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HOUSE BILL 812

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSURE; CHANGING PROVISIONS OF THE COUNSELING AND THERAPY PRACTICE ACT; ELIMINATING EXEMPTIONS FROM THE ACT; ELIMINATING CERTAIN GRANDFATHERING PROVISIONS; CHANGING TITLES; AMENDING, REPEALING AND ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 61-9A-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 49, Section 1) is amended to read:

"61-9A-1. SHORT TITLE. -- [~~Sections 1 through 30 of this act~~] Chapter 61, Article 9A NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Counseling and Therapy Practice Act". "

Section 2. Section 61-9A-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 49, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-9A-3. DEFINITIONS. -- As used in the Counseling and

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1 Therapy Practice Act:

2 A. "accredited institution" means a university or
3 college accredited by a [~~nationally recognized~~] regional
4 accrediting agency of institutions of higher education [~~or an~~
5 ~~approved institution or program as determined by the board~~];

6 B. "alcohol abuse counselor" means [~~an individual~~]
7 a person who engages in the practice of alcohol abuse
8 counseling;

9 C. "alcohol and drug abuse counselor" means [~~an~~
10 ~~individual~~] a person who engages in the practice of alcohol
11 and drug abuse counseling;

12 D. "appraisal" means selecting, administering,
13 scoring and interpreting instruments designed to assess an
14 individual's aptitudes, attitudes, abilities, achievements,
15 interests, personal characteristics and current emotional or
16 mental state by appropriately educated, trained and
17 experienced clinicians and the use of nonstandardized methods
18 and techniques for understanding human behavior in relation to
19 coping with, adapting to or changing life situations of a
20 physical, mental or emotional nature;

21 E. "appropriate supervision" means supervision by
22 a professional clinical mental health counselor, professional
23 mental health counselor, marriage and family therapist,
24 professional art therapist, psychiatrist, psychologist,
25 alcohol and drug abuse counselor or independent social worker

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1 ~~[psychiatric nurse or other similar supervision approved by~~
2 ~~the board];~~

3 F. "board" means the counseling and therapy
4 practice board;

5 G. "client contact hours" means the time spent
6 with a client to appraise, diagnose and treat psychopathology;

7 ~~[G.]~~ H. "clinical counseling" means the rendering
8 of counseling services involving the application of principles
9 of psychotherapy, human development, learning theory, group
10 dynamics and the etiology of mental illness and dysfunctional
11 behavior to individuals, couples, families or groups for the
12 purpose of assessing and treating psychopathology and
13 promoting optimal mental health;

14 ~~[H.]~~ I. "consulting" means the application of
15 scientific principles and procedures in psychotherapeutic
16 counseling, guidance and human development to provide
17 assistance in understanding and solving a problem that the
18 consultee may have in relation to a third party;

19 ~~[I.]~~ J. "counseling" means the application of
20 scientific principles and procedures in therapeutic
21 counseling, guidance and human development to provide
22 assistance in understanding and solving a mental, emotional,
23 physical, social, moral, educational, spiritual or career
24 development and adjustment problem that a client may have;

25 ~~[J.]~~ K. "counseling and therapy practice" means

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1 the licensed or registered practice of professional art
2 therapy, professional clinical mental health counseling,
3 professional mental health counseling, independent mental
4 health counseling, marriage and family therapy, alcohol abuse
5 counseling, drug abuse counseling and alcohol and drug abuse
6 counseling;

7 [K-] L. "counselor and therapist practitioners"
8 means professional art therapists, professional clinical
9 mental health counselors, professional mental health
10 counselors, marriage and family therapists, registered mental
11 health counselors, registered independent mental health
12 counselors, alcohol abuse counselors, drug abuse counselors
13 and alcohol and drug abuse counselors as a group;

14 [L-] M. "department" means the regulation and
15 licensing department or the division of the department
16 designated to administer the counseling and therapy practice
17 board;

18 N. "direct observation" means under supervision by
19 an appropriate supervisor with the supervisee in one or more
20 of the following settings: face-to-face, co-facilitation, one
21 way mirrors or direct audio-visual;

22 [M-] O. "drug abuse counselor" means [an
23 individual] a person who engages in the practice of drug abuse
24 counseling;

25 [N-] P. "marriage and family therapy" means the

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1 assessment, diagnosis and treatment of nervous and mental
2 disorders, whether cognitive, affective or behavioral, within
3 the context of marriage and family systems;

4 ~~[P.]~~ Q. "marriage and family therapist" means ~~[an~~
5 ~~individual who engages in the]~~ a person who is licensed for
6 independent practice of marriage and family therapy;

7 ~~[P.]~~ R. "mental disorder" means any of several
8 conditions or disorders that meet the diagnostic criteria
9 contained in the diagnostic and statistical manual of the
10 American psychiatric association or the world health
11 organization's international classification of diseases
12 manual;

13 ~~[Q.]~~ S. "practice of alcohol ~~[and]~~ or drug abuse
14 counseling" means the ~~[rendering]~~ licensed practice of
15 counseling services, as defined by regulation of the board, to
16 individuals, couples, families or groups. The services may
17 include screening, assessment, consultation, development of
18 treatment plans, case management, counseling, referral,
19 appraisal, crisis intervention, education, reporting and
20 recordkeeping;

21 ~~[R.]~~ T. "practice of art therapy" means the
22 ~~[rendering]~~ licensed practice of counseling services to
23 individuals, families or groups of services that use art media
24 as a means of expression and communication to promote
25 perceptive, intuitive, affective and expressive experiences

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1 that alleviate distress, reduce physical, emotional,
2 behavioral and social impairment and lead to growth or
3 reintegration of one's personality. Art therapy services
4 include [~~but are not limited to~~] diagnostic evaluation,
5 development of patient treatment plans, goals and objectives,
6 case management services and therapeutic treatment as defined
7 by regulation of the board;

