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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2004

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SENATE BILL NO. 131

Introduced by: Senators Duenwald and Ham-Burr and Representatives Miles, Bradford, Glenski, Hennies, Klaudt, Michels, and Van Norman

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the hours of supervision required for certification
2 as a licensed professional counselor - mental health.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 36-32-42 be amended to read as follows:

5 36-32-42. The board shall certify an applicant as a LPC-MH if the applicant fulfills the
6 following requirements:

7 (1) Obtains licensure under this chapter as a licensed professional counselor;

8 (2) Completes a master's, specialist, or doctoral degree with an emphasis in mental health
9 counseling from a counseling program approved by the Council for Accreditation of
10 Counseling and Related Educational Programs as listed in the Directory of
11 Accredited Programs, July 1991, or an equivalent program as demonstrated by
12 studies in the following areas:

13 (a) The general principles and practices of etiology, diagnosis, treatment, and
14 prevention of mental and emotional disorders and dysfunctional behavior, and
15 the general principles and practices for the promotion of optimal mental



- 1 health;
- 2 (b) The specific models and methods for assessing mental status and the
- 3 identification of mental illness or abnormal, deviant, or psychopathologic
- 4 behavior by obtaining appropriate behavioral data using a variety of
- 5 techniques, including nonprojective personality assessments and achievement,
- 6 aptitude, and intelligence testing, and translating findings into the Diagnostic
- 7 and Statistical Manual categories, as adopted by the board by rules
- 8 promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26;
- 9 (c) The specific theories of psychotherapy for initiating, maintaining, and
- 10 terminating therapy with a mentally and emotionally impaired client or a client
- 11 with disabilities in a variety of settings using a variety of modalities, including
- 12 crisis intervention, brief, intermediate, and long-term modalities;
- 13 (d) The basic classification, indications, and contraindications of the commonly
- 14 prescribed psychopharmacological medications for the purpose of identifying
- 15 the effects and side effects of prescribed psychotropic medications;
- 16 (e) The guidelines for conducting an intake interview and mental health history
- 17 for planning and managing of client caseload;
- 18 (f) The specific concepts and ideas related to mental health education, outreach,
- 19 prevention, and mental health promotion;
- 20 (3) Completes ~~three~~ two years of clinical experience and supervision under a licensed
- 21 mental health professional after receiving a master's degree. The supervising mental
- 22 health professional must hold the highest level of licensure within that supervisor's
- 23 profession. Supervision must consist of one hundred ~~fifty~~ hours of direct, ~~face-to-face~~
- 24 supervision, at least fifty hours of which shall be face-to-face. The balance may be

1 face-to-face or by telephone conferencing or interactive video conferencing;

2 (4) Passes an examination approved by the board for the purpose of assessing an

3 applicant's knowledge in the content areas of mental health counseling.