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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Barlow, Morrell, Moeller, Conway, Simpson, and Kenney; by request of Governor Gregoire)

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying credentialing standards for
2 counselors; amending RCW 18.19.020, 18.19.030, 18.19.040, 18.19.050,
3 18.19.060, 18.19.090, 18.19.100, 18.225.010, 18.225.020, 18.225.150,
4 18.205.020, 18.205.030, and 18.205.040; adding new sections to chapter
5 18.19 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.225 RCW; adding a new
6 section to chapter 18.205 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an
7 effective date.

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

9 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.19.020 and 2001 c 251 s 18 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 ~~((Unless the context clearly requires otherwise,))~~ The definitions
12 in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context
13 clearly requires otherwise.

14 (1) "Agency" means an agency or facility operated, licensed, or
15 certified by the state of Washington.

16 (2) "Agency affiliated counselor" means a person registered under
17 this chapter who is engaged in counseling and employed by an agency.

18 (3) "Limited professional counselor" means a person certified under
19 this chapter who is engaged in private practice counseling.

1 (4) "Client" means an individual who receives or participates in
2 counseling or group counseling.

3 (~~(2)~~) (5) "Counseling" means employing any therapeutic
4 techniques, including but not limited to social work, mental health
5 counseling, marriage and family therapy, and hypnotherapy, for a fee
6 that offer, assist or attempt to assist an individual or individuals in
7 the amelioration or adjustment of mental, emotional, or behavioral
8 problems, and includes therapeutic techniques to achieve sensitivity
9 and awareness of self and others and the development of human
10 potential. For the purposes of this chapter, nothing may be construed
11 to imply that the practice of hypnotherapy is necessarily limited to
12 counseling.

13 (~~(3)~~) (6) "Counselor" means an individual, practitioner,
14 therapist, or analyst who engages in the practice of counseling to the
15 public for a fee, including for the purposes of this chapter,
16 hypnotherapists.

17 (~~(4)~~) (7) "Department" means the department of health.

18 (~~(5)~~) (8) "Hypnotherapist" means a person registered under this
19 chapter who is practicing hypnosis as a modality.

20 (9) "Private practice counseling" means the practice of counseling
21 by a limited professional counselor as specified in section 4 of this
22 act.

23 (10) "Psychotherapy" means the practice of counseling using
24 diagnosis of serious mental disorders according to the fourth edition
25 of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, published
26 in 1994, and the development of treatment plans for counseling based on
27 diagnosis of serious mental disorders in accordance with established
28 practice standards.

29 (11) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department or the
30 secretary's designee.

31 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.19.030 and 2001 c 251 s 19 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 (~~(No)~~) A person may not, (~~for a fee or~~) as a part of his or her
34 position as an employee of a state agency, practice counseling without
35 being registered to practice as an agency affiliated counselor by the
36 department under this chapter unless exempt under RCW 18.19.040.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 18.19 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 A person may not, for a fee or as a part of his or her position as
4 an employee of a state agency, practice hypnotherapy without being
5 registered to practice as a hypnotherapist by the department under this
6 chapter unless exempt under RCW 18.19.040.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 18.19 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 The scope of practice of limited professional counselors consists
10 exclusively of the following:

11 (1) Appropriate screening of the client's level of functional
12 impairment using the global assessment of functioning as described in
13 the fourth edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental
14 disorders, published in 1994. Recognition of a mental or physical
15 disorder or a global assessment of functioning score of sixty or less
16 requires that the limited professional counselor refer the client to a
17 physician, osteopathic physician, or licensed mental health
18 practitioner, as defined by the secretary, for diagnosis and treatment;

19 (2)(a) Counseling and guiding clients who have a global assessment
20 of functioning score greater than sixty in adjusting to life
21 situations, developing new skills, and making desired changes, in
22 accordance with the theories and techniques of a specific counseling
23 method and established practice standards.

24 (b) A limited professional counselor shall not provide counseling
25 or guidance services under (a) of this subsection to a client with a
26 global assessment of functioning score of sixty or less, except as part
27 of a plan of care developed by a physician, osteopathic physician, or
28 licensed mental health practitioner, as defined by the secretary, who
29 is actively treating the client. The limited professional counselor
30 must adhere to any conditions related to the limited professional
31 counselor's role as specified in the plan of care.

