

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 191

House of Representatives, January 22, 2019

### **An Act To Expedite the Issuance of Alcohol and Drug Counseling Licenses**

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Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais.  
Cosponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot and  
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, DENNO of Cumberland, FECTION of Biddeford,  
McCREIGHT of Harpswell, STEWART of Presque Isle.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §6212, sub-§12**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. U, §7, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 **12. Clinical supervision.** For purposes of direct clinical supervision of licensed  
5 practitioners in the field of alcohol and drug counseling, the board may ~~certify upon~~  
6 ~~receipt of an application and fee under section 6215 licensed psychologists, physicians,~~  
7 ~~registered clinical nurse specialists, clinical professional counselors, clinical social~~  
8 ~~workers and any other licensed or certified mental health professionals who are qualified~~  
9 ~~to provide alcohol and drug counseling services by virtue of the requirements for that~~  
10 ~~profession and who meet the requirements established by board rules~~ license certified  
11 clinical supervisors.

12 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §6214-E** is enacted to read:

13 **§6214-E. Certified clinical supervisors; qualifications for licensure**

14 **1. Eligibility.** To be eligible to practice as a certified clinical supervisor, an  
15 applicant must:

- 16 A. Meet the requirements of subsection 2 or 3;
- 17 B. Have taken and passed an examination as prescribed by board rule; and
- 18 C. Have paid an application and license fee under section 6215.

19 **2. Certain licensed mental health professionals.** An applicant who is a licensed  
20 psychologist, physician, registered clinical nurse specialist, clinical professional  
21 counselor or clinical social worker or a licensed or certified mental health professional  
22 who is qualified to provide alcohol and drug counseling services by virtue of the  
23 requirements for that profession is eligible for licensure under this section if the  
24 applicant:

- 25 A. Possesses documented proof of 1,000 hours of practice in alcohol and drug  
26 counseling under the applicant's qualifying license; and
- 27 B. Possesses documented proof of 30 hours of didactic training in clinical  
28 supervision including at least 6 hours of training in each of the following areas: skills  
29 assessment and evaluation, counselor development, management and administration  
30 and professional responsibility.

31 **3. Licensed alcohol and drug counselors.** An applicant who is a licensed alcohol  
32 and drug counselor is eligible for licensure under this section if the applicant:

- 33 A. Possesses documented proof of 30 hours of didactic training in clinical  
34 supervision including at least 6 hours of training in each of the following areas: skills  
35 assessment and evaluation, counselor development, management and administration  
36 and professional responsibility; and
- 37 B. Possesses:

