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SENATE BILL NO. 1316

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS REGARDING AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEED-ING; AMENDING SECTION 12-117, IDAHO CODE, TO AUTHORIZE THE ASSESSMENT OF REASONABLE COSTS AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES IN FAVOR OF A PRE-VAILING PARTY IN CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING LICENS-ING AUTHORITIES AND TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION; AMENDING SECTION 36-2113, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 54-406, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO LICENSEES OF THE ATHLETIC COMMISSION; AMENDING SECTION 54-713, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO CHIROPRACTORS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1406A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO MED-ICATION ASSISTANTS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1413, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO LICENSEES OF THE NURSING BOARD AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 54-1502A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICA-TION TO UNLICENSED OPTOMETRISTS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1512, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO LICENSED OPTOMETRISTS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1728, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICA-TION TO PHARMACISTS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1732, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 54-1806, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1914, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTORS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-2059, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO REAL ESTATE LI-CENSES; AMENDING SECTION 54-2118, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO VETERINARIANS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 54-2220, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-2221, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO PHYSICAL THERAPISTS; AMENDING SECTION 54-2925, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO SPEECH AND HEARING LICENSEES; AMENDING SECTION 54-3113, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO CER-TIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTERS; AMENDING SECTION 54-3720, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-3913, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLI-CATION TO ATHLETIC TRAINERS; AMENDING SECTION 54-4132, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES; AMENDING SEC-TION 54-5215, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO CONTRACTORS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 54-5607, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO GENETIC COUNSELORS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL COR-RECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 55-1811, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO REAL ESTATE SUBDIVIDERS; AMENDING SECTION 67-2601A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO LICENSEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY AND TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 67-2602, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION TO LICENSEES UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES BUREAU; AND AMENDING SECTION 67-2609, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR RULEMAKING AUTHORITY PROVIDING AP-

1 PLICATION TO BOARDS UNDER THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES BUREAU AND TO MAKE 2 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

- SECTION 1. That Section 12-117, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 12-117. ATTORNEY'S FEES, WITNESS FEES AND EXPENSES AWARDED IN CERTAIN INSTANCES. (1) Unless otherwise provided by statute, in any proceeding involving as adverse parties a state agency or a political subdivision and a person, the state agency, political subdivision or the court hearing the proceeding, including on appeal, shall award the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees, witness fees and other reasonable expenses, if it finds that the nonprevailing party acted without a reasonable basis in fact or law.
- (2) If a party to a proceeding prevails on a portion of the case, and the state agency or political subdivision or the court hearing the proceeding, including on appeal, finds that the nonprevailing party acted without a reasonable basis in fact or law with respect to that portion of the case, it shall award the partially prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees, witness fees and other reasonable expenses with respect to that portion of the case on which it prevailed.
- (3) Expenses awarded against a state agency or political subdivision pursuant to this section shall be paid from funds in the regular operating budget of the state agency or political subdivision. If sufficient funds are not available in the budget of the state agency, the expenses shall be considered a claim governed by the provisions of section 67-2018, Idaho Code. If sufficient funds are not available in the budget of the political subdivision, the expenses shall be considered a claim pursuant to chapter 9, title 6, Idaho Code. Every state agency or political subdivision against which litigation expenses have been awarded under this act shall, at the time of submission of its proposed budget, submit a report to the governmental body which appropriates its funds in which the amount of expenses awarded and paid under this act during the fiscal year is stated.
- (4) In any civil judicial proceeding involving as adverse parties a governmental entity and another governmental entity, the court shall award the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees, witness fees and other reasonable expenses. For purposes of this subsection, "governmental entity" means any state agency or political subdivision.
- (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any administrative proceeding or administrative judicial proceeding involving as adverse parties a licensing authority and a licensee, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable investigative or defense costs, as the case may be, necessarily and actually incurred. "Prevailing party," for the purpose of this subsection, means a party that prevailed on the claims or allegations that constituted the gravamen of the claims and allegations as a whole. An assessment of fees and costs made pursuant to this section is subject to judicial review. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the failure of a licensee to pay an award of costs or

attorney's fees awarded under this subsection shall not be deemed a violation of a licensure requirement.

(6) For purposes of this section:

- (a) "Licensing authority" means any professional or occupational licensing board charged with granting, suspending or revoking the license or certificate of any individual to practice a profession or occupation.
- (b) "Person" means any individual, partnership, limited liability partnership, corporation, limited liability company, association or any other private organization;
- (\underline{bc}) "Political subdivision" means a city, a county, any taxing district or a health district;
- (\underline{ed}) "Proceeding" means any administrative proceeding, administrative judicial proceeding, civil judicial proceeding or petition for judicial review or any appeal from any administrative proceeding, administrative judicial proceeding, civil judicial proceeding or petition for judicial review.
- $(\underline{\text{de}})$ "State agency" means any agency as defined in section 67-5201, Idaho Code.
- (67) If the amount pleaded in an action by a person is twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or less, the person must satisfy the requirements of section 12-120, Idaho Code, as well as the requirements of this section before he or she may recover attorney's fees, witness fees or expenses pursuant to this section.
- SECTION 2. That Section 36-2113, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 36-2113. REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF LICENSE -- GROUNDS. (a) Every license shall, by virtue of this chapter, be subject to suspension, revocation, probation or other restriction by the board for the commission of any of the following acts:
 - 1. For supplying false information or for failure to provide information required to be furnished by the license application form for a license currently valid or for other fraud or deception in procuring a license under the provisions of this chapter.
 - 2. For fraudulent, untruthful or misleading advertising.
 - 3. For conviction of a felony.
 - 4. For two (2) or more forfeitures of any deposits of money or collateral with a court or administrative agency or for a conviction for violation of regulations of the United States forest service or the bureau of land management.
 - 5. For unethical or unprofessional conduct as defined by rules of the board.
 - 6. For conviction of any violation of any state or federal fish and game or outfitting and guiding laws.
 - 7. For a substantial breach of any contract with any person utilizing his services.
 - 8. For willfully (i) operating in any area for which the licensee is not licensed, or (ii) engaging in any activity for which the licensee is not licensed.

9. For the employment of an unlicensed guide by an outfitter.

- 10. For inhumane treatment of any animal used by the licensed outfitter or guide in the conduct of his business which endangers the health or safety of any guest or patron or which interferes with the conduct of his business.
- 11. For failure by any firm, partnership, corporation or other organization or any combination thereof licensed as an outfitter to have at least one (1) licensed outfitter as designated agent conducting its outfitting business who meets all of the qualifications and requirements of a licensed outfitter.
- 12. For the failure to provide any animal used by the licensed outfitter or guide in the conduct of his business with proper food, drink and shelter, or for the subjection of any such animal to needless abuse or cruel and inhumane treatment.
- 13. For failure of an outfitter to serve the public in any of the following ways: (i) by nonuse of license privileges as defined by rules of the board, (ii) by limiting services to any individual, group, corporation or club that limits its services to a membership, or (iii) by not offering services to the general public.
- 14. For violation of or noncompliance with any applicable provision of this chapter, or for violation of any lawful rule or order of the outfitters and guides licensing board.
- (b) For the purposes of this section, the term "conviction" shall mean a finding of guilt, an entry of a guilty plea by a defendant and its acceptance by the court, or a forfeiture of bail bond or collateral deposited to secure a defendant's appearance, suspended sentence, probation or withheld judgment.
- (c) In addition to the penalties imposed in this section, the board may impose an administrative fine not to exceed five thousand dollars $(\$5,000)_{\tau}$ or the administrative costs of bringing the action before the board including, but not limited to, attorney's fees and costs of hearing transcripts, for each violation of the provisions of this chapter.
- (d) The jurisdiction and authority of the board pursuant to this section and section 36-2114, Idaho Code, extend to any former licensee for a violation of this section which occurred during the period of licensure.
- (e) The assessment of costs and fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution or defense of a licensee under this section shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.
- SECTION 3. That Section 54-406, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-406. DUTIES OF COMMISSION -- SANCTIONING PERMITS -- LICENSING -- EXEMPTIONS -- MEDICAL CERTIFICATION. (1) The commission shall have power, and it shall be its duty, to direct, supervise and control all amateur and professional contests and exhibitions within the state and no such contest or exhibition shall be held or given within this state except in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The commission has authority to adopt rules to implement the provisions of this chapter and to implement each of the duties and responsibilities conferred upon the commission including, but not limited to:

- (a) Development of an ethical code of conduct for commissioners, commission staff and commission officials;
- (b) Facility and safety requirements relating to the ring, floor plan and apron seating, emergency medical equipment and services, and other equipment and services necessary for the conduct of a program of matches;
- (c) Requirements regarding a participant's apparel, bandages, handwraps, gloves, mouthpiece and appearance during a match;
- (d) Requirements relating to a manager's participation, presence and conduct during a match;
- (e) Duties and responsibilities of all licensees under this chapter;
- (f) Procedures for hearings and resolution of disputes, including the commission's recovery of its costs and fees incurred from an unsuccessful challenger of a contest decision as well as a deposit in an amount determined by the commission;
- (g) Qualifications for appointment of referees and judges;
- (h) Designation and duties of a knockdown timekeeper;

- (i) Setting fee and reimbursement schedules for referees and other officials appointed by the commission or the representative of the commission;
- (i) Establishment of criteria for approval, disapproval, suspension of approval and revocation of approval of amateur sanctioning organizations for amateur contests and exhibitions held in this state including, but not limited to, the health and safety standards the organizations use before, during and after the matches to ensure the health, safety and well-being of the amateur combatants participating in the matches, including the qualifications and numbers of health care personnel required to be present, the qualifications required for referees, and other requirements relating to the health, safety and well-being of the amateur combatants participating in the matches. The commission may adopt by rule, or incorporate by reference into rule, the health and safety standards of United States amateur boxing, inc., as the minimum health and safety standards for an amateur boxing sanctioning organization, and the health and safety standards of the international amateur kickboxing sport association as the minimum health and safety standards for an amateur kickboxing sanctioning organization; and
- (k) Establish fees to be paid by an amateur athletic sanctioning organization that is approved pursuant to subsection (3) (b) (ii) of this section, which fees shall include:
 - (i) Initial and annual application processing fees of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and
 - (ii) Initial and annual approval fees of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- (2) The commission may, in its discretion, issue or refuse to issue and for cause immediately revoke any sanctioning permit whether or not an admission fee is charged by any person, organization, association or fraternal society. The commission may also, in its discretion, issue or refuse to is-

sue and for cause immediately revoke, suspend or otherwise discipline licenses for participants of sanctioned contests and exhibitions. The commission may recover the costs and fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution of a licensee or permit holder who is found in violation of the provisions of this chapter or the commission's rules The assessment of costs and fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution or defense of a licensee or permit holder shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.