32 **Sec. 5.** RCW 18.19.040 and 2001 c 251 s 20 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 Nothing in this chapter may be construed to prohibit or restrict:

35 (1) The practice of a profession by a person who is either
36 registered, certified, licensed, or similarly regulated under the laws

1 of this state and who is performing services within the person's
2 authorized scope of practice, including any attorney admitted to
3 practice law in this state when providing counseling incidental to and
4 in the course of providing legal counsel;

5 (2) The practice of counseling by an employee or trainee of any
6 federal agency, or the practice of counseling by a student of a college
7 or university, if the employee, trainee, or student is practicing
8 solely under the supervision of and accountable to the agency, college,
9 or university, through which he or she performs such functions as part
10 of his or her position for no additional fee other than ordinary
11 compensation;

12 (3) The practice of counseling by a person (~~((without a mandatory~~
13 ~~charge))~~) for no compensation;

14 (4) The practice of counseling by persons offering services for
15 public and private nonprofit organizations or charities not primarily
16 engaged in counseling for a fee when approved by the organizations or
17 agencies for whom they render their services;

18 (5) Evaluation, consultation, planning, policy-making, research, or
19 related services conducted by social scientists for private
20 corporations or public agencies;

21 (6) The practice of counseling by a person under the auspices of a
22 religious denomination, church, or organization, or the practice of
23 religion itself;

24 (7) The practice of counseling by peer counselors who use their own
25 experience to encourage and support people with similar conditions or
26 activities related to the training of peer counselors;

27 (8) Counselors (~~((whose residency is not))~~) who reside outside
28 Washington state from providing up to ten days per quarter of training
29 or workshops in the state, as long as they (~~((don't))~~) do not hold
30 themselves out to be registered or certified in Washington state.

31 **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.19.050 and 2001 c 251 s 21 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 (1) In addition to any other authority provided by law, the
34 secretary has the following authority:

35 (a) To adopt rules, in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW, necessary
36 to implement this chapter;

1 (b) To set all registration, certification, and renewal fees in
2 accordance with RCW 43.70.250 and to collect and deposit all such fees
3 in the health professions account established under RCW 43.70.320;

4 (c) To establish forms and procedures necessary to administer this
5 chapter;

6 (d) To hire clerical, administrative, and investigative staff as
7 needed to implement this chapter;

8 (e) To issue a registration or certification to any applicant who
9 has met the requirements for registration or certification; and

10 (f) To ~~((develop a dictionary of recognized professions and
11 occupations providing counseling services to the public included under
12 this chapter))~~ establish education equivalency, examination,
13 supervisory, consultation, and continuing education requirements for
14 limited professional counselors.

15 (2) The uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW, governs the
16 issuance and denial of registrations and certifications and the
17 discipline of registrants under this chapter. The secretary shall be
18 the disciplining authority under this chapter. ~~((The absence of
19 educational or training requirements for counselors registered under
20 this chapter or the counselor's use of nontraditional nonabusive
21 therapeutic techniques shall not, in and of itself, give the secretary
22 authority to unilaterally determine the training and competence or to
23 define or restrict the scope of practice of such individuals.))~~

24 (3) The department shall publish and disseminate information ~~((in
25 order))~~ to educate the public about the responsibilities of counselors,
26 the types of counselors, and the rights and responsibilities of clients
27 established under this chapter. ~~((Solely for the purposes of
28 administering this education requirement,))~~ The secretary ~~((shall))~~ may
29 assess an additional fee for each application and renewal ~~((, equal to
30 five percent of the fee. The revenue collected from the assessment fee
31 may be appropriated by the legislature for the department's use in
32 educating consumers pursuant to this section. The authority to charge
33 the assessment fee shall terminate on June 30, 1994))~~ to fund public
34 education efforts under this section.