8 [S.] U. "practice of marriage and family therapy"
9 means the [~~rendering~~] licensed practice of marriage and family
10 therapy services to individuals, family groups and marital
11 couples, singly or in groups. The "practice of marriage and
12 family therapy" involves the professional application of
13 psychotherapeutic and family systems theories and techniques,
14 as defined by regulation of the board, in the delivery of
15 services to individuals, [~~married~~] couples and families and
16 involves the presence of a diagnosed mental or physical
17 disorder in at least one member of the couple or family being
18 treated;

19 [F.] V. "practice of professional clinical mental
20 health counseling" means the [~~rendering~~] licensed practice of
21 mental health clinical counseling to individuals, couples,
22 families or groups and the diagnosis and treatment of mental
23 and emotional disorders [~~including psychopathology~~] as defined
24 by the American psychiatric association or the world health
25 organization. "Practice of professional clinical mental

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1 health counseling" includes [~~but is not limited to~~]
2 development of patient treatment plans, goals and objectives,
3 case management services, therapeutic treatment, research and
4 clinical mental health appraisal, consulting, counseling and
5 referral as defined by regulation of the board;

6 [U.] W. "practice of professional mental health
7 counseling" means the [~~rendering~~] licensed practice of a
8 therapeutic counseling service that integrates a wellness and
9 multicultural model of human behavior involving certain
10 methods and techniques of appraisal, including [~~but not~~
11 ~~limited to~~] consulting, counseling and referral as defined by
12 regulation of the board;

13 [V.] X. "practice of registered mental health
14 counseling" means the [~~rendering~~] registered practice, under
15 appropriate supervision, of a therapeutic counseling service
16 that integrates a wellness and multicultural model of human
17 behavior involving certain methods and techniques of
18 appraisal, including [~~but not limited to~~] consulting,
19 counseling and referral as defined by regulation of the board;

20 Y. "practice of registered independent mental
21 health counseling" means the registered independent practice
22 of a therapeutic counseling service that integrates a wellness
23 and multicultural model of human behavior involving certain
24 methods and techniques of appraisal, including consulting,
25 counseling and referral as defined by regulation of the board;

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1 ~~[W.]~~ Z. "professional art therapist" means [~~an~~
2 ~~individual~~] a licensed person who engages in the practice of
3 art therapy;

4 ~~[X.]~~ AA. "professional clinical mental health
5 counselor" means [~~an individual~~] a licensed person who engages
6 in the independent practice of professional clinical mental
7 health counseling without supervision;

8 ~~[Y.]~~ BB. "professional mental health counselor"
9 means [~~an individual~~] a licensed person who engages in the
10 practice of professional mental health counseling without
11 supervision;

12 ~~[Z.]~~ CC. "referral" means the evaluation of
13 information to identify needs of the person being counseled to
14 determine the advisability of sending the person being
15 counseled to other specialists, informing the person being
16 counseled of such judgment and communicating the information
17 to other counseling services as deemed appropriate;

18 ~~[AA. "registered"]~~ DD. licensed mental health
19 counselor" means [~~an individual~~] a person who is [~~registered~~
20 ~~with~~] licensed by the board and is authorized by the board to
21 engage in the practice of mental health counseling under
22 appropriate supervision;

23 EE. "registered independent mental health
24 counselor" means an individual who is registered with the
25 board and is authorized by the board to engage in the practice

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1 of mental health counseling without supervision;

2 [BB] FF. "substance abuse counselor" means [an
3 individual] a person who is licensed to practice alcohol and
4 drug abuse counseling, alcohol abuse counseling or drug abuse
5 counseling; and

6 [~~CC-~~] GG. "substance abuse intern" means [an
7 individual] a person who is [~~registered~~] licensed to practice
8 alcohol and drug abuse counseling, alcohol abuse counseling or
9 drug abuse counseling under [~~appropriate supervision~~] direct
10 observation. "

11 Section 3. Section 61-9A-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
12 Chapter 49, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

13 "61-9A-4. LICENSE OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED. --

14 A. [~~After July 1, 1994~~] Unless licensed or
15 registered to practice under the Counseling and Therapy
16 Practice Act, no person shall engage in the practice of:

- 17 (1) professional mental health counseling;
18 (2) professional clinical mental health
19 counseling;
20 (3) marriage and family therapy;
21 (4) professional art therapy; [or]
22 (5) counseling as a [~~registered~~] licensed
23 mental health counselor; or
24 (6) counseling as a registered independent
25 mental health counselor.

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1 B. ~~[After January 1, 1998]~~ Unless licensed [~~or~~
2 ~~registered~~] to practice under the Counseling and Therapy
3 Practice Act, no person shall engage in the practice of:
4 (1) alcohol and drug abuse counseling;
5 (2) alcohol abuse counseling;
6 (3) drug abuse counseling; or
7 (4) substance abuse counseling as a substance
8 abuse intern. "

9 Section 4. Section 61-9A-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
10 Chapter 49, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

11 "61-9A-5. SCOPE OF PRACTICE. --

12 A. For the purpose of the Counseling and Therapy
13 Practice Act, a person is practicing as a professional mental
14 health counselor, professional clinical mental health
15 counselor, marriage and family therapist, professional art
16 therapist, registered independent mental health counselor,
17 alcohol and drug abuse counselor, independent alcohol abuse
18 counselor, independent drug abuse counselor or substance abuse
19 intern if he advertises; offers himself to practice; is
20 employed in a position described as professional mental health
21 counselor, professional clinical mental health counselor,
22 marriage and family therapist, professional art therapist,
23 registered independent mental health counselor, registered
24 mental health counselor, alcohol and drug abuse counselor,
25 independent alcohol abuse counselor, independent drug abuse

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1 counselor or substance abuse intern; or holds out to the
2 public or represents in any manner that he is licensed or
3 registered to practice as such in this state.

