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**By** House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Reed, Harris, Mena, Berry, Simmons, Morgan, Slatter, Ryu, Goodman, Donaghy, Reeves, Sandlin, Stearns, and Fosse)

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1 AN ACT Relating to licensure for music therapists; amending RCW  
2 18.120.020, 18.130.040, and 18.130.040; adding a new chapter to Title  
3 18 RCW; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration  
4 date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to:

7 (1) Recognize that music therapy affects public health, safety,  
8 and welfare and that the practice of music therapy should be subject  
9 to regulation;

10 (2) Assure the highest degree of professional conduct on the part  
11 of music therapists;

12 (3) Guarantee the availability of music therapy services provided  
13 by a qualified professional to persons in need of those services; and

14 (4) Protect the public from the practice of music therapy by  
15 unqualified individuals.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply  
17 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires  
18 otherwise.

19 (1) "Advisory committee" means the music therapy advisory  
20 committee.

1 (2) "Commission" means the Washington medical commission.

2 (3) "Department" means the department of health.

3 (4) "Music therapist" means a person licensed to practice music  
4 therapy pursuant to this chapter.

5 (5)(a) "Music therapy" means the clinical and evidence-based use  
6 of music interventions to accomplish individualized goals of music  
7 therapy clients by employing strategies and tools that include but  
8 are not limited to:

9 (i) Accepting referrals for music therapy services from health  
10 care or educational professionals, family members, or caregivers;

11 (ii) Conducting music therapy assessments of a client to  
12 determine appropriate music therapy services;

13 (iii) Developing and implementing individualized music therapy  
14 treatment plans that identify goals, objectives, and strategies of  
15 music therapy that are appropriate for clients;

16 (iv) Using music therapy techniques such as improvisation,  
17 performance, receptive music listening, song writing, lyric  
18 discussion, guided imagery with music, learning through music, and  
19 movement to music;

20 (v) During the provision of music therapy services to a client,  
21 collaborating, as applicable, with the client's treatment team,  
22 including physicians, psychologists, occupational therapists,  
23 licensed clinical social workers, or other mental health  
24 professionals. During the provision of music therapy services to a  
25 client with a communication disorder, the licensed professional music  
26 therapist shall collaborate and discuss the music therapy treatment  
27 plan with the client's audiologist, occupational therapist, or  
28 speech-language pathologist. When providing educational or health  
29 care services, a music therapist may not replace the services  
30 provided by an audiologist, occupational therapist, or speech-  
31 language pathologist;

32 (vi) Evaluating a client's response to music therapy techniques  
33 and the individualized music therapy treatment plan;

34 (vii) Any necessary modification of the client's individualized  
35 music therapy treatment plan;

36 (viii) Any necessary collaboration with other health care  
37 professionals treating a client;

38 (ix) Minimizing barriers that may restrict a client's ability to  
39 receive or fully benefit from music therapy services; and

1 (x) Developing a plan for determining when the provision of music  
2 therapy services is no longer needed.

3 (b) "Music therapy" does not include the screening, diagnosis, or  
4 assessment of any physical, mental, or communication disorder.

5 (6) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or his or her  
6 designee.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) A music therapy advisory committee is  
8 created within the department. The committee consists of five members  
9 as follows: Three who practice as music therapists in Washington  
10 state, one member who is a licensed health care provider but not a  
11 music therapist, and one member who is a consumer.

12 (2) The secretary shall appoint all members of the advisory  
13 committee. All members must be familiar with the practice of music  
14 therapy and able to provide the department with expertise and  
15 assistance in carrying out the following duties pursuant to this  
16 chapter:

17 (a) Developing regulations; and

18 (b) Establishing standards of practice and professional  
19 responsibility for music therapists.

20 (3) Members shall serve a term of four years without  
21 compensation.

22 (4) Members may serve consecutive terms at the direction of the  
23 department. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as regular  
24 appointments.

25 (5) The advisory committee shall meet at least once per year or  
26 as otherwise called by the department.