35 **Sec. 7.** RCW 18.19.060 and 2001 c 251 s 22 are each amended to read
36 as follows:

37 ~~((Persons registered under this chapter))~~ Limited professional

1 counselors shall provide clients at the commencement of any program of
2 treatment with accurate disclosure information concerning their
3 practice, in accordance with guidelines developed by the department,
4 that will inform clients of the purposes of and resources available
5 under this chapter, including the right of clients to refuse treatment,
6 the responsibility of clients for choosing the provider and treatment
7 modality which best suits their needs, and the extent of
8 confidentiality provided by this chapter, the department, another
9 agency, or other jurisdiction. The disclosure statement must inform
10 the client of the limited professional counselor's consultation
11 arrangement as defined in rules adopted by the secretary. The
12 disclosure information provided by the limited professional counselor,
13 the receipt of which shall be acknowledged in writing by the limited
14 professional counselor and client, shall include any relevant education
15 and training, the therapeutic orientation of the practice, the proposed
16 course of treatment where known, any financial requirements, referral
17 resources, and such other information as the department may require by
18 rule. The disclosure information shall also include a statement that
19 ~~((registration))~~ the certification of an individual under this chapter
20 does not include a recognition of any practice standards, nor
21 necessarily imply the effectiveness of any treatment. Limited
22 professional counselors must also disclose that they are not
23 credentialed to diagnose or treat mental disorders or to conduct
24 psychotherapy as defined by the secretary by rule. The client is not
25 liable for any fees or charges for services rendered prior to receipt
26 of the disclosure statement.

27 **Sec. 8.** RCW 18.19.090 and 1991 c 3 s 24 are each amended to read
28 as follows:

29 ~~((The secretary shall issue a registration to any applicant who~~
30 ~~submits, on forms provided by the secretary, the applicant's name,~~
31 ~~address, occupational title, name and location of business, and other~~
32 ~~information as determined by the secretary, including information~~
33 ~~necessary to determine whether there are grounds for denial of~~
34 ~~registration or issuance of a conditional registration under this~~
35 ~~chapter or chapter 18.130 RCW. Applicants for registration shall~~
36 ~~register as counselors or may register as hypnotherapists if employing~~
37 ~~hypnosis as a modality. Applicants shall, in addition, provide in~~

1 ~~their titles a description of their therapeutic orientation,~~
2 ~~discipline, theory, or technique.))~~ (1) Application for agency
3 affiliated counselor, limited professional counselor, or hypnotherapist
4 must be made on forms approved by the secretary. The secretary may
5 require information necessary to determine whether applicants meet the
6 qualifications for the credential and whether there are any grounds for
7 denial of the credential, or for issuance of a conditional credential,
8 under this chapter or chapter 18.130 RCW. The application for agency
9 affiliated counselor or limited professional counselor must include a
10 description of the applicant's orientation, discipline, theory, or
11 technique. Each applicant shall pay a fee determined by the secretary
12 as provided in RCW 43.70.250, which shall accompany the application.

13 (2) Applicants for agency affiliated counselor must provide
14 satisfactory documentation that they are employed by an agency or have
15 an offer of employment from an agency.

16 (3) Applicants for limited professional counselor are required to:

17 (a) Have been registered for no less than five years at the time of
18 application for an initial certification;

19 (b) Have held a valid, active registration that is in good standing
20 and be in compliance with any disciplinary process and orders at the
21 time of application for an initial certification;

22 (c) Show evidence of having completed course work in risk
23 assessment, ethics, appropriate screening and referral, and Washington
24 state law and other subjects identified by the secretary;

25 (d) Pass an examination in risk assessment, ethics, appropriate
26 screening and referral, and Washington state law, and other subjects as
27 determined by the secretary; and

28 (e) Have a written consultation agreement with a credential holder
29 who meets the qualifications established by the secretary.

30 (4) Each applicant shall include payment of the fee determined by
31 the secretary as provided in RCW 43.70.250.

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. A new section is added to chapter 18.19 RCW
33 to read as follows:

34 Agency affiliated counselors shall notify the department if they
35 are either no longer employed by the agency identified on their
36 application or are now employed with another agency, or both. Agency

1 affiliated counselors may not engage in the practice of counseling
2 unless they are currently affiliated with an agency.

