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Bill Analysis

SB 896 authorizes private certification organizations to register with the state government to provide certification for persons to participate in certain occupational fields requiring licensure. Such entities must provide information outlined in the measure and publish it on a publicly available website, require qualifications that are related to the lawful occupation for which an individual is certified, verify an individual's qualifications before certification, require privately certified individuals to prominently display the private certification, have at least 50 privately certified individuals in active practice in the United States after 1 year of applying for registration with the Secretary. Any organization that fails to comply with the provisions of this measure and continues to operate 90 days after failing to comply shall be guilty of fraud and subject to punishment under the Oklahoma Consumer Protection Act. The measure prohibits the government from imposing a penalty, fine, or fee on an individual who is certified by a participating private certifying organization. Any individual certified in this manner will be required to display information outlined in the measure clarifying that he or she was not licensed by the state government and that he or she is privately certified with the name of the private certifying organization shown. Such individuals may not use the term "licensed", "certified", or "registered" to describe his or her credentials. The measure provides that the Secretary of State shall enforce the provisions of this measure.

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