27 (6) The department shall consult with the advisory committee for  
28 issues related to music therapy licensure and renewal. The department  
29 shall provide analysis of disciplinary actions taken, appeals,  
30 denials, or revocations of licenses at least once per year.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department shall issue a license to  
32 practice music therapy to an applicant who meets the following  
33 requirements:

34 (1) Is at least 18 years of age;

35 (2) Is in good standing in any other states where the applicant  
36 is licensed or certified to practice music therapy;

37 (3) Submits sufficient documentation as determined by the  
38 department in rule and includes the following requirements:

1 (a) Completion of an academic and clinical training program for  
2 music therapy approved by the secretary, following consultation with  
3 the advisory committee and consideration of standards adopted by  
4 national certification boards for music therapy; and

5 (b) Successful completion of an examination administered or  
6 approved by the secretary, following consultation with the advisory  
7 committee and consideration of standards adopted by national  
8 certification boards for music therapy;

9 (4) Pays a fee determined by the secretary as provided in section  
10 7 of this act.

11 (5) Meets any other qualifications as determined by the  
12 department in rule.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Every license issued under this chapter  
14 must be renewed biennially. Each licensee is responsible for timely  
15 renewal of the licensee's license. To renew a license, a licensee  
16 must follow the rules adopted under RCW 43.70.280.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** (1) Beginning January 1, 2025, a person  
18 may not practice music therapy or use any title or designation of  
19 "music therapist" that indicates that the person is authorized to  
20 practice music therapy unless the person is licensed under this act.

21 (2) Nothing in this chapter may be construed to prohibit or  
22 restrict the practices, services, or activities of the following:

23 (a) Any person licensed, certified, or regulated under the laws  
24 of Washington state in another profession or occupation or personnel  
25 supervised by a licensed professional in this state performing work,  
26 including the use of music, incidental to the practice of the  
27 licensed, certified, or regulated profession or occupation, if the  
28 person does not represent that the person is a music therapist;

29 (b) Any person whose training and national certification attests  
30 to the individual's preparation and ability to practice the certified  
31 profession or occupation, if the person does not represent that the  
32 person is a music therapist; and

33 (c) Any use and practice of music therapy as an integral part of  
34 a program of study for students enrolled in a music therapy education  
35 program.

36 (3) Unless authorized to practice speech-language pathology,  
37 music therapists may not evaluate, examine, instruct, or counsel on  
38 speech, language, communication, or swallowing disorders or

1 conditions. An individual licensed as a professional music therapist  
2 may not represent to the public that the individual is authorized to  
3 treat a communication disorder. This does not prohibit an individual  
4 licensed as a professional music therapist from representing to the  
5 public that the individual may work with clients who have a  
6 communication disorder and address communication skills.

7 (4) Before providing music therapy services to a client for an  
8 identified clinical or developmental need, it is recommended that the  
9 licensee review the client's diagnosis, treatment needs, and  
10 treatment.

11 (5) Before providing music therapy services to a student for an  
12 identified educational need, the licensee shall review the student's  
13 diagnosis, treatment needs, and treatment plan with the  
14 individualized family service plan's team or the individualized  
15 education program's team.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** In addition to any other authority  
17 provided by law, the secretary has the authority to:

18 (1) Adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW necessary to implement  
19 this chapter. Any rules adopted shall be in consultation with the  
20 committee;

21 (2) Establish all licensing, examination, and renewal fees in  
22 accordance with RCW 43.70.250 and 43.70.280;

23 (3) Establish forms and procedures necessary to administer this  
24 chapter;

25 (4) Issue licenses to applicants who have met the education,  
26 training, and examination requirements for licensure and to deny a  
27 license to applicants who do not meet the requirements;

28 (5) Hire clerical, administrative, investigative, and other staff  
29 as needed to implement this chapter, and hire individuals licensed  
30 under this chapter to serve as examiners for any practical  
31 examinations;

32 (6) Administer and supervise the grading and taking of  
33 examinations for applicants for licensure;

34 (7) Determine which states have credentialing requirements  
35 substantially equivalent to those of this state, and issue licenses  
36 to individuals credentialed in those states without examinations;

37 (8) Implement and administer a program for consumer education in  
38 consultation with the committee;

1 (9) Adopt rules implementing a continuing education program in  
2 consultation with the committee;

3 (10) Maintain the official record of all applicants and  
4 licensees; and

5 (11) Establish by rule the procedures for an appeal of an  
6 examination failure.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** (1) The department shall establish and  
8 adopt rules governing the administration of this chapter in  
9 accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW.

10 (2) The uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW, governs  
11 unlicensed practice, the issuance and denial of a license, and the  
12 discipline of persons licensed under this chapter. The secretary is  
13 the disciplining authority under this chapter.