3 **Sec. 10.** RCW 18.19.100 and 1996 c 191 s 5 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 The secretary shall establish administrative procedures,
6 administrative requirements, continuing education, and fees for renewal
7 of (~~registrations~~) credentials as provided in RCW 43.70.250 and
8 43.70.280. When establishing continuing education requirements for
9 agency affiliated counselors, the secretary shall consult with the
10 appropriate state agency director responsible for licensing,
11 certifying, or operating the relevant agency practice setting.

12 **Sec. 11.** RCW 18.225.010 and 2001 c 251 s 1 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (~~Unless the context clearly requires otherwise,~~) The definitions
15 in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context
16 clearly requires otherwise.

17 (1) "Advanced social work" means the application of social work
18 theory and methods including emotional and biopsychosocial assessment,
19 psychotherapy under the supervision of a licensed independent clinical
20 social worker, case management, consultation, advocacy, counseling, and
21 community organization.

22 (2) "Applicant" means a person who completes the required
23 application, pays the required fee, is at least eighteen years of age,
24 and meets any background check requirements and uniform disciplinary
25 act requirements.

26 (3) "Associate" means a prelicensure candidate who has a graduate
27 degree in a mental health field under RCW 18.225.090 and is gaining the
28 supervision and supervised experience necessary to become a licensed
29 independent clinical social worker, a licensed advanced social worker,
30 a licensed mental health counselor, or a licensed marriage and family
31 therapist.

32 (4) "Committee" means the Washington state mental health
33 counselors, marriage and family therapists, and social workers advisory
34 committee.

35 (~~(4)~~) (5) "Department" means the department of health.

36 (~~(5)~~) (6) "Disciplining authority" means the department.

1 ((+6+)) (7) "Independent clinical social work" means the diagnosis
2 and treatment of emotional and mental disorders based on knowledge of
3 human development, the causation and treatment of psychopathology,
4 psychotherapeutic treatment practices, and social work practice as
5 defined in advanced social work. Treatment modalities include but are
6 not limited to diagnosis and treatment of individuals, couples,
7 families, groups, or organizations.

8 ((+7+)) (8) "Marriage and family therapy" means the diagnosis and
9 treatment of mental and emotional disorders, whether cognitive,
10 affective, or behavioral, within the context of relationships,
11 including marriage and family systems. Marriage and family therapy
12 involves the professional application of psychotherapeutic and family
13 systems theories and techniques in the delivery of services to
14 individuals, couples, and families for the purpose of treating such
15 diagnosed nervous and mental disorders. The practice of marriage and
16 family therapy means the rendering of professional marriage and family
17 therapy services to individuals, couples, and families, singly or in
18 groups, whether such services are offered directly to the general
19 public or through organizations, either public or private, for a fee,
20 monetary or otherwise.

21 ((+8+)) (9) "Mental health counseling" means the application of
22 principles of human development, learning theory, psychotherapy, group
23 dynamics, and etiology of mental illness and dysfunctional behavior to
24 individuals, couples, families, groups, and organizations, for the
25 purpose of treatment of mental disorders and promoting optimal mental
26 health and functionality. Mental health counseling also includes, but
27 is not limited to, the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of mental
28 and emotional disorders, as well as the application of a wellness model
29 of mental health.

30 ((+9+)) (10) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the
31 secretary's designee.

32 **Sec. 12.** RCW 18.225.020 and 2001 c 251 s 2 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 A person must not represent himself or herself as a licensed
35 advanced social worker, a licensed independent clinical social worker,
36 a licensed mental health counselor, ((+)) a licensed marriage and
37 family therapist, a licensed social work associate--advanced, a

1 licensed social work associate--independent clinical, a licensed mental
2 health counselor associate, or a licensed marriage and family therapist
3 associate, without being licensed by the department.

4 NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. A new section is added to chapter 18.225
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The secretary shall issue an associate license to any applicant
7 who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the secretary that the
8 applicant meets the following requirements for the applicant's practice
9 area and submits a declaration that the applicant is working toward
10 full licensure in that category:

11 (a) Licensed social worker associate--advanced or licensed social
12 worker associate--independent clinical: Graduation from a master's
13 degree or doctoral degree educational program in social work accredited
14 by the council on social work education and approved by the secretary
15 based upon nationally recognized standards.

16 (b) Licensed mental health counselor associate: Graduation from a
17 master's degree or doctoral degree educational program in mental health
18 counseling or a related discipline from a college or university
19 approved by the secretary based upon nationally recognized standards.

20 (c) Licensed marriage and family therapist associate: Graduation
21 from a master's degree or doctoral degree educational program in
22 marriage and family therapy or graduation from an educational program
23 in an allied field equivalent to a master's degree or doctoral degree
24 in marriage and family therapy approved by the secretary based upon
25 nationally recognized standards.

26 (2) Associates may not provide independent social work, mental
27 health counseling, or marriage and family therapy for a fee, monetary
28 or otherwise. Associates must work under the supervision of an
29 approved supervisor.

30 (3) Associates shall provide each client or patient, during the
31 first professional contact, with a disclosure form according to RCW
32 18.225.100, disclosing that he or she is an associate under the
33 supervision of an approved supervisor.

34 (4) The department shall adopt by rule what constitutes adequate
35 proof of compliance with the requirements of this section.

36 (5) Applicants are subject to the denial of a license or issuance

1 of a conditional license for the reasons set forth in chapter 18.130
2 RCW.

3 (6) An associate license may be renewed no more than four times.

4 **Sec. 14.** RCW 18.225.150 and 2001 c 251 s 15 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The secretary shall establish by rule the procedural requirements
7 and fees for renewal of a license or associate license. Failure to
8 renew shall invalidate the license or associate license and all
9 privileges granted by the license. If an associate license has lapsed,
10 the person shall submit an updated declaration, in accordance with
11 rules adopted by the department, that the person is working toward full
12 licensure. If a license has lapsed for a period longer than three
13 years, the person shall demonstrate competence to the satisfaction of
14 the secretary by taking continuing education courses, or meeting other
15 standards determined by the secretary. If an associate license has
16 lapsed, the person shall submit an updated declaration, in accordance
17 with rules adopted by the department, that the person is working toward
18 full licensure.

19 **Sec. 15.** RCW 18.205.020 and 1998 c 243 s 2 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 (~~Unless the context clearly requires otherwise,~~) The definitions
22 in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context
23 clearly requires otherwise.

24 (1) "Certification" means a voluntary process recognizing an
25 individual who qualifies by examination and meets established
26 educational prerequisites, and which protects the title of practice.

27 (2) "Certified chemical dependency professional" means an
28 individual certified in chemical dependency counseling, under this
29 chapter.

30 (3) "Certified chemical dependency professional trainee" means an
31 individual working toward the education and experience requirements for
32 certification as a chemical dependency professional.

33 (4) "Chemical dependency counseling" means employing the core
34 competencies of chemical dependency counseling to assist or attempt to
35 assist an alcohol or drug addicted person to develop and maintain
36 abstinence from alcohol and other mood-altering drugs.

1 (~~(4)~~) (5) "Committee" means the chemical dependency certification
2 advisory committee established under this chapter.

3 (~~(5)~~) (6) "Core competencies of chemical dependency counseling"
4 means competency in the nationally recognized knowledge, skills, and
5 attitudes of professional practice, including assessment and diagnosis
6 of chemical dependency, chemical dependency treatment planning and
7 referral, patient and family education in the disease of chemical
8 dependency, individual and group counseling with alcoholic and drug
9 addicted individuals, relapse prevention counseling, and case
10 management, all oriented to assist alcoholic and drug addicted patients
11 to achieve and maintain abstinence from mood-altering substances and
12 develop independent support systems.

13 (~~(6)~~) (7) "Department" means the department of health.

14 (~~(7)~~) (8) "Health profession" means a profession providing health
15 services regulated under the laws of this state.

16 (~~(8)~~) (9) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the
17 secretary's designee.