- (3) Specifically exempt from the provisions of this chapter are all contests or exhibitions that:
 - (a) Are contests or exhibitions conducted by any secondary school, college or university, whether public or private, where all the participating contestants are bona fide students enrolled in any secondary school, college or university, within or without this state;
 - (b) Are entirely contests or exhibitions in which all combatants are amateurs and which have been sanctioned as amateur athletic contests or exhibitions by any of the following associations:
 - (i) United States amateur boxing, inc., also known as USA boxing, inc., the amateur athletic union of the United States, inc., also known as the national amateur athletic union, the amateur athletic union and the AAU or any similar nationally recognized entity approved by the commission; or
 - (ii) Any other entity that the commission approves to be an amateur athletic sanctioning organization, which approval shall be subject to annual review for purposes of renewal. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the promoter of any contest or exhibition sanctioned by an organization approved pursuant to this subparagraph shall comply with sections 54-408, 54-411, 54-413, 54-417, 54-419, 54-421 and 54-422, Idaho Code, and the promoter and each participant in such contest or exhibition are subject to sections 54-416, 54-418 and 54-420, Idaho Code, unless specifically exempted by commission rule;
 - (c) Are contests or exhibitions held under the auspices or sanction of an established nonprofit secondary school activities organization or of its public or nonprofit accredited secondary school members, or held under the auspices or sanction of an established college or university activities organization or its public or not-for-profit accredited college or university members; or
 - (d) Are contests or exhibitions conducted by any military installation or branch of the United States armed forces, or the state national guard, where the participants are employed by the military installation, are members of the branch of the armed forces, or the state national guard unit conducting the contest or exhibition.
- (4) Provided further that every combatant in any contest or exhibition exempt under the provisions of this chapter, prior to engaging in and conducting such contest or exhibition, shall be examined by a licensed physician at least once in each calendar year, or where such contest is conducted by a secondary school, college or university or organization as further described in this section, once in each academic year in which instance the physician shall also designate the maximum and minimum weights at

which the combatant shall be medically certified to participate. Provided further that no combatant shall be permitted to participate in any such contest or exhibition in any weight classification other than that or those for which he is certificated. Provided further that the exempted organizations shall be governed by the provisions of section 54-414, Idaho Code, as that section applies to contests or exhibitions conducted by persons exempted in this section from the general provisions of this chapter. No contest or exhibition shall be conducted within this state except pursuant to a license issued in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and the rules of the commission except as hereinabove provided.

SECTION 4. That Section 54-713, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-713. PENALTIES AND REINSTATEMENT. (1) Upon the finding of the existence of grounds for discipline of any person holding a license, seeking a license, or renewing a license under the provisions of this chapter, the board may impose one (1) or more of the following penalties:
 - (a) Suspension of the offender's license for a term to be determined by the board;
 - (b) Revocation of the offender's license;

- (c) Restriction of the offender's license to prohibit the offender from performing certain acts or from engaging in the practice of chiropractic in a particular manner for a term to be determined by the board;
- (d) Refusal to renew the offender's license;
- (e) Placement of the offender on probation and supervision by the board for a period of time and under terms and conditions to be determined by the board;
- (f) Imposition of an administrative fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) plus costs of prosecution and reasonable attorney fees;
- (g) Written letters of censure or reprimand which shall become a permanent record in the files of the licensee and which may be published within the discretion of the board; or
- (h) Restitution for losses suffered or reimbursement for any damages incurred by a patient as a result of a violation of this chapter.
- (2) In lieu of the penalties imposed by subsection (1) of this section, the board and licensee may enter into a written mutual agreement whereby the licensee agrees to discontinue a particular activity or comply with the provisions of this chapter without an admission or finding of culpability of the licensee, the violation of which may be the basis for disciplinary action by the board.
- (3) The assessment of costs and fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution or defense of a person holding a license, seeking a license or renewing a license under this chapter shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.
- (4) Any person whose license to practice chiropractic in this state has been suspended, revoked or restricted pursuant to this chapter, whether voluntarily or by action of the board, shall have the right, at reasonable intervals, to petition the board for reinstatement of such license. Such petition shall be made in writing and in the form prescribed by the board. Upon

investigation and hearing, the board may in its discretion grant or deny such petition, or it may modify its original finding to reflect any circumstances which have changed sufficiently to warrant such modifications.

- $(4\underline{5})$ Nothing herein contained shall be construed as barring criminal prosecutions for violations of the provisions of this chapter where such violations are deemed as criminal offenses in other statutes of this state or of the United States.
- (56) All final decisions by the board shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to the provisions of the administrative procedure act.

SECTION 5. That Section 54-1406A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-1406A. CERTIFIED MEDICATION ASSISTANT (MA-C). (1) Effective July 1, 2008, an individual registered as a nursing assistant, without substantiated charges, on the nursing assistant registry currently maintained by the Idaho department of health and welfare, may, with additional education and training as set forth in rule as established by the board, become a certified medication assistant (MA-C) permitted to administer medications as prescribed by an authorized provider within the parameters set forth in rule. A licensed nurse shall supervise the certified medication assistant.
- (2) The board shall adopt rules regarding the certification of certified medication assistants, including rules applicable to education, training and other qualifications for certification that will ensure that the certified medication assistant is competent to perform safely within the range of authorized functions.
- (3) The board shall maintain a public registry of the names and addresses of all certified medication assistants.
- (4) The board is authorized to impose and collect initial application and two (2) year renewal fees, as well as reinstatement fees, not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100), as determined by board rule. Fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the state board of nursing account for the administration of examinations, evaluations and investigations of applicants, issuance of certifications, evaluation of education and training programs, duplication and verification of records, and other administrative expenses.
 - (5) The board shall adopt by rule an application process.
 - (a) The application process shall include conducting a state and federal criminal background check on all applicants seeking certification pursuant to this section.
 - (b) All applicants for original certification or for certification reinstatement shall submit to a fingerprint-based criminal history check of both the Idaho central criminal database and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database. All such applicants shall submit a full set of their fingerprints and any relevant fees directly to the Idaho board of nursing for forwarding to the appropriate law enforcement agency for processing. Criminal background reports received by the board from the Idaho state police and the federal bureau of investigation shall be used only for licensing decisions and handled and disposed of in a manner consistent with requirements imposed by the Idaho state police and the federal bureau of investigation.

- (c) Upon meeting all requirements and upon the successful completion of additional education, training and competency assessment prescribed by rule, an applicant shall be certified as a certified medication assistant (MA-C).
- (6) A person may not use the title "certified medication assistant" or the abbreviation "MA-C" unless such person has been duly certified pursuant to this section.
- (7) The board shall adopt rules governing the approval of education and training programs for certified medication assistants.
- (8) The board shall set forth in rule criteria for acceptable certified medication assistant competency evaluations.
 - (9) (a) For any one (1) or a combination of grounds for discipline as set forth in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the board shall have the authority to:
 - (i) File a letter of concern if the board believes there is insufficient evidence to support direct action against a certified medication assistant;
 - (ii) Deny certification or recertification, suspend, revoke, place on probation, reprimand, limit, restrict, condition or accept the voluntary surrender of a certificate issued pursuant to this section if a certified medication assistant commits an act that constitutes grounds for discipline;
 - (iii) Refer criminal violations of this section to the appropriate law enforcement agency; and
 - (iv) Impose a civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars
 (\$100) per violation; and
 - (v) Recover costs of investigation and disciplinary proceedings, including attorney's fees.
 - (b) Grounds for discipline shall include:

- (i) Substance abuse or dependency;
- (ii) Client abandonment, neglect or abuse;
- (iii) Fraud or deceit, which may include, but is not limited to:
 - (A) Filing false credentials;
 - (B) Falsely representing facts on an application for initial certification, renewal or reinstatement; and
 - (C) Giving or receiving assistance in taking the competency evaluation;
- (iv) Boundary violations;
- (v) Performance of unsafe client care;
- (vi) Performing acts beyond the range of authorized functions or beyond those tasks delegated under the provisions of this section;
- (vii) Misappropriation or misuse of property;
- (viii) Obtaining money or property of a client, resident or other person by theft, fraud, misrepresentation or duress committed during the course of employment as a certified medication assistant;
- (ix) Criminal conviction of a misdemeanor that directly relates to or affects the functions of a certified medication assistant or conviction of any felony as set forth in rule;

- (x) Failure to conform to the standards of a certified medication assistant;
- (xi) Putting clients at risk of harm; and

