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Know Your Regulator is a carefully curated bulletin designed to keep you up-to-date with your specific regulatory agency's news. Agency decisions can affect your professional license and we know you want to stay informed. You can stay ahead of the curve by getting to know your regulatory agency closely.

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SPECIAL UPDATE:

State Agencies in Texas Warn License Holders of New Scams

State agencies in Texas are warning license holders amid new scam tactics that impersonate a state regulatory agency. These scams are becoming more sophisticated and harder to spot, making it crucial for licensees to know how to recognize these scams and protect themselves and their personal data from harm. Keep reading to learn how your license and profession may be targeted, and how to report these scams.

Texas Medical Board:

The Texas Medical Board (TMB) continues to remind license holders to be on the alert for scammers impersonating the agency and other state and federal agencies via phone calls, and fake FAX, email, or mailed letters. Some scammers may claim to be employees with TMB, DEA, FBI, or local law enforcement and may even attempt to spoof agency phone numbers or send documents with an official-looking letterhead. Typically, these documents will demand money, or some type of action. See an example here.

TMB says staff does **not call** and make requests for sensitive information over the phone, nor would they call and discourage individuals from contacting attorneys. TMB wants to stress to license holders that they do not suspend licenses at the direction of the DEA, FBI, or other federal entity. Additionally, as some scams indicated, TMB does not have the authority to issue, cancel, or influence arrest warrants. License

holders should stay vigilant and report any suspected scam to the FBI and Texas OAG.

You can report information on scammers to the Texas Office of the Attorney General (OAG). Click here to learn how to <u>identify a scam</u> and <u>how to report a scammer.</u>

If you are contacted by a person purporting to work for DEA and seeking money, or threatening to suspend your DEA registration, report the incident to the <u>FBI IC3 Complaint Center</u>.

You can also utilize <u>BBB Scam Tracker</u> to report a scam, see if similar scams have been reported, and warn others to avoid similar schemes.

Don't Risk Your License in 2025

As the new year begins, your regulatory agency will hold board meetings to discuss previous and upcoming agency changes and a look at the year ahead. By staying informed and involved with your regulatory agency and any potential changes, you can reduce the risk of disciplinary action, suspension, or revocation of your professional license.

We've simplified this for license holders by creating **Know Your Regulator**, a free informational resource from Bertolino LLP that keeps licensees up to date with changes within their regulatory agency. Our Know Your Regulator bulletin is periodically delivered to your inbox, and includes important information about your governing regulatory agency such as, proposed and adopted rules, important news updates, opportunities for licensees to get involved, and upcoming board meetings.

Take Action!

- Subscribe to Know Your Regulator's <u>podcast</u> and bulletin mailing list.
- Attend your <u>upcoming regulatory agency board meetings</u>.
- Make sure your agency has your most up-to-date contact information.
- Receive our free eBook, "Know Your Regulator: How You Can Take More Control of Your Professional Life Through Involvement in Your Regulated Industry".

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