) shall be conducted in accordance with Sections 58-1-108 and 58-1-109 for the sole purpose of determining if sufficient basis exists for the continuance of the order of suspension in order to prevent harm to the licensee's patients or the general public.

(6) A licensee whose license is revoked, suspended, or in any way restricted under this section may request the division and the board to consider, at reasonable intervals, evidence presented by the licensee, under procedures the division makes by rule in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, regarding change in the licensee's condition, to determine whether:

(a) the licensee is able to safely and competently engage in the practice under the licensee's license; and

(b) the licensee is qualified to have the licensee's license to practice under this chapter partially or completely restored.

(7) The division may not refuse, revoke, suspend, or restrict an applicant or licensee's license under this chapter solely because the applicant or licensee seeks or participates in mental health or substance abuse treatment.

(8) Section 63G-2-206 may not be construed as limiting the authority of the division to report current significant investigative information to the coordinated licensure information system for transmission to party states as required of the division by Article IX of the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact in Section 58-61b-102.

Section 61. Section **58-61-501** is amended to read:

58-61-501 (Effective 07/01/26). Unlawful conduct.

As used in this chapter, "unlawful conduct" includes:

- 3975 (1) practice of psychology unless licensed as a psychologist or certified psychology resident
3976 under this chapter or exempted from licensure under this title;
- 3977 (2) practice of mental health therapy by a licensed psychologist who has not acceptably
3978 documented to the division ~~[his]~~ the licensed psychologist's completion of the supervised
3979 training in psychotherapy required under Subsection 58-61-304(1)(e); or
- 3980 (3) representing oneself as or using the title of psychologist, or certified psychology
3981 resident unless currently licensed under this chapter.

3982 Section 62. Section **58-63-302** is amended to read:

3983 **58-63-302 (Effective 07/01/26). Qualifications for licensure.**

- 3984 (1) Each applicant for licensure as an armored car company or a contract security company
3985 shall:
- 3986 (a) submit an application in a form the division approves;
- 3987 (b) pay a fee ~~[determined by the department under]~~ the division determines in accordance
3988 with Section 63J-1-504;
- 3989 (c) have a qualifying agent who:
- 3990 (i) meets with the division and the board and demonstrates that the applicant and the
3991 qualifying agent meet the requirements of this section;
- 3992 (ii) is a resident of the state;
- 3993 (iii) is responsible management personnel or a company owner of the applicant;
- 3994 (iv) exercises material day-to-day authority in the conduct of the applicant's business
3995 by making substantive technical and administrative decisions and whose primary
3996 employment is with the applicant;
- 3997 (v) is not concurrently acting as a qualifying agent or employee of another armored
3998 car company or contract security company and is not engaged in any other
3999 employment on a regular basis;
- 4000 (vi) is not involved in any activity that would conflict with the qualifying agent's
4001 duties and responsibilities under this chapter to ensure that the qualifying agent's
4002 and the applicant's performance under this chapter does not jeopardize the health
4003 or safety of the general public;
- 4004 (vii) is not an employee of a government agency;
- 4005 (viii) passes an examination component ~~[established by rule by the division in~~
4006 ~~collaboration with the board]~~ the division requires by rule the division makes in
4007 collaboration with the board, and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
4008 Administrative Rulemaking Act; and

- 4009 (ix)(A) demonstrates 6,000 hours of compensated experience as a manager,
4010 supervisor, or administrator of an armored car company or a contract security
4011 company; or
- 4012 (B) demonstrates 6,000 hours of supervisory experience acceptable to the division
4013 in collaboration with the board with a federal, United States military, state,
4014 county, or municipal law enforcement agency;
- 4015 (d) require that each company officer, company owner, company proprietor, company
4016 trustee, and responsible management personnel with direct responsibility for
4017 managing operations of the applicant within the state:
- 4018 (i) provide name, address, date of birth, social security number, and fingerprints; and
4019 (ii)(A) consent to, and complete, a criminal background check, described in
4020 Section 58-1-301.5;
- 4021 (B) meet any other standard related to the criminal background check described in
4022 Subsection (1)(d)(ii)(A), that the division ~~[establishes]~~ makes by rule in
4023 accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
4024 and
- 4025 (C) disclose any criminal history the division requests on a form the division
4026 approves;
- 4027 (e) have company officers, company owners, company proprietors, company trustees,
4028 and responsible management personnel who have not been convicted of:
- 4029 (i) a felony; or
- 4030 (ii) a crime that when considered with the duties and responsibilities of a contract
4031 security company or an armored car company by the division and the board
4032 indicates that the best interests of the public are not served by granting the
4033 applicant a license;
- 4034 (f) document that none of the individuals described in Subsection (1)(e):
- 4035 (i) have been declared by a court ~~[of competent]~~ with jurisdiction incompetent by
4036 reason of mental defect or disease and not been restored; or
- 4037 (ii) ~~[currently suffer from habitual drunkenness or from drug addiction or dependence]~~
4038 are currently unable to perform the duties required under this title due to a mental
4039 or physical illness or condition, or engagement in any of the behaviors listed in
4040 Subsection 58-1-501(2)(a)(v);
- 4041 (g) file and maintain with the division evidence of:
- 4042 (i) comprehensive general liability insurance in a form ~~[and in amounts established]~~

by rule by the division in collaboration with the board and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act] in accordance with Subsection 58-63-102(13)(b);

(ii) workers' compensation insurance that covers employees of the applicant in accordance with applicable Utah law;

(iii) registration with the Division of Corporations and Commercial Code; and

(iv) registration as required by applicable law with the:

(A) Unemployment Insurance Division in the Department of Workforce Services, for purposes of Title 35A, Chapter 4, Employment Security Act;

(B) State Tax Commission; and

(C) Internal Revenue Service; and

(h) meet with the division [~~and board if requested by the division or board~~] or board as the division or board may request.

(2) Each applicant for licensure as an armed private security officer:

(a) shall submit an application in a form the division approves;

(b) shall pay a fee [~~determined by the department under~~] the division determines in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;

(c) may not have been convicted of:

(i) a felony; or

(ii) a crime that when considered with the duties and responsibilities of an armed private security officer by the division and the board indicates that the best interests of the public are not served by granting the applicant a license;

(d) may not be prohibited from possession of a firearm or ammunition under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 922(g);

(e) may not have been declared incompetent by a court [~~of competent~~] with jurisdiction by reason of mental defect or disease and not been restored;

(f) [~~may not be currently suffering from habitual drunkenness or from drug addiction or dependence~~] may not be currently unable to perform the duties required under this title due to a mental or physical illness or condition, or engagement in any of the behaviors listed in Subsection 58-1-501(2)(a)(v);

(g) shall successfully complete basic education and training requirements established by rule by the division in collaboration with the board and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, which shall include a minimum of eight hours of classroom or online curriculum;

- 4077 (h) shall successfully complete firearms training requirements [~~established by rule by~~]
4078 the division makes in collaboration with the board and in accordance with Title 63G,
4079 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, which shall include a minimum of
4080 12 hours of training;
- 4081 (i) shall pass the examination requirement [~~established by rule by~~]the division makes in
4082 collaboration with the board and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
4083 Administrative Rulemaking Act;
- 4084 (j) shall:
- 4085 (i) consent to, and complete, a criminal background check, described in Section
4086 58-1-301.5;
- 4087 (ii) meet any other standard related to the criminal background check described in
4088 Subsection (1)(j)(i), that the division [~~establishes~~] makes by rule in accordance
4089 with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
- 4090 (iii) disclose any criminal history the division requests on a form the division
4091 approves; and
- 4092 (k) shall meet with the division [~~and board if requested by the division or the board~~] or
4093 board as the division or board may request.
- 4094 (3) Each applicant for licensure as an unarmed private security officer:
- 4095 (a) shall submit an application in a form the division approves;
- 4096 (b) shall pay a fee [~~determined by the department under~~] the division determines in
4097 accordance with Section 63J-1-504;
- 4098 (c) may not have been convicted of:
- 4099 (i) a felony; or
- 4100 (ii) a crime that when considered with the duties and responsibilities of an unarmed
4101 private security officer by the division and the board indicates that the best
4102 interests of the public are not served by granting the applicant a license;
- 4103 (d) may not have been declared incompetent by a court [~~of competent~~] with jurisdiction
4104 by reason of mental defect or disease and not been restored;
- 4105 (e) [~~may not be currently suffering from habitual drunkenness or from drug addiction or~~
4106 ~~dependence~~] may not be currently unable to perform the duties required under this
4107 title due to a mental or physical illness or condition, or engagement in any of the
4108 behaviors listed in Subsection 58-1-501(2)(a)(v);
- 4109 (f) shall successfully complete basic education and training requirements [~~established by~~
4110 ~~rule by~~]the division makes by rule in collaboration with the board and in accordance