- (xii) Violating the privacy or failing to maintain the confidentiality of client or resident information.
- (10) The board shall comply with the provisions of the Idaho administrative procedure act, chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code, in taking any disciplinary action against a certified medication assistant and shall maintain records of any such disciplinary action, which records shall be available for public inspection to the same extent as records regarding disciplinary proceedings against nurses and as otherwise consistent with chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code. The assessment of costs and fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution or defense of a certified medication assistant shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.
- (11) The board shall notify the Idaho nursing assistant registry of any disciplinary action taken against a certified medication assistant pursuant to this section.
- SECTION 6. That Section 54-1413, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-1413. DISCIPLINARY ACTION. (1) Grounds for discipline. The board shall have the power to refuse to issue, renew or reinstate a license issued pursuant to this chapter, and may revoke, suspend, place on probation, reprimand, limit, restrict, condition or take other disciplinary action against the licensee as it deems proper, including assessment of the costs of investigation and discipline against the licensee, upon a determination by the board that the licensee engaged in conduct constituting any one (1) of the following grounds:
 - (a) Made, or caused to be made, a false, fraudulent or forged statement or representation in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice nursing;
 - (b) Practiced nursing under a false or assumed name;
 - (c) Is convicted of a felony or of any offense involving moral turpitude;
 - (d) Is or has been grossly negligent or reckless in performing nursing functions;
 - (e) Habitually uses alcoholic beverages or drugs as defined by rule;
 - (f) Is physically or mentally unfit to practice nursing;
 - (g) Violates the provisions of this chapter or rules and standards of conduct and practice as may be adopted by the board;
 - (h) Otherwise engages in conduct of a character likely to deceive, defraud or endanger patients or the public, which includes, but is not limited to, failing or refusing to report criminal conduct or other conduct by a licensee that endangers patients;
 - (i) Has been disciplined by a nursing regulatory authority in any jurisdiction. A certified copy of the order entered by the jurisdiction shall be prima facie evidence of such discipline;
 - (j) Failure to comply with the terms of any board order, negotiated settlement or probationary agreement of the board, or to pay fines or costs assessed in a prior disciplinary proceeding; or

- (k) Engaging in conduct with a patient that is sexual, sexually exploitative, sexually demeaning or may reasonably be interpreted as sexual, sexually exploitative or sexually demeaning; or engaging in conduct with a former patient that is sexually exploitative or may reasonably be interpreted as sexually exploitative. It would not be a violation under this subsection for a nurse to continue a sexual relationship with a spouse or individual of majority if a consensual sexual relationship existed prior to the establishment of the nurse-patient relationship.
- (2) Separate offense. Each day an individual violates any of the provisions of this chapter or rules and standards of conduct and practice as may be adopted by the board shall constitute a separate offense.
 - (3) Proceedings.

- (a) The executive director shall conduct such investigations and initiate such proceedings as necessary to ensure compliance with this section. The board may accept the voluntary surrender of a license from any nurse under investigation and accordingly enter an order revoking or suspending such license and/or imposing such conditions, limitations, or restrictions on the practice of any such nurse as may be appropriate in the discretion of the board. Otherwise, every person subject to disciplinary proceedings shall be afforded an opportunity for hearing after reasonable notice. All proceedings hereunder shall be in accordance with chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code.
- (b) Hearings shall be conducted by the board or by persons appointed by the board to conduct hearings and receive evidence. The board and any person duly appointed by the board to conduct hearings shall have all powers as are necessary and incident to orderly and effective receipt of evidence including, but not limited to, the power to administer oaths and to compel by subpoena attendance of witnesses and production of books, records and things at the hearing or at a deposition taken by a party in accordance with the Idaho rules of civil procedure. Any party shall be entitled to the use of subpoena upon application therefor.
- (c) In the event any person fails to comply with a subpoena personally served upon him or refuses to testify to any matter regarding which he may be lawfully interrogated, the board shall petition the district court in the county where such failure or refusal occurred or where such person resides, to enforce such subpoena or compel such testimony. Proceedings before the district court shall be for contempt in the same nature as contempt of court for failure or refusal to comply with an order of the court and the court shall have the same powers to secure compliance with subpoena and testimony or to impose penalties as in contempt of court proceedings.
- (d) The assessment of costs and attorney's fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution or defense of an administrative proceeding against a licensee under this chapter shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.
- (4) Probation/Subsequent review. Any order of the board entered under this section may be withheld or suspended for a probationary period to be fixed by the board upon such terms and conditions as may be appropriate in order to regulate, monitor and/or supervise the practice of nursing by the li-

censee subject to such order for the prescribed probationary period. Any order of the board entered under this section may be withdrawn, reversed, modified or amended upon a showing by the person subject to the order that the grounds for discipline no longer exist or that he is rehabilitated, qualified and competent to practice nursing and that he is not likely to violate this chapter or rules adopted hereunder in the future. The board may, as a condition to withdrawal, reversal, modification or amendment of the order, require the person to pay all or part of the costs incurred by the board in proceedings upon which the order was entered.

(5) Reporting investigative information.

- (a) Nothing in section 74-106(8) and (9), Idaho Code, shall be construed as limiting the authority of the board to report current significant investigative information to the coordinated licensure information system for transmission to states that are parties to any multistate agreements or compacts regarding nurse licensure.
- (b) The executive director of the board may, in the administration of this chapter, share information and otherwise cooperate with government regulatory and law enforcement agencies.

SECTION 7. That Section 54-1502A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-1502A. NONLICENSED PERSONS -- PENALTIES AND REMEDIES. (1) The board may investigate any person engaged in the practice of optometry within the state of Idaho or any person believed to have acted as an optometrist without being duly licensed as required by this chapter. Upon receipt of a written complaint, the board shall perform an investigation of the facts alleged. If the board investigation reveals that the facts alleged or received are sufficient to proceed with formal action, the board may authorize the filing of an administrative complaint against the person and may seek injunctive relief prohibiting such person from engaging in the practice of optometry. In addition or alternatively, the board may refer violators of the provisions of this chapter for prosecution pursuant to section 54-1513, Idaho Code.
- (2) Each violation of the provisions of section 54-1502, Idaho Code, shall, upon conviction, result in a fine in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty (30) days but not more than ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment and, in addition, shall require the payment of the cost and fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the violation.
- (3) The assessment of costs and fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution or defense of a person under this section shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.

SECTION 8. That Section 54-1512, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1512. PENALTIES AND REINSTATEMENT. (1) Upon the finding of the existence of grounds for discipline of any person holding a license, seeking a license, or renewing a license under the provisions of this chapter, the board of optometry may impose one (1) or more of the following penalties:

- (a) Suspension of the offender's license for a term to be determined by the board;
- (b) Revocation of the offender's license;

- (c) Restriction of the offender's license to prohibit the offender from performing certain acts or from engaging in the practice of optometry in a particular manner for a term to be determined by the board;
- (d) Refusal to renew offender's license;
- (e) Placement of the offender on probation and supervision by the board for a period of time and under terms and conditions to be determined by the board;
- (f) Imposition of an administrative fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) plus costs of prosecution and reasonable attorney's fees; or
- (g) Written letters of censure or reprimand which shall become a permanent record in the files of the licensee.
- (2) The assessment of costs and fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution or defense of a person holding a license, seeking a license, or renewing a license under this chapter shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.
- (3) Any person whose license to practice optometry in this state has been suspended, revoked or restricted pursuant to this chapter, whether voluntarily or by action of the board, shall have the right, at reasonable intervals, to petition the board for reinstatement of such license. Such petition shall be made in writing and in the form prescribed by the board. Upon investigation and hearing, the board may in its discretion grant or deny such petition, or it may modify its original finding to reflect any circumstances which have changed sufficiently to warrant such modifications.
- (34) Nothing herein shall be construed as barring criminal prosecutions for violations of this chapter where such violations are deemed as criminal offenses in other statutes of this state or of the United States.
- (45) All final decisions by the board shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to the provisions of the administrative procedure act.
- SECTION 9. That Section 54-1728, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-1728. PENALTIES AND REINSTATEMENT. (1) Upon the finding of the existence of grounds for discipline of any person or business entity holding a license or registration, seeking a license or registration, or a renewal license or registration under the provisions of this chapter, the board of pharmacy may impose one (1) or more of the following penalties:
 - (a) Suspension of the offender's license or registration for a term to be determined by the board;
 - (b) Revocation of the offender's license or registration;
 - (c) Restriction of the offender's license or registration to prohibit the offender from performing certain acts or from engaging in the practice of pharmacy in a particular manner for a term to be determined by the board;
 - (d) Refusal to renew the offender's license or registration;
 - (e) Placement of the offender on probation and supervision by the board for a period to be determined by the board;

- (f) Imposition of an administrative fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) plus costs of prosecution and administrative costs of bringing the action including, but not limited to, attorney's fees and costs and costs of hearing transcripts.
- (2) The board may take any action against a nonresident licensee or registrant that the board can take against a resident licensee or registrant for violation of the laws of this state or the state in which it resides.