4 B. The scope of the practice of alcohol or drug
5 abuse counseling, or both, consists of rendering counseling
6 services, as defined by regulation, to individuals, couples,
7 families or groups. The services may include screening,
8 assessment, consultation, development of treatment plans, case
9 management, counseling, referral, appraisal, crisis
10 intervention, education, reporting and recordkeeping. "

11 Section 5. Section 61-9A-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
12 Chapter 49, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

13 "61-9A-6. EXEMPTIONS. --

14 A. Nothing in the Counseling and Therapy Practice
15 Act shall be construed to prevent:

16 (1) ~~[any individual]~~ a person who is
17 licensed, certified or regulated under the laws of this state
18 from engaging in activities consistent with the standards and
19 ethics of his profession or practice; or

20 (2) an alternative, metaphysical or holistic
21 practitioner from engaging in nonclinical activities
22 consistent with the standards and codes of ethics of that
23 practice.

24 B. Specifically exempted from the Counseling and
25 Therapy Practice Act are:

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1 (1) elementary and secondary school
2 counselors acting on behalf of their employer who are
3 otherwise regulated;

4 (2) peer counselors of domestic violence or
5 independent-living peer counselors working under appropriate
6 supervision in a nonprofit corporation, association or similar
7 entity;

8 (3) duly ordained, commissioned or licensed
9 ministers of a church or lay pastoral-care assistants
10 providing pastoral services on behalf of a church;

11 (4) a person who is enrolled in an [organized
12 ~~training program to qualify for licensure as a counselor or~~
13 ~~therapist and is under direct supervision of a licensed~~
14 ~~counselor or therapist or other appropriate supervision, as~~
15 ~~approved by the board~~

16 (5) ~~hypnotherapists certified by the American~~
17 ~~council of hypnotist examiners or the southwest~~
18 ~~hypnotherapists examining board, providing nonclinical~~
19 ~~services from July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1998;~~

20 (6) ~~pastoral counselors with master's or~~
21 ~~doctoral degrees who are certified by the American association~~
22 ~~of pastoral counselors from July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1998]~~
23 internship or practicum under appropriate supervision and is
24 in the internship or practicum for the sole purpose of
25 acquiring an advanced degree in mental health counseling,

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1 marriage and family therapy, art therapy or a degree in
2 substance abuse counseling; and

3 [~~(7)~~] (5) practitioners of Native American
4 healing arts [~~and~~
5 ~~(8) state employees at the discretion of the~~
6 ~~head of the employing agency]. "~~

7 Section 6. Section 61-9A-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
8 Chapter 49, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

9 "61-9A-7. BOARD CREATED-- MEMBERS-- APPOINTMENT-- TERMS--
10 COMPENSATION.--

11 A. There is created the "counseling and therapy
12 practice board", which is administratively attached to the
13 department.

14 B. The board shall consist of nine members who are
15 United States citizens and have been New Mexico residents for
16 at least five years prior to their appointment. Of the nine
17 members:

18 (1) five members shall be professional
19 members, who shall be a professional mental health counselor,
20 a professional clinical mental health counselor, a marriage
21 and family therapist, a professional art therapist and an
22 alcohol and drug abuse counselor, licensed under the
23 Counseling and Therapy Practice Act and shall have engaged in
24 a counselor and therapist practice for at least five years.

25 These members shall not hold any elected or appointed office

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1 in any professional organization of counseling, psychology or
2 closely related field during their tenure on the board, nor
3 shall they be school owners. [~~The initial professional~~
4 ~~members shall meet requirements for licensure and be licensed~~
5 ~~within one year after the effective date of the licensure~~
6 ~~requirements.~~] The professional mental health counselor shall
7 also represent the registered independent and licensed mental
8 health counselors; and

9 (2) four members shall represent the public.
10 The public members shall not have been licensed or have
11 practiced as counselor or therapist practitioners or in any
12 other regulated mental health profession, nor have any
13 significant financial interest, either direct or indirect, in
14 the professions regulated.

15 C. All members of the board shall be appointed by
16 the governor for staggered terms of four years [~~except that~~
17 ~~the initial board shall be appointed so that the terms of one~~
18 ~~professional and one public member expire June 30, 1994, the~~
19 ~~terms of one professional and one public member expire June~~
20 ~~30, 1995, the terms of one professional and one public member~~
21 ~~expire on June 30, 1996 and the terms of one professional and~~
22 ~~one public member expire June 30, 1997. The alcohol and drug~~
23 ~~abuse counselor shall be appointed to a four-year term~~
24 ~~beginning July 1, 1996]. Each member shall hold office until~~
25 his successor is appointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the

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1 same manner as original appointments. No appointee shall
2 serve more than two terms.

3 D. The governor may appoint professional board
4 members from a list of nominees submitted by qualified
5 individuals and organizations, including the New Mexico
6 counseling association, the New Mexico association for
7 marriage and family therapy, the New Mexico art therapy
8 association and the alcohol and drug directors association.

9 E. Members of the board shall be reimbursed as
10 provided in the Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall receive no
11 other compensation, perquisite or allowance.

12 F. The board shall elect annually from its
13 membership a chairman and a secretary and other officers as
14 necessary to carry out its duties.

15 G. The board shall meet at least twice a year and
16 at other times deemed necessary. Other meetings may be called
17 by the chairman upon the written request of three members of
18 the board. A simple majority of the board members shall
19 constitute a quorum of the board."

20 Section 7. Section 61-9A-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
21 Chapter 49, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

22 "61-9A-9. BOARD-- POWERS AND DUTIES. --

23 A. The board [~~shall have the power to~~] may:
24 (1) adopt in accordance with the Uniform
25 Licensing Act and file in accordance with the State Rules Act

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1 rules [~~and regulations~~] necessary to carry out the provisions
2 of the Counseling and Therapy Practice Act;

3 (2) select and provide for the administration
4 of, at least, semi annual examinations for licensure;

5 (3) establish the passing scores for
6 examinations;

7 (4) take any disciplinary action allowed by
8 and in accordance with the Uniform Licensing Act;

9 (5) censure, reprimand or place a licensee or
10 registrant on probation for a period not to exceed one year;

11 (6) require and establish criteria for
12 continuing education;

13 (7) establish by rule procedures for
14 receiving, investigating and resolving complaints;

15 (8) approve appropriate supervision and post-
16 graduate experience for persons seeking licensure or
17 registration;

18 (9) provide for the issuance of licenses and
19 certificates of registration;

20 (10) determine eligibility of individuals for
21 licensure or registration;

22 (11) set fees for administrative services,
23 licenses and registration, as authorized by the Counseling and
24 Therapy Practice Act, and authorize all disbursements
25 necessary to carry out the provisions of that act;

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1 (12) establish criteria for supervision and
2 supervisory requirements; [~~and~~]

3 (13) establish a code of ethics; and

4 (14) establish committees.

