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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 748, L.D. 1025, Bill, "An Act Concerning Licensing and Recertification of Licensed Counseling Professionals"

Amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "\$13864." in the first paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "subsection 2." the following: 'The board shall adopt rules by which a license in an inactive status may be reactivated. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

Allowing certain licensed counseling professionals to renew lapsed licenses will result in insignificant net increases of dedicated revenue to the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation from license renewal fees.

The Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure will incur some minor additional costs to adopt certain rules pertaining to inactive status for licensees. These costs can be absorbed within the board's existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure will adopt rules outlining how a licensee

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2 would reactivate an inactive license. The original bill's
summary inaccurately noted that only licensed clinical
4 professional counselors were eligible for inactive status. As the
bill was written all counseling professionals are eligible for
inactive status. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the
6 bill.

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