- (3) The board may report any violation by a nonresident licensee or registrant, or its agent or employee, of the laws and rules of this state, the state in which it resides or the United States to any appropriate state or federal regulatory or licensing agency including, but not limited to, the regulatory agency of the state in which the nonresident licensee or registrant is a resident.
- (4) The board may elect to not initiate an administrative action under Idaho law against a nonresident licensee or registrant upon report of a violation of law or rule of this state if the licensee's or registrant's home state commences an action for the violation complained of; provided however, that the board may elect to initiate an administrative action if the home state action is unreasonably delayed or the home state otherwise fails to take appropriate action for the reported violation.
- (5) The suspension, revocation, restriction or other action taken against a licensee or registrant by a state licensing board with authority over a licensee's or registrant's professional license or registration or by the drug enforcement administration may result in the board's issuance of an order likewise suspending, revoking, restricting or otherwise affecting the license or registration in this state, without further proceeding, but subject to the effect of any modification or reversal by the issuing state or the drug enforcement administration.
- (6) The assessment of costs and fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution or defense of a person holding a license or registration, seeking a license or registration, or renewing a license or registration under this chapter shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.
- (7) Any person whose license to practice pharmacy in this state has been suspended, revoked or restricted pursuant to this chapter, or any drug outlet whose certificate of registration has been suspended, revoked or restricted pursuant to this chapter, whether voluntarily or by action of the board, shall have the right, at reasonable intervals, to petition the board for reinstatement of such license. Such petition shall be made in writing and in the form prescribed by the board. Upon investigation and hearing, the board may in its discretion grant or deny such petition, or it may modify its original finding to reflect any circumstances which have changed sufficiently to warrant such modifications.
- (78) Nothing herein shall be construed as barring criminal prosecutions for violations of the act where such violations are deemed as criminal offenses in other statutes of this state or of the United States.
- (89) All final decisions by the board shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to the procedures of the administrative procedure act.

SECTION 10. That Section 54-1732, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1732. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES. (1) No drug outlet designated in section 54-1729, Idaho Code, shall be operated until a certificate of registration has been issued to said facility by the board. Upon the finding of a violation of this subsection, the board may impose one (1) or more of the penalties enumerated in section 54-1728, Idaho Code.

- (2) Reinstatement of a certificate that has been suspended, revoked or restricted by the board may be granted in accordance with the procedures specified in section 54-1728(67), Idaho Code.
- (3) The following acts, or the failure to act, and the causing of any such act or failure are unlawful:
 - (a) The sale, delivery or administration of any prescription drug or legend drug, except an opioid antagonist pursuant to section 54-1733B, Idaho Code, or an epinephrine auto-injector pursuant to sections 54-1733C and 54-1733D, Idaho Code, unless:
 - (i) Such legend drug is dispensed or delivered by a pharmacist upon an original prescription, drug order or prescription drug order by a practitioner in good faith in the course of his practice. Any person violating the provisions of this subparagraph shall be guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof shall be imprisoned in the state penitentiary for a term not to exceed three (3) years, or punished by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or by both such fine and imprisonment.
 - (ii) In the case of a legend drug dispensed by a pharmacist or prescriber, there is a label affixed to the immediate container in which such drug is dispensed. Any person violating this subparagraph shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500). Nothing in this subparagraph prohibits a practitioner from delivering professional samples of legend drugs in their original containers in the course of his practice when oral directions for use are given at the time of such delivery.
 - (b) The refilling of any prescription or drug order for a legend drug except as designated on the prescription or drug order, or by the authorization of the practitioner. Any person guilty of violating the provisions of this paragraph shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be incarcerated in the county jail for a term not to exceed one (1) year, or punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by both such fine and incarceration.
 - (c) The possession or use of a legend drug or a precursor, except an opioid antagonist pursuant to section 54-1733B, Idaho Code, or an epinephrine auto-injector pursuant to sections 54-1733C and 54-1733D, Idaho Code, by any person unless such person obtains such drug on the prescription or drug order of a practitioner. Any person guilty of violating the provisions of this paragraph shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be incarcerated in the county jail for a term not to exceed one (1) year, or punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by both such fine and incarceration.
 - (d) The wholesale distribution of drugs or devices by a pharmacy except for:

- (i) The sale, transfer, merger or consolidation of all or part of the business of a pharmacy or pharmacies from or with another pharmacy or pharmacies, whether accomplished as a purchase and sale of stock or business assets.
- (ii) The sale of minimal quantities of prescription drugs to practitioners for office use.
- (iii) The sale of a prescription drug for emergency medical reasons, but never to a wholesale distributor.
- (iv) Intracompany sales of prescription drugs, meaning any transaction or transfer between any division, subsidiary, parent or affiliated or related company under common ownership and control of a corporate entity, or any transaction or transfer between colicensees or a colicensed product, but never to a wholesale distributor.
- (e) The failure to keep records as required by the board. Any person guilty of violating the provisions of this paragraph shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be incarcerated in the county jail for a term not to exceed one (1) year, or punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by both such fine and incarceration.
- (f) The refusal to make available and to accord full opportunity to check any record, as required by the board. Any person guilty of violating the provisions of this paragraph shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be incarcerated in the county jail for a term not to exceed one (1) year, or punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by both such fine and incarceration.
- (q) It is unlawful to:

- (i) Obtain or attempt to obtain a legend drug or procure or attempt to procure the administration of a legend drug by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or subterfuge; by the forgery or alteration of a prescription, drug order, or of any written order; by the concealment of a material fact; or by the use of a false name or the giving of a false address.
- (ii) Communicate information to a physician in an effort unlawfully to procure a legend drug, or unlawfully to procure the administration of any such drug. Any such communication shall not be deemed a privileged communication.
- (iii) Intentionally make a false statement in any prescription, drug order, order, report or record required by this chapter.
- (iv) For the purpose of obtaining a legend drug to falsely assume the title of, or represent himself to be, a manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacist, physician, dentist, veterinarian or other person.
- (v) Make or utter any false or forged prescription or false drug order or forged written order.
- (vi) Affix any false or forged label to a package or receptacle containing legend drugs. This subparagraph does not apply to law enforcement agencies or their representatives while engaged in enforcing state and federal drug laws.

 (vii) Wholesale or retail any prescription or legend drug to any person in this state not entitled by law to deliver such drug to another.

Every violation of paragraph (g) (i) through (vi) of this subsection shall be a misdemeanor, and any person convicted thereof shall be incarcerated in the county jail for a term not to exceed one (1) year, or fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or punished by both such fine and imprisonment. Any person violating paragraph (g) (vii) of this subsection is guilty of a felony and on conviction thereof shall be imprisoned in the state penitentiary for a term not to exceed three (3) years, or punished by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

- (4) Provided however, that a veterinarian may dispense or deliver a legend drug prescribed for an animal upon the prescription, drug order, or prescription drug order of another veterinarian. The label shall be affixed pursuant to subsection (3)(a)(ii) of this section, and penalties for violations of the provisions of this subsection shall be as provided in this section for like violations by a pharmacist.
- (5) The ultimate user of a legend drug who has lawfully obtained such legend drug may deliver, without being registered, the legend drug to another person for the purpose of disposal of the legend drug if the person receiving the legend drug for purposes of disposal is authorized under a state or federal law or regulation to engage in such activity.

SECTION 11. That Section 54-1806, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1806. POWERS AND DUTIES. The board shall have the authority to:

- (1) Hire or appoint employees, including an executive director, investigators, attorneys, consultants and independent hearing examiners.
- (2) Establish pursuant to the administrative procedure act rules for administration of this chapter, including rules governing all activities of persons employed as physician's assistants by persons licensed to practice medicine in this state. The board shall adopt rules pursuant to the administrative procedure act establishing procedures for the receipt of complaints and for the investigation and disposition thereof. Such rules shall provide for notice to a person when the board has authorized the committee to investigate that person and shall provide an opportunity for a person under investigation to meet with the committee or its staff before the initiation of formal disciplinary proceedings by the board.
- (3) Conduct investigations and examinations and hold hearings as authorized by this section and by section 54-1806A, Idaho Code.
- (4) The board shall have the power in any investigation or disciplinary proceeding pursuant to this chapter to administer oaths, take depositions of witnesses within or without the state in the manner consistent with rules adopted by the board pursuant to the administrative procedure act, and upon a determination that there is good cause the board shall have power throughout the state of Idaho to require the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, records, and papers as it may deem appropriate for any investigation, deposition or hearing. For that purpose the board may issue a subpoena for any witnesses or a subpoena duces tecum to compel the produc-

tion of any books, records or papers, directed to the sheriff of any county of the state of Idaho, where such witness resides, or may be found, which shall be served and returned in the same manner as a subpoena in a criminal case is served and returned. The fees and mileage of the witnesses shall be the same as that allowed in the district courts in criminal cases, which fees and mileage shall be paid from any funds in the state treasury in the same manner as other expenses of the board are paid. In any case of disobedience to, or neglect of, any subpoena or subpoena duces tecum served upon any person, or the refusal of any witness to testify to any matter regarding which he may lawfully be interrogated, it shall be the duty of the district court of any county in this state in which such disobedience, neglect or refusal occurs, or any judge thereof, on application by the board to compel compliance with the subpoena by proceedings for contempt as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court or for refusal to testify therein. The licensed person accused in such formal contested case shall have the same right of subpoena upon making application to the board therefor.

- (5) Seek injunctive relief prohibiting the unlawful practice of medicine.
 - (6) Make and enter into contracts.

- (7) Operate, manage, superintend and control the licensure of physicians.
- (8) Develop and submit a proposed budget setting forth the amount necessary to perform its functions.
 - (9) Perform such other duties as set forth in the laws of this state.
- (10) Provide such other services and perform such other functions as are necessary to fulfill its responsibilities.
- (11) Provide for reasonable fees through rules for administrative costs and assess costs reasonably and necessarily incurred in the enforcement of this chapter when a licensee has been found to be in violation of the provisions of this chapter Apply the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code, regarding the assessment of costs and fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution or defense of a licensee under this chapter.
 - (12) Prepare an annual report.
- (13) Share with the department of labor personal identifying information of persons licensed under the provisions of this chapter necessary for the department of labor to identify workforce shortage areas in Idaho. The information provided to the department of labor concerning any person licensed under this chapter shall remain confidential and not subject to public disclosure, as required in section 74-106, Idaho Code.

