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By Committee on Human Services & Corrections

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 18.225.090 and 2006 c 69 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) The secretary shall issue a license to any applicant who
6 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the secretary that the applicant
7 meets the following education and experience requirements for the
8 applicant's practice area.

9 (a) Licensed social work classifications:

10 (i) Licensed advanced social worker:

11 (A) Graduation from a master's or doctorate social work educational
12 program accredited by the council on social work education and approved
13 by the secretary based upon nationally recognized standards;

14 (B) Successful completion of an approved examination;

15 (C) Successful completion of a supervised experience requirement.

16 The supervised experience requirement consists of a minimum of three
17 thousand two hundred hours with supervision by an approved supervisor
18 who has been licensed for at least two years. Of those supervised
19 hours:

20 (I) At least ninety hours ((of supervision)) must include direct
21 supervision as specified in this subsection by a licensed independent
22 clinical social worker ((or)) a licensed advanced social worker ((who
23 has been licensed or certified for at least two years)), or an equally
24 qualified licensed mental health professional. Of those hours((r)) of
25 directly supervised experience:

26 (1) At least fifty hours must include ((direct)) supervision by a
27 licensed advanced social worker or licensed independent clinical social
28 worker; the other forty hours may be ((with)) supervised by an equally
29 qualified licensed mental health practitioner((r)); and

1 (2) At least forty hours must be in one-to-one supervision and
2 fifty hours may be in one-to-one supervision or group supervision~~((-))~~;
3 (II) Distance supervision is limited to forty supervision
4 hours~~((-))~~; and
5 (III) Eight hundred hours must be in direct client contact; and
6 (D) Successful completion of continuing education requirements of
7 thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.
8 (ii) Licensed independent clinical social worker:
9 (A) Graduation from a master's or doctorate level social work
10 educational program accredited by the council on social work education
11 and approved by the secretary based upon nationally recognized
12 standards;
13 (B) Successful completion of an approved examination;
14 (C) Successful completion of a supervised experience requirement.
15 The supervised experience requirement consists of a minimum of four
16 thousand hours of experience, ~~((of which))~~ over a three-year period,
17 with supervision by an approved supervisor who has been licensed for at
18 least two years and, as specified in this subsection, may be either a
19 licensed independent clinical social worker who has had at least one
20 year of experience in supervising the clinical social work of others or
21 an equally qualified licensed mental health practitioner. Of those
22 supervised hours:
23 (I) At least one thousand hours must be direct client contact~~((-~~
24 ~~over a three-year period supervised by a licensed independent clinical~~
25 ~~social worker who has been licensed or certified for at least five~~
26 ~~years and who has had at least one year of experience in supervising~~
27 ~~the clinical social work practice of others, with supervision of))~~;
28 (II) Hours of direct supervision must include:
29 (1) At least one hundred thirty hours by a licensed mental health
30 practitioner~~((-. Of the total supervision,))~~;
31 (2) At least seventy hours ((must be)) of supervision with ((an))
32 a licensed independent clinical social worker meeting the
33 qualifications under this subsection (1)(a)(ii)(C); the other sixty
34 hours may be ~~((with))~~ supervised by an equally qualified licensed
35 mental health practitioner~~((-))~~; and
36 (3) At least sixty hours must be in one-to-one supervision and
37 seventy hours may be in one-to-one supervision or group
38 supervision~~((-))~~; and

1 (III) Distance supervision is limited to sixty supervision hours;
2 and
3 (D) Successful completion of continuing education requirements of
4 thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.
5 (b) Licensed mental health counselor:
6 (i) Graduation from a master's or doctoral level educational
7 program in mental health counseling or a related discipline from a
8 college or university approved by the secretary based upon nationally
9 recognized standards;
10 (ii) Successful completion of an approved examination;
11 (iii) Successful completion of a supervised experience requirement.
12 The experience requirement consists of a minimum of thirty-six months
13 full-time counseling or three thousand hours of postgraduate mental
14 health counseling under the supervision of a qualified licensed mental
15 health counselor or equally qualified licensed mental health
16 practitioner, in an approved setting. The three thousand hours of
17 required experience includes a minimum of one hundred hours spent in
18 immediate supervision with the qualified licensed mental health
19 counselor, and includes a minimum of one thousand two hundred hours of
20 direct counseling with individuals, couples, families, or groups; and
21 (iv) Successful completion of continuing education requirements of
22 thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.
23 (c) Licensed marriage and family therapist:
24 (i) Graduation from a master's degree or doctoral degree
25 educational program in marriage and family therapy or graduation from
26 an educational program in an allied field equivalent to a master's
27 degree or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy approved by
28 the secretary based upon nationally recognized standards;
29 (ii) Successful passage of an approved examination;
30 (iii) Successful completion of a supervised experience requirement.
31 The experience requirement consists of a minimum of two calendar years
32 of full-time marriage and family therapy. Of the total supervision,
33 one hundred hours must be with a licensed marriage and family therapist
34 with at least five years' clinical experience; the other one hundred
35 hours may be with an equally qualified licensed mental health
36 practitioner. Total experience requirements include:
37 (A) A minimum of three thousand hours of experience, one thousand

1 hours of which must be direct client contact; at least five hundred
2 hours must be gained in diagnosing and treating couples and families;
3 plus

4 (B) At least two hundred hours of qualified supervision with a
5 supervisor. At least one hundred of the two hundred hours must be one-
6 on-one supervision, and the remaining hours may be in one-on-one or
7 group supervision.

8 Applicants who have completed a master's program accredited by the
9 commission on accreditation for marriage and family therapy education
10 of the American association for marriage and family therapy may be
11 credited with five hundred hours of direct client contact and one
12 hundred hours of formal meetings with an approved supervisor; and

13 (iv) Successful completion of continuing education requirements of
14 thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.

15 (2) The department shall establish by rule what constitutes
16 adequate proof of meeting the criteria.

17 (3) In addition, applicants shall be subject to the grounds for
18 denial of a license or issuance of a conditional license under chapter
19 18.130 RCW.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is remedial and curative in nature
21 and applies retroactively to July 22, 2003."

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22 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "licenses;" strike the
23 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.225.090; and
24 creating a new section."

EFFECT: The provisions of the bill are effective retroactively to

July 22, 2003, rather than July 22, 2001.

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