- 4111 with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, which shall include
4112 a minimum of eight hours of classroom or online curriculum;
- 4113 (g) shall pass the examination requirement [~~established by rule by~~]the division makes
4114 by rule in collaboration with the board and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,
4115 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
- 4116 (h) shall:
- 4117 (i) consent to, and complete, a criminal background check, described in Section
4118 58-1-301.5;
- 4119 (ii) meet any other standard related to the criminal background check described in
4120 Subsection (1)(h)(i), that the division [~~establishes~~] makes by rule in accordance
4121 with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
- 4122 (iii) disclose any criminal history the division requests on a form the division
4123 approves; and
- 4124 (i) shall meet with the division [~~and board if requested by the division or board~~] or board
4125 as the division or board may request.
- 4126 (4) Each applicant for licensure as an armored car security officer:
- 4127 (a) shall submit an application in a form the division approves;
- 4128 (b) shall pay a fee [~~determined by the department under~~] the division determines in
4129 accordance with Section 63J-1-504;
- 4130 (c) may not have been convicted of:
- 4131 (i) a felony; or
- 4132 (ii) a crime that when considered with the duties and responsibilities of an armored
4133 car security officer by the division and the board indicates that the best interests of
4134 the public are not served by granting the applicant a license;
- 4135 (d) may not be prohibited from possession of a firearm or ammunition under 18 U.S.C.
4136 Sec. 922(g);
- 4137 (e) may not have been declared incompetent by a court [~~of competent~~] with jurisdiction
4138 by reason of mental defect or disease and not been restored;
- 4139 (f) [~~may not be currently suffering from habitual drunkenness or from drug addiction or~~
4140 ~~dependence~~] may not be currently unable to perform the duties required under this
4141 title due to a mental or physical illness or condition, or engagement in any of the
4142 behaviors listed in Subsection 58-1-501(2)(a)(v);
- 4143 (g) shall successfully complete basic education and training requirements [~~established by~~
4144 ~~rule by~~]the division makes by rule in collaboration with the board and in accordance

- 4145 with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
- 4146 (h) shall successfully complete firearms training requirements [~~established by rule by~~]
- 4147 the division makes by rule in collaboration with the board and in accordance with
- 4148 Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
- 4149 (i) shall pass the examination requirements [~~established by rule by~~]the division make by
- 4150 rule in collaboration with the board and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,
- 4151 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
- 4152 (j) shall:
- 4153 (i) consent to, and complete, a criminal background check, described in Section
- 4154 58-1-301.5;
- 4155 (ii) meet any other standard related to the criminal background check described in
- 4156 Subsection (4)(j)(i), that the division [~~establishes~~] makes by rule in accordance
- 4157 with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
- 4158 (iii) disclose any criminal history the division requests on a form the division
- 4159 approves; and
- 4160 (k) shall meet with the division and board if requested by the division or the board.
- 4161 (5) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
- 4162 division may make a rule establishing when the division shall request a Federal Bureau
- 4163 of Investigation records' review for an applicant who is applying for licensure or
- 4164 licensure renewal under this chapter.
- 4165 Section 63. Section **58-64-302** is amended to read:
- 4166 **58-64-302 (Effective 07/01/26). Qualifications for licensure.**
- 4167 (1) An applicant for licensure as a deception detection examiner:
- 4168 (a) shall submit an application in a form the division approves;
- 4169 (b) shall pay a fee [~~determined by the department under~~] the division determines in
- 4170 accordance with Section 63J-1-504;
- 4171 (c) may not have been convicted of a felony or any other crime that when considered
- 4172 with the duties and responsibilities of a deception detection examiner is considered
- 4173 by the division to indicate that the best interests of the public will not be served by
- 4174 granting the applicant a license;
- 4175 (d) may not have been declared by any court [~~of competent~~] with jurisdiction
- 4176 incompetent by reason of mental defect or disease and not been restored;
- 4177 (e) [~~may not be currently suffering from habitual drunkenness or from drug addiction or~~
- 4178 ~~dependence~~] may not be currently unable to perform the duties required under this

- 4179 title due to a mental or physical illness or condition, or engagement in any of the
4180 behaviors listed in Subsection 58-1-501(2)(a)(v);
- 4181 (f) shall have completed one of the following:
- 4182 (i) have earned a bachelor's degree from a four-year university or college meeting
4183 standards the division [~~establishes-~~] makes by rule made in accordance with Title
4184 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
- 4185 (ii) have completed not less than 8,000 hours of investigation experience [~~approved~~
4186 ~~by the division~~] that the division approves; or
- 4187 (iii) have completed a combination of university or college education and
4188 investigation experience, as [~~defined by rule made by the~~] the division defines by
4189 rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
4190 Administrative Rulemaking Act, as being equivalent to the requirements under
4191 Subsection (1)(f)(i) or (1)(f)(ii);
- 4192 (g) shall have successfully completed a training program in detection deception meeting
4193 criteria the division [~~establishes~~] makes by rule made in accordance with Title 63G,
4194 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
- 4195 (h) shall:
- 4196 (i) consent to, and complete, a criminal background check, described in Section
4197 58-1-301.5;
- 4198 (ii) meet any other standard related to the criminal background check described in
4199 Subsection (1)(h)(i), that the division [~~establishes~~] makes by rule in accordance
4200 with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
- 4201 (iii) disclose any criminal history the division requests on a form the division
4202 approves; and
- 4203 (i) shall have performed satisfactorily as a licensed deception detection intern for a
4204 period of not less than one year and shall have satisfactorily conducted not less than
4205 100 deception detection examinations under the supervision of a licensed deception
4206 detection examiner.
- 4207 (2) An applicant for licensure as a deception detection intern:
- 4208 (a) shall submit an application in a form the division approves;
- 4209 (b) shall pay a fee [~~determined by the department under~~] the division determines in
4210 accordance with Section 63J-1-504;
- 4211 (c) may not have been convicted of a felony or any other crime that when considered
4212 with the duties and responsibilities of a deception detection intern is considered by

- 4213 the division to indicate that the best interests of the public will not be served by
4214 granting the applicant a license;
- 4215 (d) may not have been declared by any court [~~of competent~~] with jurisdiction
4216 incompetent by reason of mental defect or disease and not been restored;
- 4217 (e) [~~may not be currently suffering from habitual drunkenness or from drug addiction or~~
4218 ~~dependence~~] may not be currently unable to perform the duties required under this
4219 title due to a mental or physical illness or condition, or engagement in any of the
4220 behaviors listed in Subsection 58-1-501(2)(a)(v);
- 4221 (f) shall have completed one of the following:
- 4222 (i) have earned a bachelor's degree from a four-year university or college meeting
4223 standards the division [~~establishes~~] makes by rule made in accordance with Title
4224 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
- 4225 (ii) have completed not less than 8,000 hours of investigation experience [~~approved~~
4226 ~~by the division~~] that the division approves; or
- 4227 (iii) have completed a combination of university or college education and
4228 investigation experience, as [~~defined by rule~~] the division defines by rule the
4229 division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
4230 Rulemaking Act, as being equivalent to the requirements under Subsection (2)(f)(i)
4231 or (2)(f)(ii);
- 4232 (g) shall have successfully completed a training program in detection deception meeting
4233 criteria [~~established by rule~~] the division makes by rule in accordance with Title 63G,
4234 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
- 4235 (h) shall:
- 4236 (i) consent to, and complete, a criminal background check, described in Section
4237 58-1-301.5;
- 4238 (ii) meet any other standard related to the criminal background check described in
4239 Subsection (2)(h)(i), that the division [~~establishes~~] makes by rule in accordance
4240 with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
- 4241 (iii) disclose any criminal history the division requests on a form the division
4242 approves; and
- 4243 (i) shall provide the division with an intern supervision agreement in a form the division
4244 approves under which:
- 4245 (i) a licensed deception detection examiner agrees to supervise the intern; and
4246 (ii) the applicant agrees to be supervised by that licensed deception detection

4247 examiner.

