

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB475
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Impact:	No Impact

Research Analysis

The engrossed version of SB 475 prohibits the purchase, or attempt, endeavor, or conspire to obtain or purchase, any license or registration required to distribute, possess, prescribe, or manufacture any controlled dangerous substance on behalf of, or at the request or demand of, any other person through the use of a straw person or straw party.

The measure allows for the Director of the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control to revoke registration, and in the instance that a registration is revoked, the registrant of the land will be required to hold controlled dangerous substances not impounded or preserved by the Director. None of the held substances may be purchased, distributed, sold, or transferred. If the revocation is finalized, all held controlled dangerous substances will be forfeited to the state or otherwise considered waste and disposed of.

The measure authorizes the Director to issue a written order to be served before annulling, conditioning, suspending or revoking any registration that the Director has reason to believe is operating inconsistent with current requirements. The written order must state the nature of the violation or basis for the action. The measure allows the Director to assess a penalty of up to \$10,000.00 per day of noncompliance with the order. The measure also increases the days a registrant has to appear before the Director to dispute an annulment from 30 days to 60 days.

The measure further authorizes the Director to levy a \$5,000.00 per day fine for any violation of federal or state law relating to controlled dangerous substances.

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Fiscal Analysis

In its current form, SB475 modifies certain administrative processes related to the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control (OBNDD) and their registration guidelines. Officials from OBNDD do not anticipate a fiscal impact associated with this measure if enacted.

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Other Considerations

None.