14 **Sec. 9.** RCW 18.120.020 and 2020 c 80 s 22 are each amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
17 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

18 (1) "Applicant group" includes any health professional group or  
19 organization, any individual, or any other interested party which  
20 proposes that any health professional group not presently regulated  
21 be regulated or which proposes to substantially increase the scope of  
22 practice of the profession.

23 (2) "Certificate" and "certification" mean a voluntary process by  
24 which a statutory regulatory entity grants recognition to an  
25 individual who (a) has met certain prerequisite qualifications  
26 specified by that regulatory entity, and (b) may assume or use  
27 "certified" in the title or designation to perform prescribed health  
28 professional tasks.

29 (3) "Grandfather clause" means a provision in a regulatory  
30 statute applicable to practitioners actively engaged in the regulated  
31 health profession prior to the effective date of the regulatory  
32 statute which exempts the practitioners from meeting the prerequisite  
33 qualifications set forth in the regulatory statute to perform  
34 prescribed occupational tasks.

35 (4) "Health professions" means and includes the following health  
36 and health-related licensed or regulated professions and occupations:  
37 Podiatric medicine and surgery under chapter 18.22 RCW; chiropractic  
38 under chapter 18.25 RCW; dental hygiene under chapter 18.29 RCW;

1 dentistry under chapter 18.32 RCW; denturism under chapter 18.30 RCW;  
2 dental anesthesia assistants under chapter 18.350 RCW; dispensing  
3 opticians under chapter 18.34 RCW; hearing instruments under chapter  
4 18.35 RCW; naturopaths under chapter 18.36A RCW; embalming and  
5 funeral directing under chapter 18.39 RCW; midwifery under chapter  
6 18.50 RCW; nursing home administration under chapter 18.52 RCW;  
7 optometry under chapters 18.53 and 18.54 RCW; ocularists under  
8 chapter 18.55 RCW; osteopathic medicine and surgery under chapter  
9 18.57 RCW; pharmacy under chapters 18.64 and 18.64A RCW; medicine  
10 under chapters 18.71 and 18.71A RCW; emergency medicine under chapter  
11 18.73 RCW; physical therapy under chapter 18.74 RCW; practical nurses  
12 under chapter 18.79 RCW; psychologists under chapter 18.83 RCW;  
13 registered nurses under chapter 18.79 RCW; occupational therapists  
14 licensed under chapter 18.59 RCW; respiratory care practitioners  
15 licensed under chapter 18.89 RCW; veterinarians and veterinary  
16 technicians under chapter 18.92 RCW; massage therapists under chapter  
17 18.108 RCW; acupuncturists or acupuncture and Eastern medicine  
18 practitioners licensed under chapter 18.06 RCW; persons registered  
19 under chapter 18.19 RCW; persons licensed as mental health  
20 counselors, marriage and family therapists, and social workers under  
21 chapter 18.225 RCW; dietitians and nutritionists certified by chapter  
22 18.138 RCW; radiologic technicians under chapter 18.84 RCW; nursing  
23 assistants registered or certified under chapter 18.88A RCW;  
24 reflexologists certified under chapter 18.108 RCW; medical  
25 assistants-certified, medical assistants-hemodialysis technician,  
26 medical assistants-phlebotomist, forensic phlebotomist, and medical  
27 assistants-registered certified and registered under chapter 18.360  
28 RCW; ~~((and))~~ licensed behavior analysts, licensed assistant behavior  
29 analysts, and certified behavior technicians under chapter 18.380  
30 RCW; and music therapists licensed under chapter 18.--- RCW (the new  
31 chapter created in section 12 of this act).

32 (5) "Inspection" means the periodic examination of practitioners  
33 by a state agency in order to ascertain whether the practitioners'  
34 occupation is being carried out in a fashion consistent with the  
35 public health, safety, and welfare.

36 (6) "Legislative committees of reference" means the standing  
37 legislative committees designated by the respective rules committees  
38 of the senate and house of representatives to consider proposed  
39 legislation to regulate health professions not previously regulated.

1 (7) "License," "licensing," and "licensure" mean permission to  
2 engage in a health profession which would otherwise be unlawful in  
3 the state in the absence of the permission. A license is granted to  
4 those individuals who meet prerequisite qualifications to perform  
5 prescribed health professional tasks and for the use of a particular  
6 title.