4248 (3) An applicant for licensure as a deception detection examination administrator:

4249 (a) shall submit an application in a form the division approves;

4250 (b) shall pay a fee [~~determined by the department under~~] the division determines in
4251 accordance with Section 63J-1-504;

4252 (c) may not have been convicted of a felony or any other crime that when considered
4253 with the duties and responsibilities of a deception detection examination
4254 administrator is considered by the division to indicate that the best interests of the
4255 public will not be served by granting the applicant a license;

4256 (d) may not have been declared by a court [~~of competent~~] with jurisdiction incompetent
4257 by reason of mental defect or disease and not been restored;

4258 (e) [~~may not be currently suffering from habitual drunkenness or from drug addiction or~~
4259 ~~dependence~~] may not be currently unable to perform the duties required under this
4260 title due to a mental or physical illness or condition, or engagement in any of the
4261 behaviors listed in Subsection 58-1-501(2)(a)(v);

4262 (f) shall have earned an associate degree from a state-accredited university or college or
4263 have an equivalent number of years' work experience;

4264 (g) shall:

4265 (i) consent to, and complete, a criminal background check, described in Section
4266 58-1-301.5;

4267 (ii) meet any other standard related to the criminal background check described in
4268 Subsection (3)(g)(i), that the division [~~establishes~~] makes by rule in accordance
4269 with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and

4270 (iii) disclose any criminal history the division requests on a form the division
4271 approves; and

4272 (h) shall have successfully completed a training program and have obtained certification
4273 in deception detection examination administration provided by the manufacturer of a
4274 scientific or technology-based software application solution that the director approves.

4275 Section 64. Section **58-67-502** is amended to read:

4276 **58-67-502 (Effective 07/01/26). Unprofessional conduct.**

4277 (1) "Unprofessional conduct" includes, in addition to the definition in Section 58-1-501:

4278 (a) using or employing the services of any individual to assist a licensee in any manner
4279 not in accordance with the generally recognized practices, standards, or ethics of the
4280 profession, state law, or division rule;

- 4281 (b) making a material misrepresentation regarding the qualifications for licensure under
4282 Section 58-67-302.7 or 58-67-302.8;
- 4283 (c) violating the dispensing requirements of Chapter 17b, Part 8, Dispensing Medical
4284 Practitioner and Dispensing Medical Practitioner Clinic Pharmacy, or Chapter 88,
4285 Part 2, Dispensing Practice, if applicable;
- 4286 (d) violating the requirements of Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid Research and
4287 Medical Cannabis;
- 4288 (e) performing or inducing an abortion in violation of the requirements of Section
4289 76-7-302 or Section 76-7a-201, regardless of whether the individual licensed under
4290 this chapter is found guilty of a crime in connection with the violation;
- 4291 (f) falsely making an entry in, or altering, a medical record with the intent to conceal:
4292 (i) a wrongful or negligent act or omission of an individual licensed under this
4293 chapter or an individual under the direction or control of an individual licensed
4294 under this chapter; or
4295 (ii) conduct described in Subsections (1)(a) through (e) or Subsection 58-1-501(1);
- 4296 (g) performing, or causing to be performed, upon an individual who is less than 18 years
4297 old:
4298 (i) a primary sex characteristic surgical procedure; or
4299 (ii) a secondary sex characteristic surgical procedure; or
- 4300 (h) designating a child as do not resuscitate without parental consent.
- 4301 (2) "Unprofessional conduct" does not include:
4302 (a) in compliance with Section 58-85-103:
4303 (i) obtaining an investigational drug or investigational device;
4304 (ii) administering the investigational drug to an eligible patient; or
4305 (iii) treating an eligible patient with the investigational drug or investigational device;
4306 or
- 4307 (b) in accordance with Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid Research and Medical
4308 Cannabis:
4309 (i) when acting as a recommending medical provider, as that term is defined in
4310 Section 26B-4-201, recommending the use of medical cannabis; or
4311 (ii) when registered as a pharmacy medical provider, as that term is defined in
4312 Section 26B-4-201, providing pharmacy medical provider services in a medical
4313 cannabis pharmacy.
- 4314 (3) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(b), the division, in consultation with the board and in

accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, shall define unprofessional conduct for a physician described in Subsection (2)(b).

Section 65. Section **58-68-802** is amended to read:

58-68-802 (Effective 07/01/26). Form of practice.

(1) An osteopathic physician and surgeon licensed under this chapter may engage in practice as an osteopathic physician and surgeon or in the practice of osteopathic medicine only as an individual licensee, but as an individual licensee, [he] an osteopathic physician and surgeon licensed under this chapter may be:

- (a) an individual operating as a business proprietor;
- (b) an employee of another person;
- (c) a partner in a lawfully organized partnership;
- (d) a lawfully formed professional corporation;
- (e) a lawfully organized limited liability company;
- (f) a lawfully organized business corporation; or
- (g) any other form of organization [~~recognized by the state and not prohibited by division rule made in collaboration with the board~~] the state recognizes and that the division does not prohibit by rule made in collaboration with the board.

(2) Regardless of the form in which a licensee engages in the practice of osteopathic medicine, the licensee may only permit the practice of medicine in that form of business practice to be conducted by an individual:

- (a) licensed in Utah as an osteopathic physician and surgeon under Section 58-68-301 or as a physician and surgeon under Section 58-67-301; and
- (b) who is able to lawfully and competently engage in the practice of medicine to direct or interfere in the licensee's practice of medicine.

Section 66. Section **58-69-502** is amended to read:

58-69-502 (Effective 07/01/26). Unprofessional conduct.

(1) "Unprofessional conduct" includes, in addition to the definition in Section 58-1-501:

- (a) sharing professional fees with an unlicensed person or paying any person for sending or referring a patient;
- (b) making an unsubstantiated claim of superiority in training or skill as a dentist or dental hygienist or in the performance of professional services;
- (c) refusing authorized agents of the division or state or local health authorities access to the facilities related to the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene during normal business hours for the purpose of inspection;