5 B. The board may establish a standards committee
6 for each licensed profession. The members of each standards
7 committee shall be appointed by the board with the consent of
8 the department and shall include at least one board member
9 from the licensed profession and at least one public board
10 member. The board member representing each respective
11 profession shall chair its standards committee and the
12 committee shall:

13 (1) recommend and periodically review a code
14 of ethics;

15 (2) review license applications and recommend
16 approval or disapproval;

17 (3) develop criteria for supervision; and

18 (4) recommend rules and regulations.

19 C. Members of the standards committees or other
20 committees may be reimbursed as provided in the Per Diem and
21 Mileage Act, but shall receive no other compensation,
22 perquisite or allowance. These members shall not hold any
23 elected office in any professional organization of counseling,
24 psychology or closely related field during their tenure on the
25 standards committees. "

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1 Section 8. Section 61-9A-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
2 Chapter 49, Section 10) is amended to read:

3 "61-9A-10. PROFESSIONAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR-
4 REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE. --The board shall issue a license
5 as a professional mental health counselor to any person who
6 files a completed application accompanied by the required fees
7 and who submits satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

- 8 A. has reached the age of twenty-one;
- 9 B. holds a master's or doctoral degree in
10 counseling or an allied mental health field from an accredited
11 institution [~~The board may approve, on a case-by-case basis,~~
12 ~~applicants who have a master's degree or doctoral degree from~~
13 ~~non-accredited institutions~~];
- 14 C. demonstrates professional competency by
15 [~~satisfactorily~~] passing an examination as prescribed by the
16 board; [~~and~~]
- 17 D. has completed one thousand client contact hours
18 of postgraduate professional counseling experience under
19 appropriate supervision consisting of at least one hundred
20 supervision hours; and
- 21 E. is of good moral character with conduct
22 consistent with the code of ethics. "

23 Section 9. Section 61-9A-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
24 Chapter 49, Section 11) is amended to read:

25 "61-9A-11. PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH

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1 COUNSELOR-- REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE. -- The board shall issue
2 a license as a professional clinical mental health counselor
3 to any person who files a completed application accompanied by
4 the required fees and who submits satisfactory evidence that
5 the applicant:

6 A. has reached the age of twenty-one;

7 B. holds a master's or doctoral degree in
8 counseling or an allied mental health field from an accredited
9 institution. Effective July 1, 1998, the applicant must have
10 a master's degree and a total of sixty graduate hours or more
11 ~~[The board may approve applicants who have a master's degree~~
12 ~~or doctoral degree from nonaccredited or foreign institutions~~
13 ~~on a case-by-case basis];~~

14 C. demonstrates professional competency by
15 ~~[satisfactorily]~~ passing an examination as prescribed by the
16 board; ~~[and]~~

17 D. has a minimum of two years of postgraduate
18 professional clinical counseling experience, including at
19 least three thousand clinical contact hours and at least one
20 hundred hours of face-to-face supervision. One thousand
21 client clinical contact hours may be submitted from the
22 applicant's internship or practicum; and

23 E. is of good moral character with conduct
24 consistent with the code of ethics. "

25 Section 10. A new section of the Counseling and Therapy

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1 Practice Act is enacted to read:

2 "[NEW MATERIAL] PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH
3 COUNSELOR--REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE. --The board shall issue
4 a license as a professional clinical mental health counselor
5 to any person who files a completed application accompanied by
6 the required fees within the July 1, 2000 through July 1, 2004
7 period and who submits satisfactory evidence that the
8 applicant:

- 9 A. has reached the age of twenty-one;
- 10 B. holds a grandfathered professional mental
11 health counselor license that was applied for prior to July 1,
12 1994;
- 13 C. holds a master's or doctoral degree and a total
14 of sixty graduate hours or more;
- 15 D. demonstrates professional competency by
16 satisfactorily passing an examination as prescribed by the
17 board, or documentation of ten thousand hours of client
18 contact experience, including at least three hundred hours of
19 face-to-face supervision of which at least one hundred hours
20 are individual;
- 21 E. has a minimum of five thousand hours of client
22 contact experience, including at least two hundred hours of
23 face-to-face supervision of which one hundred hours are
24 individual; and
- 25 F. is of good moral character with conduct

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1 consistent with the code of ethics. "

2 Section 11. Section 61-9A-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
3 Chapter 49, Section 12) is amended to read:

4 "61-9A-12. MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST--REQUIREMENTS
5 FOR LICENSURE.--The board shall issue a license as a marriage
6 and family therapist to any person who files a completed
7 application accompanied by the required fees and who submits
8 satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

- 9 A. has reached the age of twenty-one;
- 10 B. holds a master's or doctoral degree with a
11 focus in marriage and family therapy or meets the requirements
12 of the core curriculum in marriage and family therapy from an
13 accredited institution;
- 14 C. demonstrates professional competency by
15 [~~satisfactorily~~] passing an examination as prescribed by the
16 board; [~~and~~]
- 17 D. has a minimum of two years of postgraduate
18 marriage and family therapy experience consisting of one
19 thousand client contact hours and two hundred hours of
20 appropriate supervision, of which one hundred hours of such
21 supervision was on an individual basis; and
- 22 E. is of good moral character with conduct
23 consistent with the code of ethics. "

24 Section 12. Section 61-9A-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
25 Chapter 49, Section 13) is amended to read:

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1 "61-9A-13. PROFESSIONAL ART THERAPIST--REQUIREMENTS FOR
2 LICENSURE.--The board shall issue a license as a professional
3 art therapist to any person who files a completed application
4 accompanied by the required fees and who submits satisfactory
5 evidence that the applicant:

6 A. has reached the age of twenty-one;
7 B. demonstrates professional competency by
8 [~~satisfactorily~~] passing an examination as prescribed by the
9 board;

10 C. holds either:
11 (1) a master's or doctoral degree in art
12 therapy that includes [~~seven~~] six hundred hours of supervised
13 internship experience from an accredited institution [~~The~~
14 ~~board may, on a case-by-case basis, approve applicants who~~
15 ~~hold a master's degree or a doctoral degree from non-~~
16 ~~accredited institutions~~]; or

17 (2) a master's degree in a counseling related
18 field, [~~and~~] has a minimum of twenty-one semester hours of
19 sequential course work in the history, theory and practice of
20 art therapy and has completed [~~seven~~] six hundred hours of
21 supervised internship experience from an accredited
22 institution. The board may approve on a case-by-case basis
23 applicants who have a master's degree or a doctoral degree
24 from non-accredited institutions; [~~and~~]

25 D. has completed one thousand client contact hours

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1 of postgraduate experience under appropriate supervision
2 beyond the requirements in Paragraph (1) of Subsection C of
3 this section or two thousand client contact hours of
4 postgraduate experience under appropriate supervision beyond
5 the requirements in Paragraph (2) of Subsection C of this
6 section. Supervision [~~must~~] shall be under a nationally
7 [~~registered~~] licensed or American art therapy association-
8 certified art therapist for at least fifty percent of the
9 working hours; and

10 E. is of good moral character with conduct
11 consistent with the code of ethics."

12 Section 13. Section 61-9A-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
13 Chapter 49, Section 14) is amended to read:

14 "61-9A-14. REQUIREMENTS FOR [~~REGISTERED~~] LICENSED MENTAL
15 HEALTH COUNSELOR. --The board shall issue a [~~certificate of~~
16 ~~registration~~] license as a mental health counselor to any
17 person who files a completed application accompanied by the
18 required fees and who submits satisfactory evidence that the
19 applicant:

- 20 A. has reached the age of twenty-one;
- 21 B. has obtained a master's or doctoral degree in
22 counseling [~~or an allied mental health field. The board may~~
23 ~~approve on a case-by-case basis applicants who have a master's~~
24 ~~degree or a doctoral degree from non-accredited institutions;~~
25 ~~and~~], marriage and family therapy or art therapy or meets the

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1 educational requirements for the terminal license;

2 C. has arranged for a board-approved supervisor
3 and a postgraduate experience plan for working under the
4 appropriate supervision to meet marriage and family therapist,
5 professional art therapist or professional mental health
6 counselor requirements for licensure;

7 D. demonstrates professional competence by passing
8 an examination within the applicant's discipline as prescribed
9 by the board; and

10 E. is of good moral character with conduct
11 consistent with the code of ethics."

12 Section 14. Section 61-9A-14.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws
13 1996, Chapter 61, Section 8) is amended to read:

14 "61-9A-14.1 SUBSTANCE ABUSE [COUNSELORS] INTERN--
15 REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE. --

16 A. The board shall license as a substance abuse
17 intern any person who files a completed application
18 accompanied by the required fees and who submits satisfactory
19 evidence that the applicant:

20 (1) is of good moral character with conduct
21 consistent with the code of ethics;

22 [~~(2) is at least eighteen years of age;~~]

23 (2) has reached the age of twenty-one;

24 (3) possesses a high school diploma or its
25 equivalent;

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1 (4) has arranged for a board-approved
2 supervisor and experience plan for working under appropriate
3 supervision to meet the requirements for licensure as a
4 substance abuse counselor;

5 ~~[(5) demonstrates knowledge of a working~~
6 ~~definition of substance abuse treatment and recovery;]~~

7 (5) has a total of ninety clock hours of
8 education and training in the fields of alcohol and drug
9 abuse;

10 (6) signs a code of ethics statement, as
11 approved by the board; and

12 (7) provides three letters of recommendation
13 as established by rule.

14 ~~[B. The board shall license as an alcohol and drug~~
15 ~~abuse counselor any person who files a completed application~~
16 ~~accompanied by the required fees and who submits satisfactory~~
17 ~~evidence that the applicant:-~~

18 (1) ~~is of good moral character, with conduct~~
19 ~~consistent with the code of ethics;-~~

20 (2) ~~is at least eighteen years of age;-~~

21 (3) ~~possesses a high school diploma or its~~
22 ~~equivalent;-~~

23 (4) ~~has passed an examination, as approved by~~
24 ~~the board;-~~

25 (5) ~~signs a code of ethics statement, as~~

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1 ~~approved by the board; and~~

2 ~~(6) has one of the following combinations of~~
3 ~~education and experience:~~

4 ~~(a) an associate degree or board-~~
5 ~~approved education and training that includes two hundred~~
6 ~~seventy clock hours with at least ninety hours in each of the~~
7 ~~fields of alcohol, drug and counseling education and training~~
8 ~~in professional ethics, four years of experience in the~~
9 ~~practice of alcohol and drug abuse counseling under~~
10 ~~appropriate supervision and three hundred hours of approved~~
11 ~~practicum;~~

12 ~~(b) a baccalaureate degree in a related~~
13 ~~mental health field, two hundred seventy clock hours of~~
14 ~~specific training that may be part of the degree program and~~
15 ~~that includes at least ninety hours in each of the fields of~~
16 ~~alcohol, drug and counseling education and training in~~
17 ~~professional ethics and three years of experience in the~~
18 ~~practice of alcohol and drug abuse counseling under~~
19 ~~appropriate supervision; or~~

20 ~~(c) a master's degree in a related~~
21 ~~mental health field, two hundred seventy clock hours of~~
22 ~~specific training that may be part of the degree program and~~
23 ~~that includes at least ninety hours in each of the fields of~~
24 ~~alcohol, drug and counseling education and training in~~
25 ~~professional ethics and two years of experience in the~~