7 (8) "Practitioner" means an individual who (a) has achieved  
8 knowledge and skill by practice, and (b) is actively engaged in a  
9 specified health profession.

10 (9) "Professional license" means an individual, nontransferable  
11 authorization to carry on a health activity based on qualifications  
12 which include: (a) Graduation from an accredited or approved program,  
13 and (b) acceptable performance on a qualifying examination or series  
14 of examinations.

15 (10) "Public member" means an individual who is not, and never  
16 was, a member of the health profession being regulated or the spouse  
17 of a member, or an individual who does not have and never has had a  
18 material financial interest in either the rendering of the health  
19 professional service being regulated or an activity directly related  
20 to the profession being regulated.

21 (11) "Registration" means the formal notification which, prior to  
22 rendering services, a practitioner shall submit to a state agency  
23 setting forth the name and address of the practitioner; the location,  
24 nature and operation of the health activity to be practiced; and, if  
25 required by the regulatory entity, a description of the service to be  
26 provided.

27 (12) "Regulatory entity" means any board, commission, agency,  
28 division, or other unit or subunit of state government which  
29 regulates one or more professions, occupations, industries,  
30 businesses, or other endeavors in this state.

31 (13) "State agency" includes every state office, department,  
32 board, commission, regulatory entity, and agency of the state, and,  
33 where provided by law, programs and activities involving less than  
34 the full responsibility of a state agency.

35 **Sec. 10.** RCW 18.130.040 and 2021 c 179 s 7 are each amended to  
36 read as follows:

37 (1) This chapter applies only to the secretary and the boards and  
38 commissions having jurisdiction in relation to the professions  
39 licensed under the chapters specified in this section. This chapter

1 does not apply to any business or profession not licensed under the  
2 chapters specified in this section.

3 (2) (a) The secretary has authority under this chapter in relation  
4 to the following professions:

5 (i) Dispensing opticians licensed and designated apprentices  
6 under chapter 18.34 RCW;

7 (ii) Midwives licensed under chapter 18.50 RCW;

8 (iii) Ocularists licensed under chapter 18.55 RCW;

9 (iv) Massage therapists and businesses licensed under chapter  
10 18.108 RCW;

11 (v) Dental hygienists licensed under chapter 18.29 RCW;

12 (vi) Acupuncturists or acupuncture and Eastern medicine  
13 practitioners licensed under chapter 18.06 RCW;

14 (vii) Radiologic technologists certified and X-ray technicians  
15 registered under chapter 18.84 RCW;

16 (viii) Respiratory care practitioners licensed under chapter  
17 18.89 RCW;

18 (ix) Hypnotherapists and agency affiliated counselors registered  
19 and advisors and counselors certified under chapter 18.19 RCW;

20 (x) Persons licensed as mental health counselors, mental health  
21 counselor associates, marriage and family therapists, marriage and  
22 family therapist associates, social workers, social work associates—  
23 advanced, and social work associates—independent clinical under  
24 chapter 18.225 RCW;

25 (xi) Persons registered as nursing pool operators under chapter  
26 18.52C RCW;

27 (xii) Nursing assistants registered or certified or medication  
28 assistants endorsed under chapter 18.88A RCW;

29 (xiii) Dietitians and nutritionists certified under chapter  
30 18.138 RCW;

31 (xiv) Substance use disorder professionals, substance use  
32 disorder professional trainees, or co-occurring disorder specialists  
33 certified under chapter 18.205 RCW;

34 (xv) Sex offender treatment providers and certified affiliate sex  
35 offender treatment providers certified under chapter 18.155 RCW;

36 (xvi) Persons licensed and certified under chapter 18.73 RCW or  
37 RCW 18.71.205;

38 (xvii) Orthotists and prosthetists licensed under chapter 18.200  
39 RCW;

1 (xviii) Surgical technologists registered under chapter 18.215  
2 RCW;

3 (xix) Recreational therapists under chapter 18.230 RCW;

4 (xx) Animal massage therapists certified under chapter 18.240  
5 RCW;

6 (xxi) Athletic trainers licensed under chapter 18.250 RCW;

7 (xxii) Home care aides certified under chapter 18.88B RCW;

8 (xxiii) Genetic counselors licensed under chapter 18.290 RCW;

9 (xxiv) Reflexologists certified under chapter 18.108 RCW;

10 (xxv) Medical assistants-certified, medical assistants-  
11 hemodialysis technician, medical assistants-phlebotomist, forensic  
12 phlebotomist, and medical assistants-registered certified and  
13 registered under chapter 18.360 RCW; (~~and~~)

14 (xxvi) Behavior analysts, assistant behavior analysts, and  
15 behavior technicians under chapter 18.380 RCW; and

16 (xxvii) Music therapists licensed under chapter 18.--- RCW (the  
17 new chapter created in section 12 of this act).