SECTION 12. That Section 54-1914, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1914. ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS. (1) The administrator may upon his own motion or at the direction of the board, and shall upon the verified complaint in writing of any person, investigate the actions of any public works contractor within the state and may undertake to reclassify, retype, place on probation, defer or precondition licensure, impose an administrative fine not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per violation, impose the administrative costs of bringing the action including,

but not limited to, hearing officer fees, expert witness fees, attorney's fees, costs of hearing transcripts and copies, temporarily suspend or permanently revoke any license if the holder, while a licensee or applicant hereunder, is guilty of or commits any one (1) or more of the following acts or omissions:

- (a) Abandonment without legal excuse of any construction project or operation engaged in or undertaken by the licensee as a contractor.;
- (b) Diversion of funds or property received under express agreement for prosecution or completion of a specific construction project or operation, or for a specified purpose in the prosecution or completion of any construction project or operation, and their application or use for any other construction project or operation, obligation or purpose, with intent to defraud or deceive creditors or the owner-:
- (c) Willful departure from or disregard of plans or specifications in any material respect, and prejudicial to another, without consent of the owner or his duly authorized representative, and without the consent of the person entitled to have the particular construction project or operation completed in accordance with such plans and specifications;
- (d) Willful or deliberate disregard and violation of valid building laws of the state, or of any political subdivision thereof, or of the safety laws or labor laws or compensation insurance laws of the state;
- (e) Misrepresentation of a material fact by an applicant in obtaining a license-;
- (f) Aiding or abetting an unlicensed person to evade the provisions of this chapter or conspiring with an unlicensed person, or allowing one's license to be used by an unlicensed person, or acting as agent or partner or associate or otherwise, of an unlicensed person, with the intent to evade the provisions of this chapter.
- (g) Failure in any material respect to comply with the provisions of this chapter \div ;
- (h) Acting in the capacity of a contractor under any license issued hereunder except: (1) in the name of the licensee as set forth upon the license τ_i or (2) in accordance with the personnel of the licensee as set forth in the application for such license, or as later changed as provided in this chapter τ_i ;
- (i) Knowingly accepting a bid from, or entering into a contract with another contractor for a portion of a public works project if at that time such contractor does not possess the appropriate license to do that work as provided in this chapter.;
- (j) Willful failure or refusal without legal excuse on the part of a licensee as a contractor to finish a construction project or operation with reasonable diligence, causing material injury to another.;
- (k) Willful or deliberate failure by any licensee, or agent or officer thereof, to pay any moneys when due, for any materials or services rendered in connection with his operations as a contractor, when he has the capacity to pay or when he has received sufficient funds therefor as payment for the particular construction work, project or operation for which the services or materials were rendered or purchased; or denial of any such amount due or the validity of the claim thereof with intent

to secure for himself, his employer, or other person_{τ} any discount upon such indebtedness or with intent to hinder, delay or defraud the person to whom such indebtedness is due $_{\tau}$;

- (1) Suffers a change in financial circumstances which may impair the licensee's financial responsibility:
- (m) Holding oneself or one's firm out as a public works contractor by engaging in any act meeting the definition or character of a public works contractor as defined herein without a legally required license.: or
- (n) Failure to comply with subsection (1), (2) or (3) of section 67-2310, Idaho Code.
- (2) The administrator may upon his own motion or at the direction of the board, and shall upon the verified complaint in writing of any licensed public works contractor eligible to perform public works contracting duties, investigate the actions of any public entity within the state and may impose an administrative fine not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per violation or impose the administrative costs of bringing the action including, but not limited to, hearing officer fees, expert witness fees, attorney's fees, costs of hearing transcripts and copies, if the public agency contracts for public works construction with an unlicensed or improperly licensed contractor or knowingly awards a contract based upon a bid or proposal not in compliance with subsection (1) or (2) of section 67-2310, Idaho Code.
- $\underline{\text{(3)}}$ The assessment of costs and fees incurred to investigate and prosecute or defend a complaint under this section shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.

SECTION 13. That Section 54-2059, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-2059. DISCIPLINARY POWERS -- REVOCATION, SUSPENSION OR OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION. (1) The commission may temporarily suspend or permanently revoke licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter, issue a formal reprimand and impose a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000), and assess costs and attorney's fees for the cost of any investigation and administrative or other proceedings against any licensee who is found to have violated any section of the Idaho Code, the commission's administrative rules or any order of the commission. The executive director may issue informal letters of reprimand to licensees without civil penalty or cost assessment.

- (2) The commission may impose a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and assess costs and attorney's fees for the cost of any investigation and administrative or other proceedings against any person who is found, through a court or administrative proceeding, to have acted without a license in violation of section 54-2002, Idaho Code. The civil penalty provisions of this section are in addition to and not in lieu of any other actions or criminal penalties for acting as a broker or salesperson without a license which might be imposed by other sections of this chapter or Idaho law.
- (3) The commission may also accept, on such conditions as it may prescribe, or reject any offer to voluntarily terminate the license of a person

whose activity is under investigation or against whom a formal complaint has been filed.

- (4) The assessment of fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution or defense of a licensee or other person under this section shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.
- (25) If the commission suspends or revokes a license, or imposes a civil penalty, or assesses costs and attorney's fees, the commission may withhold execution of the suspension, revocation or civil penalty, or costs and attorney's fees on such terms and for such time as it may prescribe.
- (36) If any amounts assessed against a defendant by final order of the commission become otherwise uncollectible or payment is in default, and only if all the defendant's rights to appeal have passed, the commission may then proceed to district court and seek to enforce collection through judgment and execution.
- $(4\underline{7})$ All civil penalties, costs, and attorney's fees collected by the commission under this chapter shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the special real estate fund established by section 54-2021, Idaho Code. Any amounts of civil penalties so collected, deposited and credited shall be expended for exclusive use in developing and delivering Idaho real estate education.
- SECTION 14. That Section 54-2118, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-2118. VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER -- REMEDIES AND PENALTIES. In addition to the disciplinary actions set forth in section 54-2115, Idaho Code:
 - (1) Administrative actions.

- (a) Any person violating the provisions of this chapter, or violating a rule promulgated by the board to implement the provisions of this chapter, may be fined by the board or its duly authorized agent not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each offense and shall be liable for investigatory expenses and reasonable paralegal and attorney's fees, and; provided that each act on each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense. Imposition of a fine may be made in conjunction with any other board administrative action. No fine may be assessed unless the person charged was given notice and opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Idaho administrative procedure act. If a person fined fails to fully pay the fine, investigatory expenses or reasonable paralegal and attorney's fees, the board may recover such amount by action in the appropriate district court. Any assessment for costs and attorney's fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution or defense of a person under this chapter shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.
- (b) The board may establish alternatives to formal disciplinary action for violations of this chapter or board rules that may include a practice remediation program to educate and remediate licensees and certificate holders as a result of practice deficiencies. An alternative to formal discipline may be offered by the board's liaison officer to a licensee or certificate holder when the officer has determined, in his sound discretion, after consultation with and approval of the board president or vice president if the president is unavailable, that

animal and public safety will not be compromised and the violation can most appropriately be resolved without formal discipline. To further the purposes of an alternative to discipline, it will be offered only by or through the liaison officer and, unless the person violates its terms, the full board will not be informed of the alternative to discipline or have to expressly approve its terms. An alternative to formal discipline shall not be available and may not be offered by the liaison officer in any of the following circumstances:

- (i) Within the preceding five (5) years, the person has been formally disciplined by the board or been the subject of an alternative to discipline under this subsection;
- (ii) The person is currently on probation by the board;
- (iii) The person is currently under investigation by the board for any other offense;
- (iv) Felony charges are pending against the person, or the person is the subject of a current criminal investigation involving allegations that, if verified, may reasonably be expected to affect the person's qualifications or eligibility to remain licensed or certified under this chapter; or
- (v) The act or omission committed by the person:
 - 1. Caused significant harm to an animal;
 - 2. Created a substantial risk likely to cause significant harm to an animal; or
 - 3. Involved fraud or deception.

Among other terms and conditions, an alternative to formal discipline may require the licensee or certificate holder to comply with the instructions of the board's liaison officer on remedying the violation, pay a monetary civil penalty to the board of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and pay all board investigative expenses and costs associated with the file, if warranted under section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.

Upon successful completion of the terms and conditions of the alternative to discipline, the violation shall not be considered "discipline," shall not be reported to any national disciplinary database, and documents and records related to the violation shall be exempt from disclosure under chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code.

- (2) Civil court proceedings. The board, the attorney general's office, a county prosecuting attorney or any citizen of this state may bring an action in the district court of either Ada county or any county where a violation is occurring, to enjoin any person from practicing veterinary medicine or practicing as a certified veterinary technician, certified euthanasia technician or any agency operating as a certified euthanasia agency without a currently valid, active license, certification, temporary permit or temporary certification. If the court finds that the person is violating the provisions of this chapter, it shall enter an injunction restraining that person from such unlawful acts.
- (3) Criminal actions. Any person who practices veterinary medicine, any person practicing as a certified veterinary technician, a certified euthanasia technician or any agency operating as a certified euthanasia agency without a currently valid, active license, certification, temporary permit or temporary certification shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon convic-

tion or withheld judgment shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100), nor more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or incarcerated for no more than one hundred eighty (180) days, or both fined and incarcerated, and provided that each act of such unlawful practice shall constitute a distinct and separate offense.

 (4) The remedies set forth in this section are not mutually exclusive and a successful action on any one (1) remedy does not preclude action on some or all of the other remedies.