- 4349 (d) failing to maintain facilities, instruments, equipment, supplies, appliances, or other
 4350 property or conditions related to the practice of dentistry in a sanitary condition
 4351 consistent with the standards and ethics of the professions of dentistry or dental
 4352 hygiene; [or]
 4353 (e) violating the dispensing requirements of Chapter 17b, Part 8, Dispensing Medical
 4354 Practitioner and Dispensing Medical Practitioner Clinic Pharmacy, or Chapter 88,
 4355 Part 2, Dispensing Practice, if applicable; or
 4356 [(e)] (f) falsely making an entry in, or altering, a medical record with the intent to
 4357 conceal:
 4358 (i) a wrongful or negligent act or omission of an individual licensed under this
 4359 chapter or an individual under the direction or control of an individual licensed
 4360 under this chapter; or
 4361 (ii) conduct described in Subsections (1)(a) through (d) or Subsection 58-1-501(1).
 4362 (2) For purposes of Subsection (1)(b), an unsubstantiated claim of superiority:
 4363 (a) includes for the practice of dentistry:
 4364 (i) advertising or otherwise holding oneself out to the public as practicing a dental
 4365 specialty in which the dentist has not successfully completed the education
 4366 specified for the dental specialty as ~~[defined by]~~the American Dental
 4367 Association defines; and
 4368 (ii) using the following words in advertising "Endodontist," "Orthodontist," "Oral and
 4369 Maxillofacial Surgeon," "Specialist," "Board Certified," "Diplomat," "Practice
 4370 Limited to," "Pediatric Dentist," "Periodontist," or "Limited to Specialty of" when
 4371 the dentist has not successfully completed the education specified for the dental
 4372 specialty as ~~[defined by]~~the American Dental Association defines; and
 4373 (b) does not include a dentist who advertises as being qualified in a recognized specialty
 4374 area of dental practice so long as each such advertisement, regardless of form,
 4375 contains a prominent disclaimer that the dentist is licensed as a general dentist or that
 4376 the specialty services will be provided by a general dentist.
 4377 Section 67. Section **58-70a-503** is amended to read:
 4378 **58-70a-503 (Effective 07/01/26). Unprofessional conduct.**
 4379 (1) "Unprofessional conduct" includes:
 4380 (a) violation of a patient confidence to any ~~[person who]~~ person that does not have a
 4381 legal right and a professional need to know the information concerning the patient;
 4382 (b) knowingly prescribing, selling, giving away, or directly or indirectly administering,

- 4383 or offering to prescribe, sell, furnish, give away, or administer any prescription drug
4384 except for a legitimate medical purpose upon a proper diagnosis indicating use of that
4385 drug in the amounts prescribed or provided;
- 4386 (c) prescribing prescription drugs for oneself or administering prescription drugs to
4387 oneself, except those that have been legally prescribed for the physician assistant by a
4388 licensed practitioner and that are used in accordance with the prescription order for
4389 the condition diagnosed;
- 4390 (d) in a practice that has physician assistant ownership interests, failure to allow a
4391 physician the independent final decision making authority on treatment decisions for
4392 the physician's patient;
- 4393 (e) violating the dispensing requirements of Chapter 17b, Part 8, Dispensing Medical
4394 Practitioner and Dispensing Medical Practitioner Clinic Pharmacy, or Chapter 88,
4395 Part 2, Dispensing Practice, if applicable;
- 4396 (f) falsely making an entry in, or altering, a medical record with the intent to conceal:
4397 (i) a wrongful or negligent act or omission of an individual licensed under this
4398 chapter or an individual under the direction or control of an individual licensed
4399 under this chapter; or
4400 (ii) conduct described in Subsections (1)(a) through (e) or Subsection 58-1-501(1);
- 4401 (g) violating the requirements of Title 26B, Chapter 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid Research and
4402 Medical Cannabis; or
- 4403 (h) designating a child as do not resuscitate without parental consent.
- 4404 (2)(a) "Unprofessional conduct" does not include, in accordance with Title 26B, Chapter
4405 4, Part 2, Cannabinoid Research and Medical Cannabis, when acting as a
4406 recommending medical provider, as that term is defined in Section 26B-4-201,
4407 recommending the use of medical cannabis.
- 4408 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a), the division, in consultation with the board and in
4409 accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, shall
4410 define unprofessional conduct for a physician assistant described in Subsection (2)(a).
4411 Section 68. Section **58-72-302** is amended to read:
- 4412 **58-72-302 (Effective 07/01/26). Qualifications for licensure.**
- 4413 An applicant for licensure as a licensed acupuncturist shall:
- 4414 (1) submit an application in a form [~~prescribed by the division~~] the division approves;
- 4415 (2) pay a fee [~~determined by the department under~~] the division determines in accordance
4416 with Section 63J-1-504;

- 4417 (3) meet the requirements for current active certification in acupuncture under guidelines
4418 established by the [~~National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncture and~~
4419 ~~Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM)~~] National Certification Board for Acupuncture and
4420 Herbal Medicine (NCBAHM) as demonstrated through a current certificate or other
4421 appropriate documentation;
- 4422 (4) pass the examination [~~required by the division by rule~~] the division requires by
4423 rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
4424 Rulemaking Act;
- 4425 (5) establish procedures, as [~~defined by rule~~] the division defines by rule the division
4426 makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
4427 which shall enable patients to give informed consent to treatment; and
- 4428 (6) meet with the board, if requested, for the purpose of evaluating the applicant's
4429 qualifications for licensure.

4430 Section 69. Section **58-73-102** is amended to read:

4431 **58-73-102 (Effective 07/01/26). Definitions.**

- 4432 (1) "Adjustment of the articulation of the spinal column" means performance by a
4433 chiropractic physician by the use of passive movements directed toward the goal of
4434 restoring joints to their proper physiological relationship of motion and related function,
4435 releasing adhesions, or stimulating joint receptors using one or more of the following
4436 techniques:
- 4437 (a) impulse adjusting or the use of sudden, high velocity, short amplitude thrust of a
4438 nature that the patient cannot prevent the motion, commencing where the motion
4439 encounters the elastic barrier of resistance and ends at the limit of anatomical
4440 integrity;
- 4441 (b) instrument adjusting, utilizing instruments specifically designed to deliver sudden,
4442 high velocity, short amplitude thrust;
- 4443 (c) light force adjusting utilizing sustained joint traction or applied directional pressure,
4444 or both, which may be combined with passive motion to restore joint mobility; and
- 4445 (d) long distance lever adjusting utilizing forces delivered at some distance from the
4446 dysfunctional site and aimed at transmission through connected structures to
4447 accomplish joint mobility.
- 4448 (2) "Board" means the Chiropractic Physician Licensing Board created in Section 58-73-201.
- 4449 (3) "Chiropractic assistant" means an individual who performs activities related to the
4450 practice of chiropractic under the supervision of a licensed chiropractic physician in

4451 accordance with division rule established in collaboration with the board.

4452 (4) "Chiropractic physician" means an individual who has been licensed under this chapter
4453 to practice chiropractic.

4454 (5) "Diagnosis of the articulation of the spinal column" means to examine the articulations
4455 of the spinal column of another human to determine the source, nature, kind, or extent of
4456 a disease, vertebral subluxation, or other physical condition, and to make a
4457 determination of the source, nature, kind, or extent of a disease or other physical
4458 condition.

4459 (6) "Elastic barrier" means the point at which the patient cannot move a joint by [his] the
4460 patient's own means and through which movement is obtained or caused by a
4461 practitioner's skillful treatment using the practitioner's hands in a manipulation of a joint
4462 by thrust of sudden, high velocity, short amplitude so the patient cannot prevent the
4463 motion.

4464 (7) "Incisive surgery" means any procedure having the power or quality of cutting of a
4465 patient for the purpose of treating disease, injury, or deformity, and includes the use of
4466 laser.

4467 (8) "Manipulate the articulation of the spinal column" means use by a practitioner of a
4468 skillful treatment using the practitioner's hands in a manipulation of a joint as follows:
4469 (a) by thrust of sudden, high velocity, short amplitude so the patient cannot prevent the
4470 motion;
4471 (b) the movement of the joint is by force beyond its active limit of motion;
4472 (c) the manipulation commences where mobilization ends and specifically begins when
4473 the elastic barrier of resistance is encountered and ends at the limit of anatomical
4474 integrity; and
4475 (d) the manipulation is directed to the goal of restoring joints to their proper
4476 physiological relationship of motion and related function, releasing adhesions, or
4477 stimulating joint receptors.

