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By Representative Green

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1 On page 10, after line 19, insert the following:

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3 **"Sec. 5.** RCW 18.19.210 and 2008 c 135 s 9 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1)(a) An applicant for registration as an agency affiliated
6 counselor who applies to the department within seven days of
7 employment by an agency may work as an agency affiliated counselor
8 for up to sixty days while the application is processed. The
9 applicant must stop working on the sixtieth day of employment if the
10 registration has not been granted for any reason.

11 (b) The applicant may not provide unsupervised counseling prior to
12 completion of a criminal background check performed by either the
13 employer or the secretary. For purposes of the subsection,
14 "unsupervised" means the supervisor is not physically present at the
15 location where the counseling occurs.

16 (2) Agency affiliated counselors shall notify the department if
17 they are either no longer employed by the agency identified on their
18 application or are now employed with another agency, or both.
19 Agency affiliated counselors may not engage in the practice of
20 counseling unless they are currently affiliated with an agency."

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22 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any
23 internal references accordingly.

24 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Allows an applicant for registration as an agency-
affiliated counselor to work for up to 60 days while the Department
of Health processes his or her application. Prohibits the applicant

from providing unsupervised counseling until a criminal background check has been performed.

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