SECTION 15. That Section 54-2220, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-2220. DISCIPLINE ACTIONS AND PROCEDURES. (1) The board shall regulate the practice of physical therapy in the state of Idaho. The board is authorized to institute any investigation, hearing or other legal proceeding necessary to effect compliance with this chapter.
- (2) The board or its hearing officer, upon a finding that action is necessary, shall have the power pursuant to this chapter to administer oaths, take depositions of witnesses within or without the state in the manner provided by the administrative rules adopted by the board, and shall have power throughout the state of Idaho to require the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, records and papers as it may desire at any hearing and for that purpose the board may issue a subpoena for any witness or a subpoena duces tecum to compel the production of any books, records or papers, directed to the sheriff of any county of the state of Idaho, where such witness resides or may be found which shall be served and returned. The board may require a licensee to be examined to determine his or her mental or physical competence when the board has probable cause to believe the licensee is suffering from an impairment that might impede his or her ability to practice competently.
- (3) When it is brought to the attention of the board by the written statement of any person that a person licensed under this chapter has done any act or thing in violation of any provision of this chapter, the board shall immediately make an investigation of such person, and, if the board finds that there is probable cause to institute proceedings against such person, it shall without unnecessary delay transmit to that person by mail, a copy of the charges and shall fix a day for a hearing upon the matter, s. Said hearing shall be conducted in accordance with chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code, and with the administrative rules adopted by the board.
- (4) An assessment for costs and attorney's fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution or defense of a person under this section shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.
- (5) The board may investigate any person to the extent necessary to determine if the person is engaged in the unlawful practice of physical therapy. If an investigation indicates that a person may be practicing physical therapy unlawfully, the board shall inform the person of the alleged violation. The board may refer the matter for prosecution whether or not the person ceases the unlawful practice of physical therapy.
- (56) The board may, in the name of the people of the state of Idaho, apply for injunctive relief in any court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin any person from committing any act in violation of this chapter. Such in-

junction proceedings shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, all penalties and other remedies provided for in this chapter.

SECTION 16. That Section 54-2221, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-2221. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS -- PENALTIES. The board may, upon proof that a person has violated any provision contained in this chapter, take the following disciplinary actions singly or in combination:
- (1) Issue a censure or reprimand by informal admonition for minor misconduct found by the board, which censure or reprimand shall be subject to disclosure according to chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code;
- (2) Impose restrictions and/or conditions as to scope of practice, place of practice, supervision of practice, duration of licensed status, or type or condition of patient or client served. The board may require a licensee to report regularly to the board on matters regarding the restricted license;
- (3) Suspend a license, the duration of which shall be determined by the board;
 - (4) Revoke a license;

- (5) Refuse to issue or renew a license;
- (6) Impose a reasonable fine for violation of this chapter in an amount not to exceed a maximum amount as set forth in the administrative rules adopted by the board;
 - (7) Accept a voluntary surrender of a license;
- (8) Assess costs and attorney's fees against a licensee for any investigation and/or administrative proceeding, pursuant to the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.
- SECTION 17. That Section 54-2925, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-2925. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS -- PENALTIES. (1) The board, upon receipt of a recommendation received from the licensure board that a person has violated any provision of this chapter, may take the following disciplinary actions singly or in combination:
 - (1-a) Issue a formal reprimand;
 - (2b) Require additional education as a requirement for continued practice;
 - $(\underline{3c})$ Impose restrictions and/or conditions as to scope of practice, place of practice, supervision of practice, duration of license status, or type or condition of client served. The board may require a licensee to report regularly to the board on matters regarding the restricted license:
 - (4d) Suspend a license, the duration of which shall be determined by the board;
 - (5e) Revoke a license;
 - $(\frac{1}{6})$ Refuse to issue or renew a license; or
 - (7g) Impose a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each violation of this chapter; or.

(82) Assess The assessment of costs and attorney's fees against a licensee for any investigation and/or and prosecution or defense in an administrative proceeding against a licensee shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.

SECTION 18. That Section 54-3113, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-3113. INVESTIGATION OF VIOLATIONS -- HEARING. The board shall, upon a verified complaint in writing by any member of the board or by a certified shorthand reporter or any person claiming to have been injured or defrauded, investigate the actions of any certified shorthand reporter alleged to have committed a violation of this chapter or any of the grounds for revocation or suspension of a certificate. For the purpose of such investigations and hearings, each member of the board is empowered to administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, and hear and receive evidence anywhere in the state. Upon conclusion of the hearings, the board shall determine by majority vote whether the certificate of the certified shorthand reporter should be revoked or suspended for a stated period of time, or whether such disciplinary action short of suspension or revocation should be imposed, including, but not limited to, conditional probationary periods and the imposition of fines and costs, or whether the complaint should be dismissed. The proceedings and hearings pursuant to this section shall be governed by chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code. The assessment of costs and attorney's fees shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.

SECTION 19. That Section 54-3720, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-3720. PENALTIES AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS. (1) Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (2) In addition to the penalties provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the board may impose separately, or in combination, any of the following disciplinary actions on a licensee as provided in this chapter:
 - (a) Refuse to issue or renew a license;
 - (b) Suspend or revoke a license;

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- (c) Impose probationary conditions;
- (d) Issue a letter of reprimand or concern;
- (e) Require restitution of fees;
- (f) Impose a fine as provided for by rule which that deprives the licensee of any economic advantage gained by the violation and which reimburses the board for costs of the investigation and proceeding;
- (q) Impose practice and/or supervision requirements;
- (h) Require licensees to participate in continuing competence activities specified by the board;
- (i) Accept a voluntary surrendering of license; or
- (j) Take other appropriate corrective actions, including advising other parties, as needed, to protect their legitimate interests and to protect the public.

- (3) The assessment of costs and attorney's fees incurred in an investigation and prosecution or defense in an administrative proceeding against a licensee shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.
- $\underline{(4)}$ If the board imposes suspension or revocation of license, application may be made to the board for reinstatement, subject to the limits of this chapter. The board shall have discretion to accept or reject an application for reinstatement and may require an examination or other satisfactory proof of eligibility for reinstatement.
- (45) If a licensee is placed on probation, the board may require the license holder to:
 - (a) Report regularly to the board on matters that are the basis of probation;
 - (b) Limit practice to the areas prescribed by the board;
 - (c) Continue to review continuing competence activities until the license holder attains a degree of skill satisfactory to the board in those areas that are the basis of the probation; or
 - (d) Provide other relevant information to the board.

- $(\underline{56})$ (a) The board is empowered to apply for relief by injunction, without bond, to restrain any person, partnership, or corporation from any threatened or actual act or practice, which that constitutes an offense under the provisions of this chapter. It shall not be necessary for the board to allege and prove that there is no adequate remedy at law in order to obtain the relief requested. The members of the board shall not be individually liable for applying for such relief.
- (b) If a person other than a licensed occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant threatens to engage in or has engaged in any act or practice which that constitutes an offense under the provisions of this chapter, a district court of any county on application of the board may issue an injunction or other appropriate order restraining such conduct.

SECTION 20. That Section 54-3913, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-3913. BOARD OF MEDICINE AND BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS -- POWERS AND DUTIES. (1) The board shall administer, coordinate, and enforce the provisions of this chapter, evaluate the qualifications and fitness of applicants, and approve the applications for licensure under this chapter, and may issue subpoenas, examine witnesses, and administer oaths, and may investigate practices which are alleged to violate the provisions of this chapter. The board of athletic trainers shall evaluate all applicants for qualification and fitness for licensure and make recommendations to and consult with the board concerning issuance of licenses, revocation of licenses and rules to be promulgated under this chapter.
- (2) The board shall, upon recommendation of the board of athletic trainers, adopt rules pursuant to chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code, relating to professional conduct to carry out the policy of this chapter including, but not limited to, rules relating to professional licensure and to the establishment of ethical standards of practice, disciplinary proceedings, refusal to renew license proceedings, license suspension proceedings, or

license revocation proceedings for persons licensed to practice as an athletic trainer in this state.

- (3) The board of athletic trainers shall hold meetings, conduct hearings and keep records and minutes as are necessary to carry out its functions.
- (4) Every person licensed as an athletic trainer in Idaho shall be subject to discipline pursuant to the powers set forth in this chapter and the rules of the board of medicine promulgated pursuant thereto. The board of athletic trainers shall have no authority to impose sanctions or limitations or conditions on licenses issued under this chapter and shall be authorized only to make recommendations to the board with respect thereto. Members of the board of athletic trainers shall disqualify themselves and, on motion of any interested party, may on proper showing, be disqualified in any proceeding concerning which they have an actual conflict of interest or bias which interferes with their fair and impartial service.
- (5) In addition to its other powers, the board of athletic trainers shall be empowered and authorized:
 - (a) To recommend that the board reprimand by informal admonition any licensed athletic trainer respecting any matter it finds is minor misconduct. Such reprimand shall be subject to disclosure according to chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code.
 - (b) To recommend that the board order, for good cause, nondisciplinary suspension or transfer to inactive status of any licensed athletic trainer incapacitated by illness, senility, disability, or addiction to drugs, intoxicants or other chemical or like substances, and to provide terms and conditions therefor, including provisions and conditions controlling reinstatement and any request therefor; provided, this paragraph shall not be construed to amend or repeal specific legislation expressly dealing with disabled athletic trainers whether heretofore or hereafter enacted by the legislature of the state of Idaho, but rather shall be construed as complementary thereto.
 - (c) To recommend that the board accept the resignation and surrender of the license of any athletic trainer under investigation or prosecution who tenders the same, and to impose terms and conditions in connection therewith as it may deem appropriate in the best interests of the public and of justice.
 - (d) To recommend that the board provide by order for reciprocal discipline in cases involving a licensed athletic trainer or applicant disciplined in any other jurisdiction, provided that such licensee or applicant shall be entitled to appear and show cause why such order should not apply in his or her case.
 - (e) To recommend that the board provide for reasonable fees through rules for administrative costs and assess costs reasonably and necessarily incurred in the enforcement of this chapter when a licensee or applicant has been found to be in violation of this chapter.
- (6) The assessment of attorney's fees and costs incurred in an investigation and prosecution or defense in an administrative proceeding against a licensee under this chapter shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.