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1 ~~practice of alcohol and drug abuse counseling under~~
2 ~~appropriate supervision.~~

3 ~~C. The board shall license as an alcohol abuse~~
4 ~~counselor any person who files a completed application~~
5 ~~accompanied by the required fees and who submits satisfactory~~
6 ~~evidence that the applicant:~~

7 ~~(1) is of good moral character, with conduct~~
8 ~~consistent with the code of ethics;~~

9 ~~(2) is at least eighteen years of age;~~

10 ~~(3) possesses a high school diploma or its~~
11 ~~equivalent;~~

12 ~~(4) has passed an examination, as approved by~~
13 ~~the board;~~

14 ~~(5) signs a code of ethics statement, as~~
15 ~~approved by the board; and~~

16 ~~(6) has one of the following combinations of~~
17 ~~education and experience:~~

18 ~~(a) an associate degree or board-~~
19 ~~approved education and training that includes one hundred~~
20 ~~eighty clock hours with at least ninety hours in each of the~~
21 ~~fields of alcohol and counseling education and training in~~
22 ~~professional ethics, four years of experience in the practice~~
23 ~~of alcohol abuse counseling under appropriate supervision and~~
24 ~~three hundred hours of approved practicum;~~

25 ~~(b) a baccalaureate degree in a related~~

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1 ~~mental health field, one hundred eighty clock hours of~~
2 ~~specific training that may be part of the degree program and~~
3 ~~that includes at least ninety hours in each of the fields of~~
4 ~~alcohol and counseling education and training in professional~~
5 ~~ethics and three years of experience in the practice of~~
6 ~~alcohol abuse counseling under appropriate supervision; or~~

7 ~~(c) a master's degree in a related~~
8 ~~mental health field, one hundred eighty clock hours of~~
9 ~~specific training that may be part of the degree program and~~
10 ~~that includes at least ninety hours in each of the fields of~~
11 ~~alcohol and counseling education and training in professional~~
12 ~~ethics and two years of experience in the practice of alcohol~~
13 ~~abuse counseling under appropriate supervision.~~

14 ~~D. The board shall license as a drug abuse~~
15 ~~counselor any person who files a completed application~~
16 ~~accompanied by the required fees and who submits satisfactory~~
17 ~~evidence that the applicant:-~~

18 ~~(1) is of good moral character, with conduct~~
19 ~~consistent with the code of ethics;-~~

20 ~~(2) is at least eighteen years of age;-~~

21 ~~(3) possesses a high school diploma or its~~
22 ~~equivalent;-~~

23 ~~(4) has passed an examination, as approved by~~
24 ~~the board;-~~

25 ~~(5) signs a code of ethics statement, as~~

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1 ~~approved by the board; and~~

2 ~~(6) has one of the following combinations of~~
3 ~~education and experience:~~

4 ~~(a) an associate degree or board-~~
5 ~~approved education and training that includes one hundred~~
6 ~~eighty clock hours with at least ninety hours in each of the~~
7 ~~fields of drug and counseling education and training in~~
8 ~~professional ethics, four years of experience in the practice~~
9 ~~of drug abuse counseling under appropriate supervision and~~
10 ~~three hundred hours of approved practicum;~~

11 ~~(b) a baccalaureate degree in a related~~
12 ~~mental health field, one hundred eighty clock hours of~~
13 ~~specific training that may be part of the degree program and~~
14 ~~that includes at least ninety hours in each of the fields of~~
15 ~~drug and counseling education and training in professional~~
16 ~~ethics and three years of experience in the practice of drug~~
17 ~~abuse counseling under appropriate supervision; or~~

18 ~~(c) a master's degree in a related~~
19 ~~mental health field, one hundred eighty clock hours of~~
20 ~~specific training that may be part of the degree program and~~
21 ~~that includes at least ninety hours in each of the fields of~~
22 ~~drug and counseling education and training in professional~~
23 ~~ethics and two years of experience in the practice of drug~~
24 ~~abuse counseling under appropriate supervision.]~~

25 B. Effective July 1, 2003, the board shall license

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1 as a substance abuse intern any person who files a completed
2 application accompanied by the required fees and who submits
3 satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

4 (1) is of good moral character, with conduct
5 consistent with the code of ethics;

6 (2) has reached the age of twenty-one;

7 (3) holds an associate degree in counseling
8 or in a related mental health field from an accredited
9 institution and has a total of ninety clock hours of education
10 and training in the fields of alcohol and drug abuse;

11 (4) has arranged for a board-approved
12 supervisor and experience plan for working under direct
13 observation to meet the requirements for licensure as a
14 substance abuse counselor;

15 (5) signs a code of ethics statement, as
16 approved by the board; and

17 (6) provides three letters of recommendation:
18 one letter from a current supervisor, one letter from a
19 current employer and one letter from a professional substance
20 abuse colleague. "

21 Section 15. A new section of the Counseling and Therapy
22 Practice Act is enacted to read:

23 "[NEW MATERIAL] ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELOR--
24 REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE. --

25 A. The board shall license as an alcohol and drug

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1 abuse counselor any person who files a completed application
2 accompanied by the required fees and who submits satisfactory
3 evidence that the applicant:

4 (1) is of good moral character with conduct
5 consistent with the code of ethics;

6 (2) has reached the age of twenty-one;

7 (3) possesses a high school diploma or its
8 equivalent;

9 (4) has passed an examination, as approved by
10 the board;

11 (5) signs a code of ethics statement, as
12 approved by the board; and

13 (6) has one of the following combinations of
14 education and experience:

15 (a) an associate degree or board-
16 approved education and training that includes two hundred
17 seventy-six clock hours with at least ninety hours in each of
18 the fields of alcohol, drug and counseling and six hours of
19 training in professional ethics, four years of experience in
20 the practice of alcohol and drug abuse counseling under
21 appropriate supervision and three hundred hours of approved
22 practicum;

23 (b) a baccalaureate degree in a related
24 mental health field, two hundred seventy-six clock hours of
25 specific training that may be a part of the degree program and

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1 that includes at least ninety hours in each of the fields of
2 alcohol, drug and counseling and six hours of training in
3 professional ethics and three years of experience in the
4 practice of alcohol and drug abuse counseling under
5 appropriate supervision; or

6 (c) a master's degree in a related
7 mental health field, two hundred seventy-six clock hours of
8 specific training that may be part of the degree program and
9 that includes at least ninety hours in each of the fields of
10 alcohol drug and counseling and six hours of training in
11 professional ethics and two years of experience in the
12 practice of alcohol and drug abuse counseling under
13 appropriate supervision.

