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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 18.19.130 and 1991 c 3 s 28 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) The department shall issue a certified marriage and family
10 therapist certificate to any applicant meeting the following
11 requirements:

12 (a)((~~(i)~~)) A master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family
13 therapy (~~(or its equivalent from an approved school that shows evidence~~
14 ~~of the following course work:—(A) Marriage and family systems, (B)~~
15 ~~marriage and family therapy, (C) individual development, (D) assessment~~
16 ~~of psychopathology, (E) human sexuality, (F) research methods, (G)~~
17 ~~professional ethics and laws, and (H) a minimum of one year in the~~
18 ~~practice of marriage and family therapy under the supervision of a~~
19 ~~qualified marriage and family therapist;~~

20 (~~ii~~) Two years of postgraduate practice of marriage and family
21 therapy under the supervision of a qualified marriage and family
22 therapist; and

23 (~~iii~~) Passing scores on both written and oral examinations
24 administered by the department for marriage and family therapists; or

25 (b) In the alternative, an applicant completing a master's or
26 doctoral degree program in marriage and family therapy or its
27 equivalent from an approved graduate school before or within eighteen
28 months of July 26, 1987, may qualify for the examination), or a
29 behavioral science master's or doctoral degree and the program
30 equivalency as determined by rule by the department based on nationally
31 recognized standards;

32 (b)(i) After receiving a master's or doctoral degree in marriage
33 and family therapy, two years of postgraduate practice of marriage and
34 family therapy, under the supervision of a qualified marriage and
35 family therapy supervisor;

1 (ii) After receiving a master's or doctoral degree in a behavioral
2 science, two years of postgraduate practice in marriage and family
3 therapy under supervision of a qualified marriage and family
4 supervisor, which may be accumulated concurrently with completion of
5 the program equivalency as adopted by the department by rule; and

6 (c) A passing score on a written examination that includes a
7 section on Washington's statutes and rules, including provisions of the
8 uniform disciplinary act, approved by the department for certified
9 marriage and family therapists.

10 ~~(2) ((Except as provided in RCW 18.19.160, an applicant is exempt~~
11 ~~from the examination provisions of this section under the following~~
12 ~~conditions if application for exemption is made within twelve months~~
13 ~~after July 26, 1987:~~

14 ~~(a) The applicant shall establish to the satisfaction of the~~
15 ~~secretary that he or she has been engaged in the practice of marriage~~
16 ~~and family therapy as defined in this chapter for two of the previous~~
17 ~~four years; and~~

18 ~~(b) The applicant has the following academic qualifications: (i)~~
19 ~~A doctorate or master's degree in marriage and family therapy or its~~
20 ~~equivalent from an approved graduate school; and (ii) two years of~~
21 ~~postgraduate experience under the supervision of a marriage and family~~
22 ~~therapist who qualifies for certification under this chapter or under~~
23 ~~the supervision of any other professional deemed appropriate by the~~
24 ~~secretary.~~

25 ~~(3)) The practice of marriage and family therapy is that aspect of~~
26 ~~counseling that involves ((the assessment and treatment of impaired~~
27 ~~marriage or family relationships including, but not limited to,~~
28 ~~premarital and postdivorce relationships and the enhancement of marital~~
29 ~~and family relationships via use of educational, sociological, and~~
30 ~~psychotherapeutic theories and techniques)) the rendering of
31 professional marriage and family therapy services to individuals,
32 couples, and families, singly or in groups, whether such services are
33 offered directly to the general public or through organizations, either
34 public or private, for a fee, monetary or otherwise. "Marriage and
35 family therapy" means the diagnosis and treatment of mental and
36 emotional disorders, whether cognitive, affective, or behavioral,
37 within the context of marriage and family systems. Marriage and family
38 therapy involves the professional application of psychotherapeutic and
39 family systems theories and techniques in the delivery of services to~~

1 individuals, couples, and families for the purpose of treating such
2 diagnosed nervous and mental disorders."

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6 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "therapists;" strike the
7 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 18.19.130."

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