18 **Sec. 16.** RCW 18.205.030 and 2000 c 171 s 41 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 No person may represent oneself as a certified chemical dependency
21 professional or certified chemical dependency professional trainee or
22 use any title or description of services of a certified chemical
23 dependency professional or certified chemical dependency professional
24 trainee without applying for certification, meeting the required
25 qualifications, and being certified by the department of health, unless
26 otherwise exempted by this chapter.

27 **Sec. 17.** RCW 18.205.040 and 1998 c 243 s 4 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize the use of
30 the title "certified chemical dependency professional" or "certified
31 chemical dependency professional trainee" when treating patients in
32 settings other than programs approved under chapter 70.96A RCW.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** A new section is added to chapter 18.205
34 RCW to read as follows:

35 (1) The secretary shall issue a trainee certificate to any

1 applicant who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the secretary that he
2 or she is working toward the education and experience requirements in
3 RCW 18.205.090.

4 (2) A trainee certified under this section shall submit to the
5 secretary for approval a declaration, in accordance with rules adopted
6 by the department, that he or she is enrolled in an approved education
7 program and actively pursuing the experience requirements in RCW
8 18.205.090. This declaration must be updated with the trainee's annual
9 renewal.

10 (3) A trainee certified under this section may practice only under
11 the supervision of a certified chemical dependency professional. The
12 first fifty hours of any face-to-face client contact must be under
13 direct observation. All remaining experience must be under supervision
14 in accordance with rules adopted by the department.

15 (4) A certified chemical dependency professional trainee provides
16 chemical dependency assessments, counseling, and case management with
17 a state regulated agency and can provide clinical services to patients
18 consistent with his or her education, training, and experience as
19 approved by his or her supervisor.

20 (5) A trainee certification may only be renewed four times.

21 (6) Applicants are subject to denial of a certificate or issuance
22 of a conditional certificate for the reasons set forth in chapter
23 18.130 RCW.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** A new section is added to chapter 18.19 RCW
25 to read as follows:

26 The Washington state limited professional counselors and
27 hypnotherapist advisory committee is established.

28 (1) The committee is comprised of seven members. Two committee
29 members must be limited professional counselors. Two committee members
30 must be hypnotherapists. Three committee members must be consumers and
31 represent the public at large and may not hold any mental health care
32 provider license, certification, or registration.

33 (2) Two committee members must be appointed for a term of one year,
34 two committee members must be appointed for a term of two years, and
35 three committee members must be appointed for a term of three years.
36 Subsequent committee members must be appointed for terms of three

1 years. A person may not serve as a committee member for more than two
2 consecutive terms.

3 (3)(a) Each committee member must be a resident of the state of
4 Washington.

5 (b) A committee member may not hold an office in a professional
6 association for their profession.

7 (c) Advisory committee members may not be employed by the state of
8 Washington.

9 (d) Each professional committee member must have been actively
10 engaged in their profession for five years immediately preceding
11 appointment.

12 (e) The consumer committee members must represent the general
13 public and be unaffiliated directly or indirectly with the professions
14 credentialed under this chapter.

15 (4) The secretary shall appoint the committee members.

16 (5) Committee members are immune from suit in an action, civil or
17 criminal, based on the department's disciplinary proceedings or other
18 official acts performed in good faith.

19 (6) Committee members must be compensated in accordance with RCW
20 43.03.240, including travel expenses in carrying out his or her
21 authorized duties in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

22 (7) The committee shall elect a chair and vice-chair.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** To practice counseling, all registered
24 counselors must obtain another health profession credential by July 1,
25 2010. The registered counselor credential is abolished July 1, 2010.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 21.** Sections 1, 2, 7 through 9, and 11 through
27 19 of this act take effect July 1, 2009.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** The department of health may not issue any
29 new registered counselor credentials after July 1, 2009.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 23.** The department of health may not issue any
31 initial limited professional counselor credentials after July 1, 2010.
32 After July 1, 2010, the department of health may only issue limited
33 professional counselor credential renewals to individuals who held a

1 limited professional counselor credential on or before July 1, 2010,
2 without interruption.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 24.** If specific funding for the purposes of
4 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
5 provided by June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act
6 is null and void.

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