

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 317 authorizes private certifying organizations to participate and register with the government. Such organizations must publish the scope of practice it certifies, the qualifications an individual needs for certification, identification and location information, and the state in which it is registered on a publicly accessible website. Additionally, such organizations must be able to verify an individual's qualifications as well as have at least 50 privately certified individuals in active practice in the United States 1 year after registration. Individuals certified by such organizations may engage in the lawful occupation for which they are certified by the organization. Individuals licensed in this manner must display that they are licensed by the private organization and not the government. Any individual falsely claiming that they are privately certified shall be guilty of fraud and subject to penalties under the Oklahoma Consumer Protection Act. The Secretary of State shall enforce the provisions of this measure.

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