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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1216 Page Section Lines Of the printed Bill Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Kevin West

Adopted:

Reading Clerk

| 1 | STATE OF OKLAHOMA |
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| 2 | 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025) |
| 3 | PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE |
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| 5 | HOUSE BILL NO. 1216 By: West (Kevin) |
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| 9 | PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE |
| 10 | An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1000.4, as amended by |
| 11 | Section 2, Chapter 185, O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp. |
| 12 | 2024, Section 1000.4), which relates to the Construction Industries Board; adding terms; adding |
| 13 | penalty fees; modifying provisions to collected unpaid fines; and providing an effective date. |
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| 19 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: |
| 20 | SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1000.4, as |
| 21 | amended by Section 2, Chapter 185, O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp. 2024, |
| 22 | Section 1000.4), is amended to read as follows: |
| 23 | A. 1. Pursuant to and in compliance with Article I of the |
| 24 | Administrative Procedures Act, the Construction Industries Board |

shall have the power to adopt, amend, repeal, and promulgate rules
as may be necessary to regulate the plumbing, electrical, roofing,
and mechanical trades, building and construction inspectors and home
inspectors. All rules promulgated by the Board shall be reviewed
and approved as provided in subsection F of Section 308 of Title 75
of the Oklahoma Statutes.

7 2. The Board shall have the power to enforce the provisions of 8 the Construction Industries Board Act, The Plumbing License Law of 9 1955, the Oklahoma Inspectors Act, the Electrical License Act, the 10 Mechanical Licensing Act, the Home Inspection Licensing Act, and the 11 Roofing Contractor Registration Act, as provided in the respective 12 acts.

13 B. The Board shall have the following powers:

14 Exercise all incidental powers and duties which are 1. 15 necessary to effectuate the provisions of The Plumbing License Law 16 of 1955, the Oklahoma Inspectors Act, the Electrical License Act, 17 the Mechanical Licensing Act, the Home Inspection Licensing Act, and 18 the Roofing Contractor Registration Act, including but not limited 19 to authorizing the Board chair, vice-chair, administrator, or 20 designee to determine good reason for and to cancel a scheduled 21 meeting or reschedule meetings of a licensing or registration act 22 advisory examining committee of the Board pursuant to state 23 requirements. Such canceling or rescheduling meetings authority

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provided for in this section shall supersede all other meeting
 scheduling requirements for acts administered by the Board;

3 2. Serve as a code variance and appeals board for the trades
4 and industries it regulates which do not have statutory code
5 variance and appeals boards;

3. Order or subpoena the attendance of witnesses, the
inspection of records and premises, and the production of relevant
books and papers for the investigation of matters that may come
before the Board;

Initiate disciplinary proceedings, request prosecution of
 and initiate injunctive proceedings against any person who violates
 any of the provisions of The Plumbing License Law of 1955, the
 Oklahoma Inspectors Act, the Electrical License Act, the Mechanical
 Licensing Act, the Home Inspection Licensing Act, and the Roofing
 Contractor Registration Act;

16 5. Maintain an administrative staff including, but not limited 17 to, a Construction Industries Administrator whose appointment shall 18 be made as provided in Section 1000.6 of this title;

6. Establish and levy administrative fines <u>and penalties</u> for violations of law or rule in the trades and industries the Board licenses or regulates or against any person or entity denying the Board or its representatives access to a job site for purposes of enforcing any of the provisions of The Plumbing License Law of 1955, the Oklahoma Inspectors Act, the Electrical License Act, the

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1 Mechanical Licensing Act, the Home Inspection Licensing Act, or the Roofing Contractor Registration Act; provided, however, the Board is 2 not authorized to inspect or issue administrative violations or 3 fines for public utilities, public service corporations, intrastate 4 5 gas pipeline companies, gas gathering pipeline companies, gas processing companies, rural electric associations, municipal 6 7 utilities or their subsidiaries, chemical plants, gas processing plants or petroleum refineries where the entity uses their employees 8 9 or contractors to work on their own facilities or equipment; 10 provided further, that any fines established by the Board pursuant to the authority granted in this subsection for any second or 11 12 subsequent violation of a law or rule shall be set at five (5) times 13 the amount of the fine set by the Board for initial violations. The 14 Board shall amend its rules to be consistent with the fine amounts 15 set forth herein.

16 7. Direct such other expenditures as may be necessary in the
17 performance of its duties including, but not limited to,
18 expenditures for office space, equipment, furnishings and contracts
19 for legal services. All expenditures shall be made pursuant to the
20 Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act; and

8. Enforce provisions of the plumbing, electrical and
 mechanical codes as adopted by the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code
 Commission pursuant to the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission
 Act.

1 C. The Board shall account for all receipts and expenditures of 2 the monies of the Board, including annually preparing and publishing a statement of receipts and expenditures of the Board for each 3 4 fiscal year. The Board's annual statement of receipts and 5 expenditures shall be audited by the State Auditor and Inspector or an independent accounting firm in accordance with the provisions of 6 7 subsection B of Section 212 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and the audit report shall be certified to the Governor of this 8 9 state to be true and correct, under oath, by the chair and vice-10 chair of the Board. A copy of such certified report, if not already 11 available online, shall be delivered to the chairs of the respective 12 Senate and House of Representatives Committees having authority over 13 matters relating to business, labor and construction industry 14 licensing or regulation not later than February 1 each year.

15 The Board shall account for all fines, penalties and fees D. 16 assessed and collected pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act 17 or any rule promulgated for regulation of any industry and trade 18 under the authority of the Construction Industries Board. All 19 fines, penalties and fees assessed for any violation of law or rule 20 shall be automatically reviewed and brought before the entire Board 21 for consideration and vote not later than ninety (90) days from 22 which it was imposed. The Construction Industries Administrator 23 shall present to the Board a written recommendation and summary for 24 each case in which an assessment of a fine, penalty or fee was

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1 imposed after administrative proceedings. The Board shall consider the recommendations for each case at the next meeting date and at 2 such meeting shall either vote to affirm the recommendations or vote 3 4 to deny the recommendations and remand the case for further 5 administrative hearing, with or without instructions. No administrative case shall be delayed or continued by the Board after 6 7 being placed on an agenda for final Board review, except with the consent of all parties. The licensee or persons affected by the 8 9 imposition of an administrative fine, penalty or fee on final review by the Board shall have all rights of appeal preserved pursuant to 10 11 the Administrative Procedures Act until final action by the Board. 12 Collection of unpaid, finalized, administrative fines by the agency, 13 directly or through contracted services unless otherwise provided in 14 law, may be sought beginning ninety (90) days after final 15 disposition and order of the matter through the processes 16 established by this act and the Administrative Procedures Act. 17 Ε. The Construction Industries Board shall hear all appeals 18 timely made from an administrative ruling relating to an industry 19 and trade regulated by the Board; however, this appeal authority 20 shall not be in addition to the appeal process authorized by the 21 Administrative Procedures Act. Any ruling by the Board from an 22 administrative hearing may be further appealed to the district court 23 of Oklahoma County. The district court, upon conclusion of an

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| 1 | appeal from a Board ruling, shall be authorized to award reasonable |
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| 2 | legal fees to the prevailing party. |
| 3 | SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025. |
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