

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1802**

53rd Legislature  
1993 Regular Session

Passed by the House April 20, 1993  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 17, 1993  
Yeas 39 Nays 3

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1802** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Veloria, Dellwo, Ballasiotes, Romero, Flemming, Lisk and Thibaudeau)

Read first time 03/03/93.

1            AN ACT Relating to certification of marriage and family therapists;  
2 and amending RCW 18.19.130.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.19.130 and 1991 c 3 s 28 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) The department shall issue a certified marriage and family  
7 therapist certificate to any applicant meeting the following  
8 requirements:

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

17            (~~ii~~) Two years of postgraduate practice of marriage and family  
18 therapy under the supervision of a qualified marriage and family  
19 therapist; and

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

3       ~~(b) In the alternative, an applicant completing a master's or~~  
4 ~~doctoral degree program in marriage and family therapy or its~~  
5 ~~equivalent from an approved graduate school before or within eighteen~~  
6 ~~months of July 26, 1987, may qualify for the examination)), or a~~  
7 ~~behavioral science master's or doctoral degree and the program~~  
8 ~~equivalency as determined by rule by the department based on nationally~~  
9 ~~recognized standards;~~

10       ~~(b)(i) After receiving a master's or doctoral degree in marriage~~  
11 ~~and family therapy, two years of postgraduate practice of marriage and~~  
12 ~~family therapy, under the supervision of a qualified marriage and~~  
13 ~~family therapy supervisor;~~

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

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

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

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

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

38       ~~(3)) The practice of marriage and family therapy is that aspect of~~  
39 ~~counseling that involves ((the assessment and treatment of impaired~~

1 ~~marriage or family relationships including, but not limited to,~~  
2 ~~premarital and postdivorce relationships and the enhancement of marital~~  
3 ~~and family relationships via use of educational, sociological, and~~  
4 ~~psychotherapeutic theories and techniques)) the rendering of  
5 professional marriage and family therapy services to individuals,  
6 couples, and families, singly or in groups, whether such services are  
7 offered directly to the general public or through organizations, either  
8 public or private, for a fee, monetary or otherwise. "Marriage and  
9 family therapy" means the diagnosis and treatment of mental and  
10 emotional disorders, whether cognitive, affective, or behavioral,  
11 within the context of marriage and family systems. Marriage and family  
12 therapy involves the professional application of family systems  
13 theories and techniques in the delivery of services to individuals,  
14 couples, and families for the purpose of treating such disorders.~~

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