SECTION 21. That Section 54-4132, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-4132. ADDITIONAL POWERS OF THE BOARD. In addition to the powers conferred elsewhere in this chapter, the board shall have the power under this act, in relation to appraisal management companies, to:
- (1) Authorize by written agreement the bureau of occupational licenses to act as its agent, to act in its interest and, in its discretion, to contract with the bureau of occupational licenses for those services deemed necessary for the proper administration of this act;
- (2) Adopt, pursuant to the administrative procedure act, rules that are consistent with the provisions of this act and are not in conflict with state or federal law that may be reasonably necessary to implement, administer and enforce the provisions of this act;
 - (3) Conduct investigations into violations of this act;
- (4) Receive applications for and approve registration of appraisal management companies pursuant to the provisions of this act;
 - (5) Hold meetings and hearings at such times as it may designate;
- (6) Collect, deposit and disburse application and other fees and income;
- (7) Collect the actual costs and fees, including attorney's fees, incurred by the board in the investigation and prosecution of an AMC upon the finding of a violation of this act or a rule adopted or an order issued by the board under this act. Provided, however, that the assessment of costs and fees against or in favor of a licensee under this chapter shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code;
- (8) Take such action as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this act and to regulate appraisal management companies;
- (9) Report an AMC's violation of applicable appraisal-related laws, regulations or orders, as well as disciplinary and enforcement actions or other relevant information about an AMC's operations to state and federal agencies; and
- (10) Require new applicants, owners or designated controlling persons for each new applicant to submit to a satisfactory fingerprint-based criminal history check of the Idaho central criminal database and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database and to collect fees from applicants for the cost of such background checks.
- SECTION 22. That Section 54-5215, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 54-5215. AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE AND DISCIPLINE -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION. (1) The board may investigate any person engaged in contracting within the state of Idaho, or any person believed to have acted as a contractor without being duly registered as required by this chapter. Upon receipt of a written complaint from a person who claims to have been injured or defrauded by such person, or upon information received by the board, the board shall perform an investigation of the facts alleged against such person. If the board investigation reveals that the facts alleged or received are sufficient to proceed with a formal action, the board may authorize the filing of an administrative complaint against such person and may

seek injunctive relief prohibiting such person from engaging in construction.

- (2) The board shall have the authority to issue informal letters of reprimand, suspend or revoke a registration, impose a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), recover the costs and fees incurred in an investigation and prosecution, or to issue a formal reprimand against any registered contractor if, after an opportunity for a hearing, the board determines that:
 - (a) A contractor has violated any of the provisions of this chapter including, but not limited to, failure to keep current or provide insurance coverage as required by this chapter;
 - (b) A contractor has violated any of the provisions of chapter 6, title 48, Idaho Code, relating to consumer protection including, but not limited to, making fraudulent misrepresentations to consumers;
 - (c) A contractor employed fraud or deception, made a misrepresentation or misstatement, or employed any unlawful means in applying for or securing registration as a contractor;
 - (d) A contractor employed fraud or deception, made a misrepresentation or misstatement, or employed any unlawful means in applying for or securing a building permit or other permits for construction of any type;
 - (e) A contractor failed to pay the required fee for registration as provided in this chapter;
 - (f) A contractor has been convicted of or has engaged in conduct constituting a violation of public laws, ordinances or rules of this state, or any subdivision thereof, relevant to contracting, reflecting on the registered contractor's ability or qualifications to continue contracting for other persons, and making the registered contractor a threat to the public safety, health or well-being;
 - (g) A contractor has engaged in any other conduct whether of the same or a different character than hereinabove specified which constitutes dishonest or dishonorable dealings;
 - (h) A contractor was grossly negligent or reckless in his conduct in the performance of construction. For purposes of this chapter, conduct is grossly negligent or reckless if, when taken as a whole, it is conduct which substantially fails to meet the generally accepted standard of care in the practice of construction in Idaho;
 - (i) A contractor had a license, registration or certification revoked, suspended or refused by this or another state, territory, incorporated municipality, county, alternative form of local government, or other municipal or political corporation or subdivision of this or another state, or omitted such information from any application to the board, or failed to divulge such information when requested by the board;
 - (j) A contractor has been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction; or
 - (k) A contractor interfered with an investigation or disciplinary proceeding by a willful misrepresentation of facts or by the use of threats or harassment against any person to prevent such person from providing evidence in a disciplinary proceeding, investigation or other legal action instituted in accordance with this chapter.

(3) A contractor whose registration has been revoked or suspended shall be required to return his certificate of registration within the time determined by the board or, upon a failure to do so, shall be liable for civil penalties as set by the board but not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day for each day the certificate is not returned after the expiration of the period allowed.

- (4) The suspension or revocation of a registration shall be considered a contested case as provided for in chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code, and shall be subject to the provisions of that chapter as well as the administrative rules adopted by the board governing contested cases.
- (5) The assessment of attorney's fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution or defense of a person under this section shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.

SECTION 23. That Section 54-5607, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 54-5607. BOARD POWERS. (1) The board shall have the following powers:
- $(\frac{1}{a})$ To receive applications for licensure, determine the qualifications of persons applying for licensure, provide licenses to applicants qualified under the provisions of this chapter and reinstate and deny licenses;
- $(\underline{2b})$ To establish by rule and collect fees as prescribed by this chapter;
- (3c) To maintain records necessary to carry out its duties under this chapter;
- $(4\underline{d})$ To pass upon the qualifications and fitness of applicants for licenses and to adopt rules requiring annual continuing education as a condition for the renewal of licenses issued under this chapter;
- $(\underline{5e})$ To prescribe by rule the minimum number of and qualifications for continuing education units (CEUs) to be required of each genetic counselor seeking to obtain or renew a license in the state of Idaho and for the approval of continuing education courses;
- $(\frac{6}{1})$ To examine for, deny, approve, issue, revoke and suspend licenses pursuant to this chapter and to conduct investigations and hearings in connection with such actions;
- (7q) Establish requirements for reinstatement and renewal of licenses;
- $(\frac{8h}{1})$ To adopt and revise such rules as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this chapter in compliance with chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code. The rules shall include, but shall not be limited to, a code of ethics for genetic counselors and licensed genetic counselor standards of practice;
- $(9\underline{i})$ In any proceeding before the board authorized by this chapter, the board or its designee may administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses appearing before it; and
- (10) The board may recover the actual costs and fees, including attorney's fees, incurred by the board in the investigation and prosecution of a licensee upon the finding of a violation of this chapter or a rule adopted or an order issued by the board under this chapter;
 - (11i) To take such action as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this chapter and to regulate the practice of genetic counseling.

- (\pm 2) In a final order, the board may impose a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each violation by a licensee of this chapter or of rules adopted by the board; and.
- (13) To The board may authorize, by written agreement, the bureau of occupational licenses as its agent to act in its interest and, in its discretion, to contract with the bureau of occupational licenses for those services deemed necessary for the proper administration of this chapter.
- $\underline{\text{(4)}}$ The assessment of costs and attorney's fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution or defense of a licensee under this chapter shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.

SECTION 24. That Section 55-1811, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 55-1811. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. (1) The commission shall have the authority to promulgate, to amend and to repeal reasonable rules for the administration and enforcement of this chapter. Such rules may include provisions for advertising standards to assure full and fair disclosure; provisions for bond, escrow or trust agreements or other means to assure that all improvements referred to in the application for registration and advertising will be completed and that purchasers will receive the interest in land for which they contracted; provisions for operating procedures; and such other rules as are necessary or proper to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.
- (2) The commission may revoke a registration ordered under the provisions of this chapter, and issue a cease and desist order and assess costs and attorney's fees for the cost of any investigation and administrative or other proceedings against any person who is found to have violated any section of this chapter, the commission's administrative rules or any order of the commission. The assessment of costs and attorney's fees for the investigation and prosecution or defense of a person registered under this chapter shall be governed by the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code. If any amounts assessed against a subdivider by final order of the commission become otherwise uncollectible or payment is in default, and only if all of the defendant's rights to appeal have passed, the commission may then proceed to district court and seek to enforce collection through judgment and execution, including an action against any bond filed or escrow or trust funds deposited pursuant to section 55-1806, Idaho Code.
- (3) Whenever it appears that a person has engaged or is about to engage in acts or practices that constitute or will constitute a violation of the provisions of this chapter or of a rule or order hereunder, the commission, with or without prior administrative proceedings, may bring an action in any district court to enjoin the acts or practices and to enforce compliance with this chapter or any rule or order hereunder. Upon a proper showing, a permanent or temporary injunction or restraining order may be granted.
- (4) The commission may intervene in a suit involving subdivided lands. In any suit by or against a subdivider involving subdivided lands, the subdivider promptly shall furnish the commission notice of the suit and copies of all pleadings.
 - (5) The commission may:

- (a) Accept registrations filed in other states or with the federal government;
- (b) Contract with the association of real estate license law officials to use its web-based file management system to accept registrations and related filings and to reduce the registration fees for applicants who use the web-based system to file registration documents;
- (c) Contract with similar agencies in this state or other jurisdictions to perform investigative functions.
- (6) The commission shall cooperate with similar agencies in other jurisdictions to establish uniform filing procedures and forms, uniform public offering statements, advertising standards, rules and common administrative practices.