18 (b) The boards and commissions having authority under this  
19 chapter are as follows:

20 (i) The podiatric medical board as established in chapter 18.22  
21 RCW;

22 (ii) The chiropractic quality assurance commission as established  
23 in chapter 18.25 RCW;

24 (iii) The dental quality assurance commission as established in  
25 chapter 18.32 RCW governing licenses issued under chapter 18.32 RCW,  
26 licenses and registrations issued under chapter 18.260 RCW, and  
27 certifications issued under chapter 18.350 RCW;

28 (iv) The board of hearing and speech as established in chapter  
29 18.35 RCW;

30 (v) The board of examiners for nursing home administrators as  
31 established in chapter 18.52 RCW;

32 (vi) The optometry board as established in chapter 18.54 RCW  
33 governing licenses issued under chapter 18.53 RCW;

34 (vii) The board of osteopathic medicine and surgery as  
35 established in chapter 18.57 RCW governing licenses issued under  
36 chapter 18.57 RCW;

37 (viii) The pharmacy quality assurance commission as established  
38 in chapter 18.64 RCW governing licenses issued under chapters 18.64  
39 and 18.64A RCW;

1 (ix) The Washington medical commission as established in chapter  
2 18.71 RCW governing licenses and registrations issued under chapters  
3 18.71 and 18.71A RCW;

4 (x) The board of physical therapy as established in chapter 18.74  
5 RCW;

6 (xi) The board of occupational therapy practice as established in  
7 chapter 18.59 RCW;

8 (xii) The nursing care quality assurance commission as  
9 established in chapter 18.79 RCW governing licenses and registrations  
10 issued under that chapter;

11 (xiii) The examining board of psychology and its disciplinary  
12 committee as established in chapter 18.83 RCW;

13 (xiv) The veterinary board of governors as established in chapter  
14 18.92 RCW;

15 (xv) The board of naturopathy established in chapter 18.36A RCW,  
16 governing licenses and certifications issued under that chapter; and

17 (xvi) The board of denturists established in chapter 18.30 RCW.

18 (3) In addition to the authority to discipline license holders,  
19 the disciplining authority has the authority to grant or deny  
20 licenses. The disciplining authority may also grant a license subject  
21 to conditions.

22 (4) All disciplining authorities shall adopt procedures to ensure  
23 substantially consistent application of this chapter, the uniform  
24 disciplinary act, among the disciplining authorities listed in  
25 subsection (2) of this section.

26 **Sec. 11.** RCW 18.130.040 and 2022 c 217 s 5 are each amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 (1) This chapter applies only to the secretary and the boards and  
29 commissions having jurisdiction in relation to the professions  
30 licensed under the chapters specified in this section. This chapter  
31 does not apply to any business or profession not licensed under the  
32 chapters specified in this section.

33 (2) (a) The secretary has authority under this chapter in relation  
34 to the following professions:

35 (i) Dispensing opticians licensed and designated apprentices  
36 under chapter 18.34 RCW;

37 (ii) Midwives licensed under chapter 18.50 RCW;

38 (iii) Ocularists licensed under chapter 18.55 RCW;

1 (iv) Massage therapists and businesses licensed under chapter  
2 18.108 RCW;

3 (v) Dental hygienists licensed under chapter 18.29 RCW;

4 (vi) Acupuncturists or acupuncture and Eastern medicine  
5 practitioners licensed under chapter 18.06 RCW;

6 (vii) Radiologic technologists certified and X-ray technicians  
7 registered under chapter 18.84 RCW;

8 (viii) Respiratory care practitioners licensed under chapter  
9 18.89 RCW;

10 (ix) Hypnotherapists and agency affiliated counselors registered  
11 and advisors and counselors certified under chapter 18.19 RCW;