4478 (9) "Practice of chiropractic" means a practice of a branch of the healing arts:
4479 (a) the purpose of which is to restore or maintain human health, in which patient care or
4480 first aid, hygienic, nutritional, or rehabilitative procedures are administered;
4481 (b) which places emphasis upon specific vertebral adjustment, manipulation, and
4482 treatment of the articulation and adjacent tissues of the spinal column,
4483 musculoskeletal structure of the body, and nervous system;
4484 (c) that involves examining, diagnosing, treating, correcting, or prescribing treatment for

any human disease, ailment, injury, infirmity, deformity, pain, or other condition, or the attempt to do so, in accordance with Section 58-73-601;

(d) that involves diagnosing, prescribing treatment, or making a determination of treatment necessity for another person's condition by means of:

(i) a physical examination of the person; or

(ii) a determination based upon or derived from information supplied directly or indirectly by a third person; and

(e) that includes the practice described in this Subsection (9) on an animal subject to:

(i) Subsection 58-28-307(12);

(ii) the provisions of this chapter; and

(iii) division rule.

(10) "Therapeutically position the articulation of the spinal column" means to adjust or manipulate the articulation of the spinal column.

Section 70. Section **58-73-302** is amended to read:

58-73-302 (Effective 07/01/26). Qualifications for licensure.

(1) Each applicant for licensure as a chiropractic physician, other than an applicant applying for a license based on licensure as a chiropractor or chiropractic physician in another jurisdiction, shall:

(a) submit an application in a form the division approves;

(b) pay a fee [~~determined by the department under~~] the division determines in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;

(c) demonstrate satisfactory completion of at least two years of general study in a college or university;

(d) demonstrate having earned a degree of doctor of chiropractic from a chiropractic college or university that at the time the degree was conferred was accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education, Inc., or an equivalent chiropractic accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education and by the division rule made in collaboration with the board;

(e) demonstrate successful completion of:

(i) the National Chiropractic Boards:

(A) Parts I and II;

(B) Written Clinical Competency Examination; and

(C) Physiotherapy;

(ii) the Utah Chiropractic Law and Rules Examination; and

- 4519 (iii) a practical examination [~~approved by the division~~] the division approves in
4520 collaboration with the board;
- 4521 (f) meet with the board, if requested, for the purpose of reviewing the applicant's
4522 qualifications for licensure; and
- 4523 (g)(i) consent to, and complete, a criminal background check, described in Section
4524 58-1-301.5;
- 4525 (ii) meet any other standard related to the criminal background check described in
4526 Subsection (1)(g)(i), that the division [~~establishes~~] makes by rule in accordance
4527 with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
- 4528 (iii) disclose any criminal history the division requests on a form the division
4529 approves.
- 4530 (2) Each applicant for licensure as a chiropractic physician based on licensure as a
4531 chiropractor or chiropractic physician in another jurisdiction shall:
- 4532 (a) submit an application in the form the division approves;
- 4533 (b) pay a fee [~~determined by the department under~~] the division determines in accordance
4534 with Section 63J-1-504;
- 4535 (c) demonstrate having obtained licensure as a chiropractor or chiropractic physician in
4536 another state under education requirements which were equivalent to the education
4537 requirements in this state to obtain a chiropractor or chiropractic physician license at
4538 the time the applicant obtained the license in the other state;
- 4539 (d) demonstrate successful completion of[:] the Utah Chiropractic Law and Rules
4540 Examination;
4541 [~~(i) the Utah Chiropractic Law and Rules Examination; and~~]
4542 [~~(ii) the Special Purposes Examination for Chiropractic (SPEC) of the National Board~~
4543 ~~of Chiropractic Examiners;~~]
- 4544 (e) have been actively engaged in the practice of chiropractic for not less than two years
4545 immediately preceding application for licensure in Utah;
- 4546 (f) meet with the board, if requested, for the purpose of reviewing the applicant's
4547 qualifications for licensure; and
- 4548 (g)(i) consent to, and complete, a criminal background check, described in Section
4549 58-1-301.5;
- 4550 (ii) meet any other standard related to the criminal background check described in
4551 Subsection (2)(g)(i), that the division [~~establishes~~] makes by rule in accordance
4552 with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act; and

4553 (iii) disclose any criminal history the division requests on a form the division
4554 provides.

4555 Section 71. Section **58-73-401** is amended to read:

4556 **58-73-401 (Effective 07/01/26). Grounds for denial of license -- Disciplinary**
4557 **proceedings -- Limitation on division actions.**

4558 (1) Grounds for the following are in accordance with Section 58-1-401:

- 4559 (a) refusing to issue a license to an applicant;
4560 (b) refusing to renew the license of a licensee;
4561 (c) revoking, suspending, restricting, or placing on probation the license of a licensee;
4562 (d) issuing a public or private reprimand to a licensee; and
4563 (e) issuing a cease and desist order.

4564 (2) If a court [~~of competent~~] with jurisdiction determines a chiropractic physician is
4565 incompetent, mentally incompetent, incapable, or has a mental illness, the director shall
4566 suspend the license of that chiropractic physician, even if an appeal is pending.

4567 (3)(a) If [~~it appears to the board~~] the board believes there is reasonable cause to believe a
4568 chiropractic physician who has not been judicially determined to be incompetent,
4569 mentally incompetent, incapable, or to have a mental illness, is unable to practice
4570 chiropractic with reasonable skill and safety [~~to patients by reason of illness,~~
4571 ~~drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other substance~~] due
4572 to a mental or physical illness or condition, or engagement in any of the behaviors
4573 listed in Subsection 58-1-501(2)(a)(v), or as a result of any mental or physical
4574 condition, a petition shall be served upon that chiropractic physician for a hearing on
4575 the sole issue of the capacity of the chiropractic physician to conduct properly the
4576 practice of the chiropractic physician.

4577 (b) Every chiropractic physician licensed by this state is considered to have:

4578 (i) agreed to submit to a mental or physical examination upon receipt of a written
4579 direction given by the division with the approval of the board; and

4580 (ii) waived all objections to the admissibility of the examining chiropractic
4581 physician's or other practitioner's testimony or examination reports on the ground
4582 they constitute a privileged communication.

4583 (c) Failure of a chiropractic physician to submit to an examination under Subsection
4584 (3)(b) when directed by the division, unless the failure was due to circumstances
4585 beyond [~~his-~~] the chiropractic physician's control, constitutes grounds for immediate
4586 suspension of the chiropractic physician's license and an order of suspension of the

license may be entered by the division without the taking of testimony or the presentation of evidence.

(d) A chiropractic physician whose license is suspended under this section shall, at reasonable intervals, be afforded the opportunity to demonstrate the chiropractic physician can resume the competent practice of chiropractic with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

(e) Neither the proceedings of the board nor the action taken by ~~[it under]~~ the board in accordance with this section may be used against a chiropractic physician in any other proceedings.

(4) The terms of revocation, suspension, or probation under this chapter may include:

(a) revoking the license to practice either permanently or with a stated date before which the individual may not apply for licensure;

(b) suspending, limiting, or restricting the license to practice chiropractic for up to five years, including limiting the practice of the person to, or excluding from the person's practice, one or more specific branches of medicine, including any limitation on practice within the specified branches;

(c) requiring the license holder to submit to care, counseling, or treatment by physicians approved by or designated by the board, as a condition for licensure;

(d) requiring the license holder to participate in a program of education prescribed by the board;

(e) requiring the license holder to practice under the direction of a physician designated by the board for a specified period of time; or

(f) other appropriate terms and conditions ~~[determined by the division]~~ the division determines in collaboration with the board to be necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.

Section 72. Section **58-73-501** is amended to read:

58-73-501 (Effective 07/01/26). Unprofessional conduct.