14 B. Effective July 1, 2003, the board shall license
15 as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor any person who files a
16 completed application accompanied by the required fees and who
17 submits satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

18 (1) is of good moral character with conduct
19 consistent with the code of ethics;

20 (2) has reached the age of twenty-one;

21 (3) holds a baccalaureate degree in
22 counseling in a related mental health field from an accredited
23 institution;

24 (4) has passed an examination, as approved by
25 the board;

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- 1 (5) signs a code of ethics statement, as
- 2 approved by the board; and
- 3 (6) has one of the following combinations of
- 4 education and experience:
- 5 (a) a baccalaureate degree in a related
- 6 mental health field, two hundred seventy-six clock hours of
- 7 specific training that may be a part of the degree program and
- 8 that includes at least ninety hours in each of the fields of
- 9 alcohol, drug and counseling education and six clock hours of
- 10 training in professional ethics and three hundred hours of
- 11 approved practicum and three thousand client contact hours
- 12 acquired within the last fifteen years of experience in the
- 13 practice of alcohol and drug abuse counseling under
- 14 appropriate supervision; or
- 15 (b) a master's degree in a related
- 16 mental health field, two hundred seventy-six clock hours of
- 17 specific training that may be a part of the degree program and
- 18 that includes at least ninety hours in each of the fields of
- 19 alcohol, drug and counseling education and six hours of
- 20 training in professional ethics and three hundred hours of
- 21 approved practicum and two thousand client contact hours
- 22 acquired within the last five years of experience in the
- 23 practice of alcohol and drug abuse counseling under
- 24 appropriate supervision. "

25 Section 16. Section 61-9A-22 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,

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1 Chapter 49, Section 22) is amended to read:

2 "61-9A-22. LICENSURE BY CREDENTIALS. --The board may
3 license an applicant without examination if the person
4 possesses a valid regulatory document issued by the
5 appropriate examining board under the laws of any other state
6 or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia or
7 any foreign nation that in the judgment of the board has
8 requirements [~~substantially equivalent~~] equal to or exceeding
9 those in the Counseling and Therapy Practice Act. "

10 Section 17. Section 61-9A-23 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
11 Chapter 49, Section 23) is amended to read:

12 "61-9A-23. LICENSE AND [~~CERTIFICATE~~] REGISTRATION
13 RENEWAL. --

14 A. Each licensee or registrant shall renew his
15 license or [~~certificate~~] of registration biennially by
16 submitting a renewal application on a form provided by the
17 board and complying with all renewal requirements. Licensees
18 with even-numbered licenses shall renew in even-numbered
19 years. Licensees with odd-numbered licenses shall renew in
20 odd-numbered years. The board may authorize license renewal
21 for one year to establish this renewal cycle and charge the
22 proportionate license fee for that period.

23 B. A ninety-day grace period shall be allowed each
24 licensee or registrant after the license or registration
25 period, during which time licenses and [~~certificates~~]

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1 registrations may be renewed upon payment of the renewal fee
2 [~~the~~] and late fee and compliance with all renewal
3 requirements.

4 C. Any license or [~~certificate~~] registration
5 granted by the board shall be automatically suspended if the
6 holder fails to apply for the renewal license or [~~certificate~~]
7 registration provided for in this section within a period of
8 three months after the renewal deadline; provided that any
9 license or registration so suspended may be restored by the
10 board upon payment of a reinstatement fee not to exceed one
11 hundred dollars (\$100) in addition to any unpaid renewal or
12 late fees. Failure to renew a license or [~~certificate~~]
13 registration within three months from the date of suspension
14 as provided in this section shall cause the license or
15 [~~certificate~~] registration to be automatically revoked.
16 Reinstatement of a revoked license or [~~certificate~~]
17 registration will require the licensee to reapply and meet all
18 current standards for licensure or [~~certification~~]
19 registration.

20 D. A person licensed or [~~certified~~] registered
21 under the Counseling and Therapy Practice Act who wishes to
22 retire from practice shall notify the board in writing before
23 the expiration of his current license or [~~certificate~~]
24 registration. If, within a period of five years from the year
25 of retirement, the licensee or registrant wishes to resume

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1 practice, he shall so notify the board in writing, and upon
2 giving proof of completing such continuing education as
3 prescribed by [~~regulation~~] rule of the board and the payment
4 of an amount equivalent to all lapsed renewal fees, his
5 license or [~~certificate~~] registration shall be restored to him
6 in full effect."

7 Section 18. Section 61-9A-24 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
8 Chapter 49, Section 24, as amended) is amended to read:

9 "61-9A-24. LICENSE AND REGISTRATION FEES. -- Applicants
10 for licensure or registration shall pay biennial fees set by
11 the board in an amount not to exceed:

12 A. for application for initial licensure or
13 registration, seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), which is not
14 refundable;

15 B. for licensure or renewal as a professional
16 mental health counselor, three hundred dollars (\$300);

17 C. for licensure or renewal as a clinical
18 professional mental health counselor, marriage and family
19 therapist or professional art therapist, four hundred twenty
20 dollars (\$420);

21 D. for registration or renewal as a registered
22 mental health counselor or registered independent mental
23 health counselor, two hundred forty dollars (\$240);

24 E. for all examinations, seventy-five dollars
25 (\$75.00) or, if a national examination is used, an amount that

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1 shall not exceed the national examination costs by more than
2 twenty-five percent;

3 F. for a duplicate or replacement license or
4 registration, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);

5 G. for failure to renew a license or registration
6 within the allotted grace period, a late penalty fee not to
7 exceed one hundred dollars (\$100);

8 H. reasonable administrative fees; and

9 I. for licensure, registration or renewal as an
10 alcohol and drug abuse counselor, an independent alcohol abuse
11 counselor, [~~a~~] an independent drug abuse counselor or a
12 substance abuse intern, two hundred dollars (\$200)."

