
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3006

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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representative Green)

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1 AN ACT Relating to clarifying the circumstances under which certain
2 counseling-related associates may practice; amending RCW 18.225.145;
3 and providing an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.225.145 and 2008 c 135 s 13 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

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

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

17 (b) Licensed mental health counselor associate: Graduation from a
18 master's degree or doctoral degree educational program in mental health

1 counseling or a related discipline from a college or university
2 approved by the secretary based upon nationally recognized standards.

3 (c) Licensed marriage and family therapist associate: Graduation
4 from a master's degree or doctoral degree educational program in
5 marriage and family therapy or graduation from an educational program
6 in an allied field equivalent to a master's degree or doctoral degree
7 in marriage and family therapy approved by the secretary based upon
8 nationally recognized standards.

9 (2) (~~Associates~~) (a) A licensed mental health counselor associate
10 or a licensed marriage and family therapist associate may not provide
11 independent (~~social work,~~) mental health counseling(~~,~~) or marriage
12 and family therapy for a fee, monetary or otherwise. Associates
13 working under the supervision of an approved supervisor are not
14 providing independent practice.

15 (b)(i)(A) A licensed social worker associate--advanced or (B) a
16 licensed social worker associate--independent clinical may only provide
17 independent clinical social work or advanced social work as employees
18 of a public or private agency, institution, or incorporated clinic to
19 acquire the experience hours necessary for full licensure. (ii)(A) A
20 licensed social worker associate--advanced or (B) a licensed social
21 worker associate--independent clinical may not provide services under
22 this subsection (2)(b) under any other circumstance on a voluntary
23 basis or for a fee, monetary or otherwise, including, but not limited
24 to, private practice.

25 (c) All types of associates must meet with and work under the
26 supervision of an approved supervisor who documents the provided
27 experience hours required for full licensure.

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

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

34 (5) Applicants are subject to the denial of a license or issuance
35 of a conditional license for the reasons set forth in chapter 18.130
36 RCW.

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

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect January 1, 2013.

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