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including, but not limited to, utilization trends in the workers' compensation health care delivery system. The department shall provide the panel with an annual report regarding the resolution of medical reimbursement disputes and any actions pursuant to subsection (8). The department shall provide administrative support and service to the panel to the extent requested by the panel. The department may adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this subsection. For prescription medication purchased under the requirements of this subsection, a dispensing practitioner shall not possess such medication unless payment has been made by the practitioner, the practitioner's professional practice, or the practitioner's practice management company or employer to the supplying manufacturer, wholesaler, distributor, or drug repackager within 60 days of the dispensing practitioner taking possession of that medication.

Section 14. Section 497.1411, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

497.1411 Disqualification of applicants and licenses; penalties against licensees; rulemaking.—

(1) For purposes of this section, the term "applicant" means an individual applying for licensure or relicensure under this chapter, or an officer, a director, a majority owner, a partner, a manager, or other person who manages or controls an entity applying for licensure or relicensure under this chapter.

(2) An applicant who has been found guilty of or has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any of the following offenses, regardless of adjudication, is permanently barred from licensure under this chapter:

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1074 (a) A felony of the first degree.

1075 (b) A felony involving conduct prohibited under chapter
1076 497, chapter 787, chapter 794, chapter 796, chapter 800, chapter
1077 825, chapter 827, or chapter 847.

1078 (c) A felony involving moral turpitude.

1079 (3) An applicant who has been found guilty of, or has
1080 entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to an offense not
1081 subject to the permanent bar under subsection (2), regardless of
1082 adjudication, is subject to the following disqualifying periods:

1083 (a) A 10-year disqualifying period for any felony to which
1084 the permanent bar in subsection (2) does not apply.

1085 Notwithstanding subsection (4), an applicant who has completed
1086 at least one-half of the disqualifying period may apply for a
1087 probationary license for the remainder of the disqualifying
1088 period if, during that time, the applicant has not been found
1089 guilty of, or has not entered a plea of guilty or nolo
1090 contendere to, any offense.

1091 (b) A 5-year disqualifying period for all misdemeanors
1092 directly related to chapter 497.

1093 (4) The board shall adopt rules to administer this section.
1094 Such rules must provide additional disqualifying periods for
1095 applicants who have committed multiple criminal offenses and may
1096 provide additional factors for disqualification reasonably
1097 related to the applicant's criminal history. The rules must also
1098 establish mitigating and aggravating factors. However,
1099 mitigation may not reduce any disqualifying period to less than
1100 5 years and may not be applied to reduce the 5-year
1101 disqualifying period provided in paragraph (3)(b).

1102 (5) For purposes of this section, a disqualifying period

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1103 begins upon the applicant's final release from supervision or
1104 upon completion of the applicant's criminal sentence. The board
1105 may not approve issuance of a license to an applicant until the
1106 applicant provides proof that all related fines, court costs,
1107 fees, and court-ordered restitution have been paid.

1108 (6) After the disqualifying period has expired, the burden
1109 is on the applicant to demonstrate to the board that he or she
1110 has been rehabilitated, does not pose a risk to the public, is
1111 fit and trustworthy to engage in business regulated by this
1112 chapter, and is otherwise qualified for licensure.

1113 (7) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (3), an applicant
1114 who has been found guilty of, or has pleaded guilty or nolo
1115 contendere to, a crime in subsection (2) or subsection (3), and
1116 who has subsequently been granted a pardon or the restoration of
1117 civil rights pursuant to chapter 940 and s. 8, Art. IV of the
1118 State Constitution, or a pardon or the restoration of civil
1119 rights under the laws of another jurisdiction with respect to a
1120 conviction in that jurisdiction, is not barred or disqualified
1121 from licensure under this chapter; however, such a pardon or
1122 restoration of civil rights does not require the board to award
1123 such license.

1124 (8) (a) The board may grant an exemption from
1125 disqualification to any person disqualified from licensure under
1126 subsection (3) if:

1127 1. The applicant has paid in full any fee, fine, fund,
1128 lien, civil judgment, restitution, or cost of prosecution
1129 imposed by the court as part of the judgment and sentence for
1130 any disqualifying offense; and

1131 2. At least 2 years have elapsed since the applicant

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completed or has been lawfully released from confinement,
supervision, or any nonmonetary condition imposed by the court
for a disqualifying offense.

(b) For the board to grant an exemption under this
subsection, the applicant must clearly and convincingly
demonstrate that he or she would not pose a risk to persons or
property if licensed under this chapter, evidence of which must
include, but need not be limited to, facts and circumstances
surrounding the disqualifying offense, the time that has elapsed
since the offense, the nature of the offense and harm caused to
the victim, the applicant's history before and after the
offense, and any other evidence or circumstances indicating that
the applicant will not present a danger if licensed or
certified.

(c) The board has discretion whether to grant or deny an
exemption under this subsection. The board's decision is subject
to chapter 120.

(9) The disqualification periods provided in this section
do not apply to the renewal of a license or to a new application
for licensure if the applicant has an active license as of July
1, 2026, and the applicable criminal history was considered by
the board on the prior approval of any active license held by
the applicant. This section does not affect any criminal history
disclosure requirements of this chapter.

Section 15. Subsection (9) and paragraph (c) of subsection
(10) of section 497.142, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
497.142 Licensing; fingerprinting and criminal background
checks.—

(9) If any applicant under this chapter has been, ~~within~~

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the 10 years preceding the application under this chapter,
convicted or found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo
contendere to, regardless of adjudication, any crime in any
jurisdiction, the application may ~~shall~~ not be deemed complete
until such time as the applicant provides such certified true
copies of the court records evidencing the conviction, finding,
or plea, as required in this section or as the licensing
authority may by rule require.

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(c) Crimes to be disclosed are:

1. Any felony ~~or misdemeanor~~, no matter when committed,
~~that was directly or indirectly related to or involving any~~
~~aspect of the practice or business of funeral directing,~~
~~embalming, direct disposition, cremation, funeral or cemetery~~
~~preneed sales, funeral establishment operations, cemetery~~
~~operations, or cemetery monument or marker sales or~~
~~installation.~~

2. Any misdemeanor, no matter when committed, that was
directly related to the practice or activities regulated ~~Any~~
~~other felony not already disclosed under subparagraph 1. that~~
~~was committed within the 20 years immediately preceding the~~
~~application~~ under this chapter.

3. Any other misdemeanor not already disclosed under
subparagraph 2. which ~~subparagraph 1. that~~ was committed within
the 5 years immediately preceding the application under this
chapter.

Section 16. Subsection (11) is added to section 553.80,
Florida Statutes, to read:

553.80 Enforcement.—