13 Section 19. Section 61-9A-26 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
14 Chapter 49, Section 26, as amended) is amended to read:

15 "61-9A-26. LICENSE AND REGISTRATION--DENIAL, SUSPENSION
16 AND REVOCATION--FINES AND REPRIMAND.--

17 A. In accordance with the procedures established
18 by the Uniform Licensing Act, the board may deny, suspend or
19 revoke [~~any~~] a license or registration held or applied for
20 under the Counseling and Therapy Practice Act, may fine or
21 reprimand a licensee or registrant or take any other action
22 provided for in the Uniform Licensing Act, upon grounds that
23 the licensee, registrant or applicant:

24 (1) is guilty of fraud, deceit or
25 misrepresentation in procuring or attempting to procure any

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1 license or registration provided for in the Counseling and
2 Therapy Practice Act;

3 (2) is adjudicated mentally incompetent by
4 regularly constituted authorities;

5 (3) is found guilty of a felony or
6 misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;

7 (4) is found guilty of unprofessional or
8 unethical conduct;

9 (5) has been using any controlled substances,
10 as defined in the Controlled Substances Act, or alcoholic
11 beverage to an extent or in a manner dangerous to himself or
12 any other person or the public or to an extent that the use
13 impairs his ability to perform the work of a counselor or
14 therapist practitioner;

15 (6) has violated any provision of the
16 Counseling and Therapy Practice Act or regulations adopted by
17 the board;

18 (7) is grossly negligent in practice [~~as a~~
19 ~~professional counselor or therapist practitioner~~];

20 (8) willfully or negligently divulges a
21 professional confidence;

22 (9) demonstrates marked incompetence in
23 practice [~~as a professional counselor or therapist~~
24 ~~practitioner; or~~];

25 (10) has had a license or registration to

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1 practice as a counselor, therapist or other mental health
2 practitioner revoked, suspended or denied in any jurisdiction,
3 territory or possession of the United States or another
4 country for acts of the licensee or registrant similar to acts
5 described in this subsection; or

6 (11) knowingly and willfully practices beyond
7 the scope of practice, as defined by the board.

8 B. A certified copy of the record of conviction
9 shall be conclusive evidence of such conviction.

10 C. Disciplinary proceedings may be instituted by
11 the sworn complaint of any person, including members of the
12 board, and shall conform to the provisions of the Uniform
13 Licensing Act. Any party to a hearing may obtain a copy of
14 the hearing record upon payment of costs for such copy.

15 D. A person who violates any provision of the
16 Counseling and Therapy Practice Act is guilty of a misdemeanor
17 and upon conviction shall be punished as provided in Section
18 31-19-1 NMSA 1978. "

19 Section 20. REPEAL. -- Sections 61-9A-17 through
20 61-9A-21.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 49, Sections 17
21 through 21 and Laws 1996, Chapter 61, Section 9) are repealed.

22 Section 21. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the
23 provisions of this act is July 1, 1999.

1 FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

2 FIRST SESSION, 1999

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8 Mr. Speaker:

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10 Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to
11 whom has been referred

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13 HOUSE BILL 812

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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

17 1. On page 19, line 10, strike "sixty graduate hours
18 or more" and insert in lieu thereof "no less than forty-
19 eight graduate hours in the mental health clinical core
20 curriculum".

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22 2. On page 39, between lines 18 and 19, insert the
23 following new section:

24 "Section 20. Section 61-9A-30 NMSA 1978 (being Laws
25 1993, Chapter 49, Section 30) is amended to read:

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"61-9A-30. TERMINATION OF AGENCY LIFE--DELAYED
REPEAL.--The counseling and therapy practice board is
terminated on July 1, [1999] 2005 pursuant to the provisions
of the Sunset Act. The board shall continue to operate
according to the provisions of the Counseling and Therapy
Practice Act until July 1, [2000] 2006. Effective July 1,
[2000] 2006, the Counseling and Therapy Practice Act is
repealed."

3. Renumber the succeeding sections accordingly.,

and thence referred to the BUSINESS & INDUSTRY
COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Trujillo Knauer,
Chairwoman

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Yes: 4

No: Hawkins

Excused: Hamilton, King

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1 **FORTY- FOURTH LEGISLATURE**
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8 **Mr. Speaker:**

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10 **Your BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, to whom has**
11 **been referred**

12 **HOUSE BILL 812, as amended**

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14 **has had it under consideration and reports same with**
15 **recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:**

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17 1. On page 10, line 17, strike "independent".
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19 2. On page 10, line 18, strike "independent".
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21 3. On page 10, line 25, strike both appearances of the
22 word "independent".
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24 4. On page 34, line 8, strike the brackets and line-
25 through and strike "equal".
5. On page 34, line 9, after the period insert:

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"An applicant for licensing pursuant to this section shall be issued a temporary license by the department upon filing his application along with proof of a valid current regulatory document from another jurisdiction. This temporary license is valid only until the board considers and acts on the application. An applicant is entitled to only one temporary license pursuant to this provision."

6. On page 37, line 10, strike "independent".

7. On page 37, line 11, strike "an independent" and remove the brackets and line through the first occurrence of "a".

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie A. Rodella, Vice
Chairwoman

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12 Excused: None

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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT number _____ to HOUSE BILL 812, as amended

Amendment sponsored by Representative Danice Picraux

1. On page 19, line 17, strike "postgraduate".

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March 15, 1999

Mr. President:

Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 812, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation
that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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7 Yes: 5

8 No: 0

9 Excused: Boitano, Ingle, Stockard, Smith

10 Absent: None

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