~~[Unprofessional conduct is as defined in Section 58-1-501, as defined by division rule, and also includes]~~ A person engages in unprofessional conduct if the person:

(1) ~~[engaging]~~ engages in practice as a chiropractic physician after electing to place ~~[his]~~ the person's license on inactive status, without having established with the board that ~~[he]~~ the person has initiated or completed continuing education necessary to reinstate active status of ~~[his]~~ the person's license;

(2) ~~[failing]~~ fails to complete required continuing professional education;

- 4621 (3) ~~[violating]~~ violates any of the scope of practice standards set forth in Section 58-73-601;
- 4622 (4) ~~[failing]~~ fails to maintain patient records in sufficient detail to clearly substantiate a
- 4623 diagnosis, all treatment rendered to the patient in accordance with the recognized
- 4624 standard of chiropractic care, and fees charged for professional services;
- 4625 (5) ~~[refusing]~~ refuses to divulge to the division on demand the means, methods, device, or
- 4626 instrumentality used in the treatment of a disease, injury, ailment, or infirmity, unless
- 4627 that information is protected by the physician-patient privilege of Utah and the patient
- 4628 has not waived that privilege;
- 4629 (6) ~~[refusing]~~ refuses the division or the division's employees access to ~~[his]~~ the person's
- 4630 office, instruments, laboratory equipment, appliances, or supplies at reasonable times for
- 4631 purposes of inspection;
- 4632 (7) fraudulently ~~[representing]~~ represents that curable disease, sickness, or injury can be
- 4633 cured in a stated time, or knowingly making any false statement in connection with the
- 4634 practice of chiropractic;
- 4635 (8) ~~[offering, undertaking, or agreeing]~~ offers, undertakes, or agrees to cure or treat a
- 4636 disease, injury, ailment, or infirmity by a secret means, method, device, or
- 4637 instrumentality;
- 4638 (9) willfully and intentionally ~~[making]~~ makes any false statement or entry in any
- 4639 chiropractic office records or other chiropractic records or reports;
- 4640 (10) knowingly ~~[engaging]~~ engages in billing practices which are abusive and represent
- 4641 charges which are fraudulent or grossly excessive for services rendered;
- 4642 (11) ~~[performing, procuring, or agreeing]~~ performs, procures, or agrees to procure or
- 4643 perform, or ~~[advising, aiding in or abetting, or offering or attempting to procure or aid or~~
- 4644 ~~abet]~~ advises, aids and abets, offers, or attempts to aid and abet in the procuring of a
- 4645 criminal abortion;
- 4646 (12) willfully ~~[betraying or disclosing]~~ betrays or discloses a professional confidence or
- 4647 violation of a privileged communication, except:
- 4648 (a) as required by law; or
- 4649 (b) to assist the division by fully and freely exchanging information concerning
- 4650 applicants or licensees with the licensing or disciplinary boards of other states or
- 4651 foreign countries, the Utah chiropractic associations, their component societies, or
- 4652 chiropractic societies of other states, countries, districts, territories, or foreign
- 4653 countries;
- 4654 (13) directly or indirectly ~~[giving or receiving]~~ gives or receives any fee, commission,

4655 rebate, or other compensation for professional services not actually rendered or
4656 supervised, but this subsection does not preclude the legal relationships within lawful
4657 professional partnerships, corporations, or associations;

4658 (14) knowingly [~~failing~~] fails to transfer a copy of pertinent and necessary medical records
4659 or a summary of them to another physician when requested to do so by the subject
4660 patient or [~~his-~~] the patient's designated representative;

4661 (15) [~~making-~~] makes a false entry in, or altering, a medical record with the intent to conceal:

4662 (a) a wrongful or negligent act or omission of an individual licensed under this chapter
4663 or an individual under the direction or control of an individual licensed under this
4664 chapter; or

4665 (b) conduct described in Subsections (1) through (14) or Subsection 58-1-501(1);

4666 (16) [~~sharing-~~] shares professional fees with a [~~person who~~] person that is not licensed under
4667 this chapter; and

4668 (17) [~~paying-~~] pays a person for a patient referral.

4669 Section 73. Section **58-73-601** is amended to read:

4670 **58-73-601 (Effective 07/01/26). Scope of practice for a chiropractic physician.**

4671 (1) A chiropractic physician licensed under this chapter may engage in the practice of
4672 chiropractic as defined in Section 58-73-102 in accordance with the following standards.

4673 (2) A chiropractic physician may:

4674 (a) examine, diagnose, and treat only within the scope of chiropractic as described in this
4675 Subsection (2);

4676 (b)(i) use x-ray for diagnostic purposes only; and

4677 (ii) order, for diagnostic purposes only:

4678 (A) ultrasound;

4679 (B) magnetic resonance imaging; and

4680 (C) computerized tomography;

4681 (c) administer:

4682 (i) physical agents, including light, heat, cold, water, air, sound, compression,
4683 electricity, and electromagnetic radiation except gamma radiation; and

4684 (ii) physical activities and devices, including:

4685 (A) exercise with and without devices;

4686 (B) joint mobilization;

4687 (C) mechanical stimulation;

4688 (D) postural drainage;

- 4689 (E) traction;
- 4690 (F) positioning;
- 4691 (G) wound debridement, cleansing, and dressing changes;
- 4692 (H) splinting;
- 4693 (I) training in locomotion and other functional activities with and without
- 4694 assistance devices; and
- 4695 (J) correction of posture, body mechanics, and gait;
- 4696 (d) administer the following topically applied medicinal agents, including steroids,
- 4697 anesthetics, coolants, and analgesics for wound care and for musculoskeletal
- 4698 treatment, including their use by iontophoresis or phonophoresis;
- 4699 (e) treat pain incident to major or minor surgery, cancer, obstetrics, or x-ray therapy;
- 4700 (f) utilize immobilizing appliances, casts, and supports for support purposes, but may
- 4701 not set displaced bone fractures;
- 4702 (g) inform the patient of possible side effects of medication and recommend referral to
- 4703 the prescribing practitioner;
- 4704 (h) provide instruction in the use of physical measures, activities, and devices for
- 4705 preventive and therapeutic purposes;
- 4706 (i) provide consulting, educational, and other advisory services for the purposes of
- 4707 reducing the incidence and severity of physical disability, movement dysfunctions,
- 4708 bodily malfunction, and pain;
- 4709 (j) treat a human being to assess, prevent, correct, alleviate, and limit physical disability,
- 4710 movement dysfunction, bodily malfunction, and pain resulting from disorders,
- 4711 congenital and aging conditions, injury, and disease; and
- 4712 (k) administer, interpret, and evaluate tests.
- 4713 (3) A chiropractic physician may not:
- 4714 (a) perform incision surgery;
- 4715 (b) administer drugs or medicines for which an authorized prescription is required by
- 4716 law except as provided in Subsection (2)(d);
- 4717 (c) treat cancer;
- 4718 (d) practice obstetrics;
- 4719 (e) prescribe or administer x-ray therapy; or
- 4720 (f) set displaced fractures.
- 4721 (4) A chiropractic physician shall assume responsibility for ~~his~~ the chiropractic physician's
- 4722 examinations, diagnoses, and treatment.

(5) Nothing in this section authorizes a chiropractic physician to prescribe, possess for dispensing, dispense, purchase without a prescription written by a licensed and authorized practitioner, or administer, except under Subsection (2)(d), a drug requiring a prescription to dispense, under Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act, or Title 58, Chapter 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act.

(6) Only primary health care providers licensed under this title as osteopathic physicians, physicians and surgeons, naturopaths, and chiropractic physicians, may diagnose, adjust, manipulate, or therapeutically position the articulation of the spinal column to the extent permitted by their scopes of practice.

Section 74. Section **58-74-302** is amended to read:

58-74-302 (Effective 07/01/26). Qualifications for state certification.

(1) Each applicant for state certification as a state certified court reporter under this chapter shall:

~~[(a) be at least 18 years of age;]~~

~~[(b) be a citizen of the United States;]~~

~~[(e)] (a)~~ submit an application in a form ~~[prescribed by the division]~~ the division approves;

~~[(d)] (b)~~ pay a fee ~~[determined by the department under]~~ the division determines in accordance with Section 63J-1-504;

~~[(e)] (c)~~ possess a high degree of skill and ability in the art of court reporting; and

~~[(f)] (d)~~ submit evidence that the applicant has completed and passed the Registered Professional Reporter Examination of the National Court Reporters Association or the Certified Verbatim Reporter Examination of the National Verbatim Reporters Association.

