

Operator Registration Act

39-973. Operator registration act. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 39-973 through 39-980, and amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the operator registration act.

History: L.2014, ch. 94 §; July 1.

39-974. Same; definitions. As used in the operator registration act:

(a) "Operator" means an individual registered pursuant to the operator registration act who may be appointed by a licensee to have authority and responsibility to oversee an adult care home.

(b) "Secretary" means the secretary for aging and disability services.

(c) "Department" means the Kansas department for aging and disability services.

(d) "Adult care home" means an assisted living facility or residential health care facility licensed for less than 61 residents, home plus or adult day care as defined by K.S.A. 39-923, and amendments thereto, or by the rules and regulations of the licensing agency adopted pursuant to such section for which a license is required under article 9 of chapter 39 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

(e) "Licensee" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in K.S.A. 39-923, and amendments thereto.

History: L. 2014, ch. 94, § 3; July 1.

39-975. Same; registration of operators; rules and regulations. (a) On and after July 1, 2014, no person shall represent that such person is an operator unless such person is registered under the operator registration act as an operator. A violation of this subsection is a class C misdemeanor.

(b) The secretary shall adopt by rules and regulations a system for registering operators. Such rules and regulations shall include qualifications for registration. Such rules and regulations shall require, at a minimum, that the applicant:

(1) Be at least 21 years of age;

(2) (A) Possess a high school diploma or equivalent, with one year relevant experience as determined by the secretary;

(B) possess an associate's degree in a relevant field as determined by the secretary; or

(C) possess a baccalaureate degree;

(3) has successfully completed a course approved by the secretary on principles of assisted living;

(4) has passed an examination approved by the secretary on principles of assisted living and such other requirements as may be established by the secretary by rules and regulations;

(5) has filed an application; and

(6) has paid the required application fee.

History: L. 2014, ch. 94, § 4; July 1.

39-976. Same; operator registration on adult care home administrator license required. On and after July 1, 2014, no adult care home shall be operated unless under the supervision of an operator who holds a valid registration as an operator issued pursuant to the operator

registration act or an adult care home administrator who holds a valid license as a licensed adult care home administrator pursuant to K.S.A. 65-3501 et seq., and amendments thereto. History: L. 2014, ch. 94, § 5; July 1.

39-977. Same; waiver of registration requirements, when. (a) Upon application and within two years of July 1, 2014, the secretary may waive the requirements of (b)(2) and (b)(6) of section 4, and amendments thereto, and grant a registration to any applicant so long as the applicant: (1) Has completed the operator course prior to July 1, 2014, that was approved by the secretary; and (2) has passed an examination prior to July 1, 2014, that was approved by the secretary. (b) A person who has completed the operator course approved by the secretary and has passed an examination that was approved by the secretary prior to July 1, 2014, and does not apply within two years of July 1, 2014, shall be considered to have a registration that has lapsed for failure to renew. History: L. 2014, ch. 94, § 6; July 1.

39-978. Same; registration renewal. (a) Every individual who holds a valid registration as an operator shall apply to the department for renewal of such registration in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary. (b) Upon making an application for a renewal of registration, such individual shall pay a renewal fee to be fixed by rules and regulations and shall submit evidence satisfactory to the secretary that during the period immediately preceding application for renewal the applicant has completed continuing education requirements as provided by the rules and regulations. Any individual who submits an application for a renewal of registration within 30 days after the date of expiration shall also pay a late renewal fee fixed by rules and regulations. Any individual who submits an application for a renewal of registration after the 30-day period following the date of expiration shall be considered as having a registration that has lapsed for failure to renew and shall be reissued a registration only after the individual has been reinstated under subsection (d). (c) The department shall issue a registration to an operator upon receipt of an application for renewal of registration, the renewal fee and the evidence required for approval. (d) An operator who allows their registration to lapse by failing to renew may be reinstated upon payment of the renewal fee, the reinstatement fee and submission of evidence demonstrating satisfactory completion of any applicable program or a course of study established by the secretary for reinstatement of persons whose registrations have lapsed for failure to renew. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations establishing appropriate requirements for reinstatement of persons whose registrations have lapsed for failure to renew. (e) The expiration date of registrations issued or renewed shall be established by rules and regulations of the secretary. Subject to the provisions of this subsection, each registration shall be renewable on a biennial basis upon the filing of a renewal application prior to the expiration of an existing registration and upon payment of the renewal fee established pursuant to rules and regulations. To provide for a system of biennial renewal of registrations, the secretary may provide by rules and regulations that registrations issued or renewed for the first time after July 1, 2014, may expire less than two years from the date of issuance or renewal. In each case in

which a registration is issued or renewed for a period of time less than two years, the secretary shall prorate to the nearest whole month the registration or renewal fee established pursuant to rules and regulations. No proration shall be made under this subsection on delinquent registration renewals.

History: L. 2014, ch. 94, § 7; July 1.

39-979. Same; fees; health occupations credentialing fee fund. (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury the health occupations credentialing fee fund to be administered by the secretary for aging and disability services. All expenditures from the health occupations credentialing fee fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary for aging and disability services or the secretary's designee.

(b) All fees under the operator registration act shall be established by rules and regulations of the secretary. The amounts received for such fees shall be deposited in the state treasury in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto, and shall be credited to the health occupations credentialing fee fund.

History: L. 2014, ch. 94, § 8; L. 2018, ch. 32, § 2; July 1.

39-980. Same; suspension, denial of, revocation of or refusal to renew registration; hearing; powers of secretary. (a) The secretary may deny, refuse to renew, suspend or revoke a registration where the operator or applicant:

(1) Has obtained, or attempted to obtain, a registration by means of fraud, misrepresentation or concealment of material facts;

(2) has a finding of abuse, neglect or exploitation against a resident of an adult care home as defined in K.S.A. 39-1401, and amendments thereto;

(3) has been convicted of a crime found by the secretary to have direct bearing on whether the registrant or applicant can be entrusted to serve the public in the position of an operator;

(4) has violated a lawful order or rule or regulation of the secretary;

(5) had disciplinary action taken against such operator on a professional or occupational healthcare credential issued by this state or by another jurisdiction; or

(6) has violated any provisions of the operator registration act.

(b) Such denial, refusal to renew, suspension or revocation of a registration may be ordered by the secretary after notice and hearing on the matter in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act.

(c) A person whose registration has been revoked may apply to the secretary for reinstatement. The secretary shall have discretion to accept or reject an application for reinstatement and may hold a hearing to consider such reinstatement. An applicant for reinstatement shall submit an application for reinstatement and a reinstatement fee established by the secretary and fulfill the requirements under subsection (d) of K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 39-978, and amendments thereto.

History: L. 2014, ch. 94, § 9; July 1.