12 (x) Persons licensed as mental health counselors, mental health  
13 counselor associates, marriage and family therapists, marriage and  
14 family therapist associates, social workers, social work associates—  
15 advanced, and social work associates—independent clinical under  
16 chapter 18.225 RCW;

17 (xi) Persons registered as nursing pool operators under chapter  
18 18.52C RCW;

19 (xii) Nursing assistants registered or certified or medication  
20 assistants endorsed under chapter 18.88A RCW;

21 (xiii) Dietitians and nutritionists certified under chapter  
22 18.138 RCW;

23 (xiv) Substance use disorder professionals, substance use  
24 disorder professional trainees, or co-occurring disorder specialists  
25 certified under chapter 18.205 RCW;

26 (xv) Sex offender treatment providers and certified affiliate sex  
27 offender treatment providers certified under chapter 18.155 RCW;

28 (xvi) Persons licensed and certified under chapter 18.73 RCW or  
29 RCW 18.71.205;

30 (xvii) Orthotists and prosthetists licensed under chapter 18.200  
31 RCW;

32 (xviii) Surgical technologists registered under chapter 18.215  
33 RCW;

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2 hemodialysis technician, medical assistants-phlebotomist, forensic  
3 phlebotomist, and medical assistants-registered certified and  
4 registered under chapter 18.360 RCW;

5 (xxvi) Behavior analysts, assistant behavior analysts, and  
6 behavior technicians under chapter 18.380 RCW; (~~and~~)

7 (xxvii) Birth doulas certified under chapter 18.47 RCW; and  
8 (xxviii) Music therapists licensed under chapter 18.--- RCW (the  
9 new chapter created in section 12 of this act).

10 (b) The boards and commissions having authority under this  
11 chapter are as follows:

12 (i) The podiatric medical board as established in chapter 18.22  
13 RCW;

14 (ii) The chiropractic quality assurance commission as established  
15 in chapter 18.25 RCW;

16 (iii) The dental quality assurance commission as established in  
17 chapter 18.32 RCW governing licenses issued under chapter 18.32 RCW,  
18 licenses and registrations issued under chapter 18.260 RCW, and  
19 certifications issued under chapter 18.350 RCW;

20 (iv) The board of hearing and speech as established in chapter  
21 18.35 RCW;

22 (v) The board of examiners for nursing home administrators as  
23 established in chapter 18.52 RCW;

24 (vi) The optometry board as established in chapter 18.54 RCW  
25 governing licenses issued under chapter 18.53 RCW;

26 (vii) The board of osteopathic medicine and surgery as  
27 established in chapter 18.57 RCW governing licenses issued under  
28 chapter 18.57 RCW;

29 (viii) The pharmacy quality assurance commission as established  
30 in chapter 18.64 RCW governing licenses issued under chapters 18.64  
31 and 18.64A RCW;

32 (ix) The Washington medical commission as established in chapter  
33 18.71 RCW governing licenses and registrations issued under chapters  
34 18.71 and 18.71A RCW;

35 (x) The board of physical therapy as established in chapter 18.74  
36 RCW;

37 (xi) The board of occupational therapy practice as established in  
38 chapter 18.59 RCW;

1 (xii) The nursing care quality assurance commission as  
2 established in chapter 18.79 RCW governing licenses and registrations  
3 issued under that chapter;

4 (xiii) The examining board of psychology and its disciplinary  
5 committee as established in chapter 18.83 RCW;

6 (xiv) The veterinary board of governors as established in chapter  
7 18.92 RCW;

8 (xv) The board of naturopathy established in chapter 18.36A RCW,  
9 governing licenses and certifications issued under that chapter; and

10 (xvi) The board of denturists established in chapter 18.30 RCW.

11 (3) In addition to the authority to discipline license holders,  
12 the disciplining authority has the authority to grant or deny  
13 licenses. The disciplining authority may also grant a license subject  
14 to conditions.

15 (4) All disciplining authorities shall adopt procedures to ensure  
16 substantially consistent application of this chapter, the uniform  
17 disciplinary act, among the disciplining authorities listed in  
18 subsection (2) of this section.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** Sections 1 through 8 of this act  
20 constitute a new chapter in Title 18 RCW.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** Section 10 of this act expires October 1,  
22 2023.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** Section 11 of this act takes effect  
24 October 1, 2023.

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