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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
116TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 349, L.D. 1063, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Requirements for Licensure of Counseling Professionals"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13858, sub-§§1 to 3, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 465, §3, are amended to read:

1. Licensed professional counselor. To be qualified as a licensed professional counselor, an applicant shall---have demonstrated must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board adherence to the ethics of the counseling profession, shall---have must successfully ~~completed~~ complete the examination prescribed by the board and shall must have received:

A. A master's degree in counseling or an allied mental health field from an accredited institution or program approved by the board. Such schooling shall---have---included must include a minimum core curriculum as adopted by the board; and

B. Two years of experience ~~after-obtainment-of-a-master's~~ degree with a minimum of 2,000 hours of supervised experience.

An applicant who has completed a master's degree in counseling, as required by paragraph A, may apply 1/2 of the internship hours completed as part of this degree, to a maximum of 300 hours, toward the supervised experience requirement of 2,000 hours.

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2 **2. Licensed clinical professional counselor.** To be
3 qualified as a licensed clinical professional counselor, an
4 applicant ~~shall--have--demonstrated~~ must demonstrate to the
5 satisfaction of the board adherence to the ethics of the
6 counseling profession, ~~shall--have~~ must successfully ~~completed~~
7 complete the examination prescribed by the board and shall must
8 have received:

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10 A. A master's degree in counseling or an allied mental
11 health field from an accredited institution or program
12 approved by the board. Such schooling shall must include a
13 minimum core curriculum, as adopted by the board, of at
14 least 45 semester hours; and

15 B. Two years of experience ~~after-obtainment-of-a-master's~~
16 ~~degree,~~ to include at least 3,000 hours of supervised
17 clinical experience with a minimum of 100 hours of personal
18 supervision.

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20 An applicant who has completed a master's degree in counseling,
21 as required by paragraph A, may apply 1/2 of the internship hours
22 completed as part of this degree, to a maximum of 600 hours,
23 toward the supervised clinical experience requirement of 3,000
24 hours.

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26 **3. Licensed marriage and family therapist.** To be qualified
27 as a licensed marriage and family therapist, an applicant shall
28 ~~have--demonstrated~~ must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the
29 board adherence to the ethics of the counseling profession, shall
30 have must successfully ~~completed~~ complete the examination
31 prescribed by the board and shall must have received:

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33 A. A master's degree in marriage and family therapy or its
34 equivalent from an accredited institution or program
35 approved by the board. Such schooling shall ~~have--included~~
36 must include a minimum core curriculum to include a one-year
37 clinical practicum adopted by the board; and

38 B. Two years of experience ~~after-obtainment-of-a-master's~~
39 ~~degree~~ comprised of at least 1,000 hours of direct clinical
40 contact with couples and families and 200 hours of
41 supervision, at least 100 of which shall must be individual
42 supervision.

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44 An applicant who has completed a master's degree in marriage and
45 family therapy, as required by paragraph A, may apply 1/2 of the
46 internship hours completed as part of this degree, to a maximum
47 of 200 hours, toward the requirement of 1,000 hours of direct
48 clinical contact with couples and families.

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2 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §13858, sub-§3-A**, as amended by PL 1991, c.
263, §3, is further amended to read:

4 **3-A. Licensed pastoral counselor.** To be qualified as a
licensed pastoral counselor, an applicant must have:

6 A. ~~Demonstrated~~ Demonstrate to the satisfaction of the
8 board adherence to the standard ethics of the pastoral
counseling profession;

10 B. Received Have a Master of Divinity degree, or an
12 equivalent degree approved by the board, from an accredited
institution or program approved by the board. Academic
14 preparation includes a minimum graduate core curriculum to
include 20 credit hours of counseling and human relations
16 and 400 hours of clinical pastoral education;

18 C. ~~Two~~ Have 2 years of experience ~~after-attainment-of-the~~
20 degree, comprised of at least 1,000 hours of direct clinical
contact with individuals, couples and families;

22 D. ~~Two-hundred~~ Have 200 hours of supervision, including at
24 least 1/3 of those hours with a certified pastoral
counseling supervisor, at least 30 hours of which must be
interdisciplinary, 30 hours of which must be individual
26 supervision by one supervisor of no more than 3 cases from
intake to termination, and 70 hours of which must be
28 individual supervision of multiple case material;

30 E. A Have a call, appointment or charge by a church,
32 synagogue, religious order or other clearly defined legal
religious organization to perform these services as a
function of ministry; and

34 F. Completed Complete successfully the examination
36 prescribed by the board pursuant to subsection 5.

38 An applicant who has completed a Master of Divinity degree, as
40 required by paragraph B, may apply 1/2 of the internship hours
42 completed as part of this degree, to a maximum of 200 hours,
toward the requirement of 1,000 hours of direct clinical contact
with individuals, couples and families.

44 **Sec. 3. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
46 Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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48 **PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL**
50 **REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

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2 **Board of Counseling Professionals**
3 **Licensure**

4 All Other \$2,890

6 Provides additional allocations for
8 rule-making purposes.

10 **FISCAL NOTE**

12 **1993-94**

14 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

16 Other Funds \$2,890

18 The elimination of certain licensing requirements for
20 counseling professionals may result in an increase in dedicated
22 revenues to the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure from
an increased number of persons seeking licensure. The amounts
can not be determined at this time.

24 The Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure will require
26 an additional Other Special Revenue allocation of \$2,890 in
fiscal year 1993-94 for revising certain rules. The board has
28 sufficient funds to cover these additional allocations.'

30 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

32 This is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee
34 on Business Legislation.

36 To be eligible for a license the law requires 2 years of
38 experience, including a specified number of hours of supervised
or direct clinical experience, after obtaining a master's
40 degree. The bill eliminated the requirement that this experience
be after the master's degree. This amendment allows 1/2 of the
42 internship hours received while obtaining the master's degree to
be applied toward the experience requirement.

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