SECTION 25. That Section 67-2601A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

67-2601A. DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY. (1) The division of building safety will be headed by an administrator appointed by and serving at the will of the governor. The division administrator, deputy administrators and regional managers shall be nonclassified employees exempt from the provisions of chapter 53, title 67, Idaho Code.

- (2) The administrator shall administer the following provisions and shall perform such additional duties as are imposed on him by law: chapter 41, title 39, Idaho Code, relating to the building code board; chapter 40, title 39, Idaho Code, relating to manufactured homes; chapter 43, title 39, Idaho Code, relating to factory built structures; chapter 21, title 44, Idaho Code, relating to manufactured home dealer and installer licensing; chapter 25, title 44, Idaho Code, relating to mobile home rehabilitation; chapter 10, title 54, Idaho Code, relating to electrical contractors and journeymen; chapter 19, title 54, Idaho Code, relating to licensing of public works contractors; chapter 26, title 54, Idaho Code, relating to plumbing and plumbers; chapter 45, title 54, Idaho Code, relating to public works construction management licensing; chapter 50, title 54, Idaho Code, relating to heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; chapter 80, title 39, Idaho Code, relating to school building safety; chapter 589, title 33, Idaho Code, relating to Idaho school safety and security; chapter 86, title 39, Idaho Code, relating to elevator safety; and chapter 22, title 55, Idaho Code, relating to underground facilities damage prevention.
- (3) The administrator shall also have the authority to perform safety inspections and safety training programs for logging operations in Idaho.
 - (a) When an inspection reveals evidence of a condition that poses an immediate threat of serious bodily harm or loss of life to any person, the administrator may issue an order to immediately stop the work or close the facility or site where the threat exists. The safety order shall not be rescinded until after the threat has been corrected or removed.
 - (b) The safety order may be enforced by the attorney general in a civil action brought in the district court for the county wherein the hazardous work site or facility is located.
 - (c) Any person who knowingly fails or refuses to comply with such an order is quilty of a misdemeanor.

- (d) The administrator shall promulgate rules adopting minimum logging safety standards and procedures for conducting inspections and safety training.
- (4) In addition to safety inspections of state-owned public buildings conducted under chapter 23, title 67, Idaho Code, the administrator may conduct safety inspections of buildings owned or maintained by political subdivisions of the state upon receipt of a written request from the governing body of that political subdivision, subject to the availability of division resources and the requesting entity's agreement to pay the division's current fees for such an inspection.
 - (a) The findings of the inspection shall be reported to the governing body of the political subdivision.
 - (b) The administrator may promulgate rules adopting minimum safety standards and procedures for conducting such inspections, as well as fees for performing the same.
 - (c) For purposes of this section, "political subdivision" means any governmental unit or special district of the state of Idaho other than public school districts.
- (5) In administering the laws regulating professions, trades and occupations that are devolved for administration upon the division, and in addition to the authority granted to the administrator by the laws and rules of the agencies and entities within the division, the administrator may:
 - (a) Revise the operating structure of the division as needed to provide efficient and appropriate services to the various professions, trades, occupations and programs administered within the division;
 - (b) Conduct examinations to ascertain the qualifications and fitness of applicants to exercise the profession, trade or occupation for which an examination is held; pass upon the qualifications of applicants for reciprocal licenses, certificates and authorities; prescribe rules for a fair and impartial method of examination of candidates to exercise the respective professions, trades or occupations; issue registrations, licenses and certificates; and until fees are established in rule, the administrator shall charge a fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for each examination administered;
 - (c) Conduct hearings on proceedings to discipline, renew or reinstate licenses, certificates or authorities of persons exercising the respective professions, trades or occupations; appoint hearing officers, administer oaths, issue subpoenas, and compel the attendance of witnesses; revoke, suspend, refuse to renew, or take other disciplinary action against such licenses, certifications or authorities; and prescribe rules to recover assess costs and fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution or defense of any certificate holder, licensee or registrant of the division, its boards, bureaus and programs, in accordance with the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code, the contested case provisions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code, and the laws and rules of the boards, bureaus and programs the division administers;
 - (d) Assess civil penalties as authorized;
 - (e) Promulgate rules establishing: a coordinated system for the issuance, renewal, cancellation and reinstatement of licenses, certificates, registrations and permits; assessment of all related fees;

the terms by which fees may be prorated, if any; and procedures for the replacement of lost or destroyed licenses, certificates or registrations; and

- (f) Promulgate other rules as may be necessary for the orderly administration of the chapters specified in subsection (2) of this section, except for those related to underground facilities damage prevention contained in chapter 22, title 55, Idaho Code, and such rules as may otherwise be required by those chapters as well as rules for the standardization of operating procedures.
- (6) Notwithstanding any law governing any specific board, bureau or program comprising the division of building safety, each board member shall hold office until a successor has been duly appointed and qualified.
- (7) The administrator shall have the authority to employ individuals, make expenditures, enter into contracts, require reports, make investigations, travel, and take other actions deemed necessary.

SECTION 26. That Section 67-2602, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 67-2602. BUREAU OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES. (1) The bureau of occupational licenses created in the department of self-governing agencies by section 67-2601, Idaho Code, shall be empowered, by written agreement between the bureau and each agency for which it provides administrative or other services as provided by law, to provide such services for the board of acupuncture, board of architectural examiners, athletic commission, board of barber examiners, certified shorthand reporters board, board of chiropractic physicians, Idaho contractors board, board of cosmetology, licensing board of professional counselors and marriage and family therapists, state board of denturitry, drinking water and wastewater professionals, state driving businesses licensure board, Idaho board of massage therapy, Idaho board of registration for professional geologists, speech and hearing services licensure board, physical therapy licensure board, board of landscape architects, liquefied petroleum gas safety board, board of morticians, board of naturopathic medical examiners, board of examiners of nursing home administrators, occupational therapy licensure board, board of optometry, board of podiatry, board of psychologist examiners, real estate appraiser board, board of examiners of residential care facility administrators, board of social work examiners, board of midwifery and such other professional and occupational licensing boards or commodity commissions as may request such services. The bureau may charge a reasonable fee for such services provided any agency not otherwise provided for by law and shall maintain proper accounting methods for all funds under its jurisdiction.
- (2) Notwithstanding the statutes governing specific boards, for any board that contracts with the bureau of occupational licenses, each board member shall hold office until a successor has been duly appointed and qualified.
- (3) The department of self-governing agencies, by and through the bureau of occupational licenses, shall be empowered to provide administrative or other services for the administration of chapter 48, title 54, Idaho Code, to issue, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew licenses and certificates, to

issue subpoenas, to prescribe and impose fees and to assess administrative penalties pursuant to the provisions of chapter 48, title 54, Idaho Code.

 (4) Agencies that contract with the bureau of occupational licenses for administrative services may assess and the bureau may collect assess costs, fees and attorney's fees reasonably incurred in the investigation and prosecution or defense of a licensee or registrant who is found to have violated the laws or rules of the agency, pursuant to the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code.

SECTION 27. That Section 67-2609, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 67-2609. REGISTRATION OF OCCUPATIONS. (a) The bureau of occupational licenses shall, wherever the several laws regulating professions, trades and occupations which are devolved upon the bureau for administration so require or pursuant to written agreement as provided in section 67-2604, Idaho Code, exercise, in its name, or as authorized agent, but subject to the provisions of this chapter, the following powers:
 - (1) To conduct examinations to ascertain the qualifications and fitness of applicants to exercise the profession, trade or occupation for which an examination is held; to pass upon the qualifications of applicants for reciprocal licenses, certificates and authorities—;
 - (2) To prescribe rules for a fair and wholly impartial method of examination of candidates to exercise the respective professions, trades or occupations.;
 - (3) To prescribe rules defining, for the respective professions, trades and occupations, what shall constitute a school, college or university, or department of a university, or other institution, reputable and in good standing and to determine the reputability and good standing of a school, college or university, or department of a university, or other institution, by reference to a compliance with such rules—;
 - (4) To establish a standard of preliminary education deemed requisite to admission to a school, college or university, and to require satisfactory proof of the enforcement of such standard by schools, colleges and universities.;
 - (5) To conduct hearings on proceedings to revoke or refuse renewal of licenses, certificates or authorities of persons exercising the respective professions, trades or occupations, and to revoke or refuse to renew such licenses, certificates or authorities \div :
 - (6) To formulate rules for adoption by the boards allowing the boards to recover assess costs and fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution or defense of a licensee in accordance with the provisions of section 12-117(5), Idaho Code, and with the contested case provisions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code, for an alleged violation of laws or rules of the boards.;
 - (7) To formulate rules for adoption by the boards establishing a schedule of civil fines which may be imposed upon a licensee prosecuted in accordance with the contested case provisions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code, for a violation of laws or rules of the boards. Any civil fine collected by a board for a violation of its laws or rules shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), unless otherwise provided by

statute, and shall be deposited in the bureau of occupational licensing account—;

- (8) To formulate rules when required in any act to be administered—; and
- (9) To collect and pay such fees as are required for criminal background checks of applicants, licensees or registrants.
- (b) None of the above enumerated functions and duties in subsection (a) of this section shall be exercised by the bureau of occupational licenses except upon the action and report in writing of persons designated from time to time by the chief of the bureau of occupational licenses to take such action and to make such report, for the respective professions, trades and occupations.