(2) A person granted a certificate to practice as a state certified court reporter may use the abbreviation "C.C.R." or "C.V.R." as long as the person's certificate is current and valid.

Section 75. Section **58-76-603** is amended to read:

58-76-603 (Effective 07/01/26). Seal -- Authorized use.

A professional geologist may only affix the licensee's seal to a geologic map, cross-section, sketch, drawing, plan, or report if the geologic map, cross-section, sketch, drawing, plan, or report:

(1) was personally prepared by the licensee;

(2) was prepared by an employee, subordinate, associate, or drafter under the supervision of a licensee, provided the licensee or a principal affixing ~~[his-]~~ the seal assumes responsibility;

- (3) was prepared by a licensed professional geologist in this state or any other state provided:
- (a) the licensee in this state affixing the seal performs a thorough review of all work for compliance with all applicable laws and rules and the standards of the profession; and
 - (b) makes any necessary corrections before submitting the final plan, specification, or report:
 - (i) to a public authority; or
 - (ii) to a client who has contracted with a professional geologist for the geologic map, cross-section, or report to be complete and final;
- (4) was prepared in part by a licensed professional geologist in this state or any other state provided:
- (a) the licensee in this state clearly identifies that portion of the geologic map, cross-section, or report for which the licensee is responsible;
 - (b) the licensee in this state affixing the seal performs a thorough review of that portion of the geologic map, cross-section, or report for which the licensee is responsible for compliance with the standards of the profession; and
 - (c) makes any necessary corrections before submitting the final geologic map, cross-section, or report for which the licensee is responsible:
 - (i) to a public authority; or
 - (ii) to a client who has contracted with a professional geologist for the geologic map, cross-section, or report to be complete and final;
- (5) was prepared by a person exempt from licensure as a professional geologist provided that:
- (a) the licensee in this state affixing the seal performs a thorough review for compliance with all applicable laws and rules and the standards of the profession; and
 - (b) makes any necessary corrections before submitting the final geologic map, cross-section, or report:
 - (i) to a public authority; or
 - (ii) to a client who has contracted with a professional geologist for the geologic map, cross-section, or report to be complete and final; or
- (6) meets any additional requirements [~~established by rule by~~]the division makes by rule in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, and in collaboration with the board.

Section 76. Section **58-81-103** is amended to read:

58-81-103 (Effective 07/01/26). Eligibility for volunteer health care practitioner license -- Delegation of service agreement.

- (1) A health care practitioner is eligible to apply to the division and board for a volunteer health care practitioner license if the health care practitioner:
- (a) certifies to the division and board that the applicant will be engaged exclusively in volunteer health care services; and
 - (b) completes an application for a volunteer health care practitioner license, which includes documentation:
 - (i) of professional education, exams passed, and graduation;
 - (ii) of practice history;
 - (iii) of a qualified location for which the health care practitioner will be practicing;
 - (iv) identifying the supervising health care practitioner and the supervising health care practitioner's delegation of service agreement with the volunteer practitioner; and
 - (v) that the applicant has:
 - (A) previously been issued an unrestricted license to practice in Utah, another state of the United States, or a district or territory of the United States;
 - (B) never been the subject of any significant disciplinary action in any jurisdiction; and
 - (C) is in good health and does not have a condition which would impair the health care practitioner's ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients.
- (2) A health care provider who has agreed to be a supervising professional for a volunteer at a qualified location shall:
- (a) enter into a delegation of service agreement with the volunteer health care practitioner;
 - (b) agree to provide the level of supervision required in Subsection 58-81-102(6);
 - (c) determine with the volunteer whether the volunteer's scope of practice or ability to prescribe controlled substances will be limited by the delegation of service agreement;
 - (d) include in the delegation of service agreement that the volunteer may not prescribe a controlled substance to [himself] the volunteer, the volunteer's family, or a staff member of the qualified location; and
 - (e) forward the delegation of service agreement to the division.

Section 77. Section **58-87-202** is amended to read:

58-87-202 (Effective 07/01/26). Registration as an athlete agent -- Form --

Requirements.

- (1) An applicant for registration shall submit an application for registration as an athlete agent to the division in a form ~~[prescribed by the division]~~ the division approves. An application filed under this section is a public record under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act. The applicant ~~[must]~~ shall be an individual, and the application ~~[must]~~ shall be signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury. Except as otherwise provided in Subsections (2) and (3), the application ~~[must]~~ shall contain at least the following:
- (a) the name and date and place of birth of the applicant and the following contact information for the applicant:
 - (i) the address of the applicant's principal place of business;
 - (ii) work and mobile telephone numbers; and
 - (iii) any means of communicating electronically, including a facsimile number, email address, and personal and business or employer websites;
 - (b) the name of the applicant's business or employer, if applicable, including for each business or employer, its mailing address, telephone number, organization form, and the nature of the business;
 - (c) each social-media account with which the applicant or the applicant's business or employer is affiliated;
 - (d) each business or occupation in which the applicant engaged within five years before the date of the application, including self-employment and employment by others, and any professional or occupational license, registration, or certification held by the applicant during that time;
 - (e) a description of the applicant's:
 - (i) formal training as an athlete agent;
 - (ii) practical experience as an athlete agent; and
 - (iii) educational background relating to the applicant's activities as an athlete agent;
 - (f) the name of each student athlete for whom the applicant acted as an athlete agent within five years before the date of the application or, if the student athlete is a minor, the name of the parent or guardian of the minor, together with the athlete's sport and last-known team;
 - (g) the name and address of each person that:
 - (i) is a partner, member, officer, manager, associate, or profit sharer or directly or indirectly holds an equity interest of 5% or greater of the athlete agent's business [

- 4859 if it] that is not a corporation; and
- 4860 (ii) is an officer or director of a corporation employing the athlete agent or a
- 4861 shareholder having an interest of 5% or greater in the corporation;
- 4862 (h) a description of the status of any application by the applicant, or any person named
- 4863 under Subsection (1)(g), for a state or federal business, professional, or occupational
- 4864 license, other than as an athlete agent, from a state or federal agency, including any
- 4865 denial, refusal to renew, suspension, withdrawal, or termination of the license and
- 4866 any reprimand or censure related to the license;
- 4867 (i) whether the applicant, or any person named under Subsection (1)(g), has pleaded
- 4868 guilty or no contest to, has been convicted of, or has charges pending for, [a] ~~[crime~~
- 4869 ~~that would involve moral turpitude or be a felony if committed in this state]~~ any crime
- 4870 that would be considered a felony in this state or any other crime that, when
- 4871 considered with the functions and duties of the profession, bears a substantial
- 4872 relationship to the applicant's ability to safely or competently perform as an athlete
- 4873 agent and, if so, identification of:
- 4874 (i) the crime;
- 4875 (ii) the law-enforcement agency involved; and
- 4876 (iii) if applicable, the date of the conviction and the fine or penalty imposed;
- 4877 (j) whether, within 15 years before the date of application, the applicant, or any person
- 4878 named under Subsection (1)(g), has been a defendant or respondent in a civil
- 4879 proceeding, including a proceeding seeking an adjudication of incompetence and, if
- 4880 so, the date and a full explanation of each proceeding;
- 4881 (k) whether the applicant, or any person named under Subsection (1)(g), has an
- 4882 unsatisfied judgment or a judgment of continuing effect, including alimony or a
- 4883 domestic order in the nature of child support, which is not current at the date of the
- 4884 application;
- 4885 (l) whether, within 10 years before the date of application, the applicant, or any person
- 4886 named under Subsection (1)(g), was adjudicated bankrupt or was an owner of a
- 4887 business that was adjudicated bankrupt;
- 4888 (m) whether there has been any administrative or judicial determination that the
- 4889 applicant, or any person named under Subsection (1)(g), made a false, misleading,
- 4890 deceptive, or fraudulent representation;
- 4891 (n) each instance in which conduct of the applicant, or any person named under
- 4892 Subsection (1)(g), resulted in the imposition of a sanction, suspension, or declaration

- of ineligibility to participate in an interscholastic, intercollegiate, or professional athletic event on a student athlete or a sanction on an educational institution;
- (o) each sanction, suspension, or disciplinary action taken against the applicant, or any person named under Subsection (1)(g), arising out of occupational or professional conduct;
- (p) whether there has been a denial of an application for, suspension or revocation of, refusal to renew, or abandonment of, the registration of the applicant, or any person named under Subsection (1)(g), as an athlete agent in any state;
- (q) each state in which the applicant currently is registered as an athlete agent or has applied to be registered as an athlete agent;
- (r) if the applicant is certified or registered by a professional league or players association:
- (i) the name of the league or association;
- (ii) the date of certification or registration, and the date of expiration of the certification or registration, if any; and
- (iii) if applicable, the date of any denial of an application for, suspension or revocation of, refusal to renew, withdrawal of, or termination of, the certification or registration or any reprimand or censure related to the certification or registration; and
- (s) any additional information ~~[required by]~~ the division requires.
- (2) Instead of proceeding under Subsection (1), an individual registered as an athlete agent in another state may apply for registration as an athlete agent in this state by submitting to the division:
- (a) a copy of the application for registration in the other state;
- (b) a statement that identifies any material change in the information on the application or verifies there is no material change in the information, signed under penalty of perjury; and
- (c) a copy of the certificate of registration from the other state.
- (3) The division shall issue a certificate of registration to an individual who applies for registration under Subsection (2) if the division determines:
- (a) the application and registration requirements of the other state are substantially similar to or more restrictive than this chapter; and
- (b) the registration has not been revoked or suspended and no action involving the individual's conduct as an athlete agent is pending against the individual or the

4927 individual's registration in any state.

4928 (4) For purposes of implementing Subsection (3), the division shall:

4929 (a) cooperate with national organizations concerned with athlete agent issues and
4930 agencies in other states that register athlete agents to develop a common registration
4931 form and determine which states have laws that are substantially similar to or more
4932 restrictive than this chapter; and

4933 (b) exchange information, including information related to actions taken against
4934 registered athlete agents or their registrations, with those organizations and agencies.

4935 Section 78. Section **58-87-203** is amended to read:

4936 **58-87-203 (Effective 07/01/26). Certificate of registration -- Issuance or denial --**
4937 **Renewal.**

4938 (1) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (2), the division shall issue a certificate of
4939 registration to an applicant for registration who complies with Subsection 58-87-202(1).

4940 (2) The division may refuse to issue a certificate of registration to an applicant for
4941 registration under Subsection 58-87-202(1) if the division determines that the applicant
4942 has engaged in conduct that significantly adversely reflects on the applicant's fitness to
4943 act as an athlete agent. In making the determination, the division may consider whether
4944 the applicant has:

4945 (a) pleaded guilty or no contest to, has been convicted of, or has charges pending for, [~~a~~
4946 ~~crime that would involve moral turpitude or be a felony if committed in this state]~~ any
4947 crime that would be considered a felony in this state or any other crime that, when
4948 considered with the functions and duties of the profession, bears a substantial
4949 relationship to the applicant's ability to safely or competently perform as an athlete
4950 agent;

4951 (b) made a materially false, misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent representation in the
4952 application or as an athlete agent;

4953 (c) engaged in conduct that would disqualify the applicant from serving in a fiduciary
4954 capacity;

4955 (d) engaged in conduct [~~prohibited by~~]Section 58-87-401 prohibits;

4956 (e) had a registration as an athlete agent suspended, revoked, or denied in any state;

4957 (f) been refused renewal of registration as an athlete agent in any state;

4958 (g) engaged in conduct resulting in imposition of a sanction, suspension, or declaration
4959 of ineligibility to participate in an interscholastic, intercollegiate, or professional
4960 athletic event on a student athlete or a sanction on an educational institution; or

(h) engaged in conduct that adversely reflects on the applicant's credibility, honesty, or integrity.

(3) In making a determination under Subsection (2), the division shall consider:

(a) how recently the conduct occurred;

(b) the nature of the conduct and the context in which [it] the conduct occurred; and

(c) other relevant conduct of the applicant.

(4) An athlete agent registered under Subsection (1) may apply to renew the registration by submitting an application for renewal in a form [~~prescribed by the division~~] the division approves. The applicant shall sign the application for renewal under penalty of perjury and include current information on all matters required in an original application for registration.

(5) An athlete agent registered under Subsection 58-87-202(2) may renew the registration by proceeding under Subsection (4) or, if the registration in the other state has been renewed, by submitting to the division copies of the application for renewal in the other state and the renewed registration from the other state. The division shall renew the registration if the division determines:

(a) the registration requirements of the other state are substantially similar to or more restrictive than this chapter; and

(b) the renewed registration has not been suspended or revoked and no action involving the individual's conduct as an athlete agent is pending against the individual or the individual's registration in any state.

(6) A certificate of registration or a renewal of a registration is valid for two years.

Section 79. Section **58-88-201** is amended to read:

58-88-201 (Effective 07/01/26). Definitions.

As used in this part:

(1)(a) "Dispense" means the delivery by a prescriber of a prescription drug or device to a patient, including the packaging, labeling, and security necessary to prepare and safeguard the drug or device for supplying to a patient.

(b) "Dispense" does not include:

(i) prescribing or administering a drug or device; or

(ii) delivering to a patient a sample packaged for individual use by a licensed manufacturer or re-packager of a drug or device.

(2) "Dispensing practitioner" means an individual who:

(a) is currently licensed as:

4995 (i) a physician and surgeon under Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act;
 4996 (ii) an osteopathic physician and surgeon under Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic
 4997 Medical Practice Act;
 4998 (iii) an advanced practice registered nurse under Subsection 58-31b-301(2)(d);
 4999 (iv) a physician assistant under Chapter 70a, Utah Physician Assistant Act; ~~[or]~~
 5000 (v) a dentist under Chapter 69, Dentist and Dental Hygienist Practice Act; or
 5001 (vi) an optometrist under Chapter 16a, Utah Optometry Practice Act;
 5002 (b) is authorized by state law to prescribe and administer drugs in the course of
 5003 professional practice; and
 5004 (c) practices at a licensed dispensing practice.
 5005 (3) "Drug" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-17b-102.
 5006 (4) "Health care practice" means:
 5007 (a) a health care facility as defined in Section 26B-2-201; or
 5008 (b) the offices of one or more private prescribers, whether for individual or group
 5009 practice.
 5010 (5) "Licensed dispensing practice" means a health care practice that is licensed as a
 5011 dispensing practice under Section 58-88-202.
 5012 Section 80. Section **58-88-204** is amended to read:
 5013 **58-88-204 (Effective 07/01/26). Administrative inspections of a dispensing**
 5014 **practice -- Penalties.**
 5015 (1) The division shall conduct audits and inspections of licensed dispensing practices in
 5016 accordance with standards ~~[established by the division by rule]~~ the division makes
 5017 in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
 5018 (2) Penalties for a violation of this part, including fines and citations, shall be issued by the
 5019 division under:
 5020 (a) Section 58-1-502; and
 5021 (b) the dispensing practitioner's respective licensing chapter.
 5022 Section 81. **Repealer.**
 5023 This bill repeals:
 5024 Section **58-49-5, Certification of persons currently qualified.**
 5025 Section **58-49-6, Certification of persons qualified in other jurisdictions.**
 5026 Section **58-60-511, Experience requirement -- Transition of licensing and experience.**
 5027 Section 82. **Effective Date.**
 5028 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.