| 1 | MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE | | | | | |
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| 2 | ACT AMENDMENTS | | | | | |
| 3 | 2010 GENERAL SESSION | | | | | |
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| 8 | LONG TITLE | | | | | |
| 9 | General Description: | | | | | |
| 10 | This bill amends provisions of the Mental Health Professional Practice Act. | | | | | |
| 11 | Highlighted Provisions: | | | | | |
| 12 | This bill: | | | | | |
| 13 | defines terms; | | | | | |
| 14 | modifies requirements for licensure by endorsement; | | | | | |
| 15 | provides that a license by endorsement that was valid immediately before the | | | | | |
| 16 | passage of this bill continues to be valid; | | | | | |
| 17 | amends the scope of practice provisions for a social service worker; | | | | | |
| 18 | defines the term "program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education" to | | | | | |
| 19 | include a program that was accredited, and a program that was in candidacy for | | | | | |
| 20 | accreditation, on the day on which the applicant for licensure satisfactorily | | | | | |
| 21 | completed the program; | | | | | |
| 22 | modifies the membership of the Social Worker Licensing Board; | | | | | |
| 23 | modifies the qualifications for a social service worker license; | | | | | |
| 24 | provides that a social service worker license that was valid immediately before the | | | | | |
| 25 | passage of this bill continues to be valid; | | | | | |



| 26 | establishes a continuing education requirement for a social service worker; | | | | | |
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| 27 | modifies qualifications for admission to examination under the Social Worker | | | | | |
| 28 | Licensing Act; | | | | | |
| 29 | changes the classification of "certified marriage and family therapist intern" to | | | | | |
| 30 | "associate marriage and family therapist"; | | | | | |
| 31 | ▶ modifies license qualification requirements $\hat{\mathbf{H}}$ and supervision requirements $\mathbf{\leftarrow}\hat{\mathbf{H}}$ | | | | | |
| 31a | under the Substance Abuse Practice | | | | | |
| 32 | Act; and | | | | | |
| 33 | makes technical changes. | | | | | |
| 34 | Monies Appropriated in this Bill: | | | | | |
| 35 | None | | | | | |
| 36 | Other Special Clauses: | | | | | |
| 37 | None | | | | | |
| 38 | Utah Code Sections Affected: | | | | | |
| 39 | AMENDS: | | | | | |
| 40 | 58-60-115 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 183 | | | | | |
| 41 | 58-60-202 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 1994, Chapter 32 | | | | | |
| 42 | 58-60-203 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 1994, Chapter 32 | | | | | |
| 43 | 58-60-205 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 183 | | | | | |
| 44 | 58-60-206 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 1994, Chapter 32 | | | | | |
| 45 | 58-60-304 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2001, Chapter 281 | | | | | |
| 46 | 58-60-305 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 183 | | | | | |
| 47 | 58-60-308 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 183 | | | | | |
| 48 | 58-60-506 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 183 | | | | | |
| 18a | Ĥ→ 58-60-508, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 283 ←Ĥ | | | | | |
| 49 | ENACTS: | | | | | |
| 50 | 58-60-115.2 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 | | | | | |
| 51 | 58-60-205.5 , Utah Code Annotated 1953 | | | | | |
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| 53 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah: | | | | | |
| 54 | Section 1. Section 58-60-115 is amended to read: | | | | | |
| 55 | 58-60-115. License by endorsement. | | | | | |
| 56 | The division shall issue a license by endorsement under this chapter to a person who: | | | | | |

| 5/ | (1) submits an application on a form provided by the division; | | | | |
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| 58 | (2) pays a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504; | | | | |
| 59 | (3) provides documentation of current licensure in good standing in any state, district, | | | | |
| 60 | or territory of the United States to practice in the profession [in] for which licensure is being | | | | |
| 61 | sought; | | | | |
| 62 | [(4) provides documentation of having been actively engaged in the legal practice of | | | | |
| 63 | the person's profession, including, but not limited to, mental health therapy, for not less than | | | | |
| 64 | 4,000 hours during the three years immediately preceding the date of application for licensure | | | | |
| 65 | in Utah;] | | | | |
| 66 | (4) Ĥ→ except as provided in Subsection (5), ←Ĥ provides documentation that the person | | | | |
| 66a | has engaged in the lawful practice of the | | | | |
| 67 | profession for which licensure is sought for not less than 4,000 hours, of which 1,000 hours are | | | | |
| 68 | in mental health therapy; | | | | |
| 68a | $\hat{H} \rightarrow (5)$ if the person is applying for a license to practice as a licensed substance abuse | | | | |
| 68b | counselor, provides documentation that the person has: | | | | |
| 68c | (a) engaged in the lawful practice of the profession for not less than 4,000 hours; and | | | | |
| 68d | (b) has passed an examination approved by the division, by rule, to establish | | | | |
| 68e | proficiency in the profession; | | | | |
| 69 | [(5)] (6) $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{H}}$ has passed the profession specific jurisprudence examination if required | | | | |
| 69a | of a new | | | | |
| 70 | applicant; and | | | | |
| 71 | $\hat{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow [(6)]$ (7) $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{H}}$ is of good moral character and professional standing, and has no | | | | |
| 71a | disciplinary action | | | | |
| 72 | pending or in effect against the applicant's license in any jurisdiction. | | | | |
| 73 | Section 2. Section 58-60-115.2 is enacted to read: | | | | |
| 74 | 58-60-115.2. Pre-existing license by endorsement. | | | | |
| 75 | A person who, on May 11, 2010, has a valid license by endorsement under Section | | | | |
| 76 | 58-60-115 that was granted before May 11, 2010, is considered to have met the requirements of | | | | |
| 77 | Subsection 58-60-115(4) if the person provides documentation that the person has engaged in: | | | | |
| 78 | (1) the lawful practice of the person's profession, including mental health therapy, for | | | | |
| 79 | not less than 4,000 hours during the three years immediately preceding the date of application | | | | |
| 80 | for licensure in Utah; or | | | | |
| 81 | (2) the lawful practice of the profession for which licensure is sought for not less than | | | | |
| 82 | 4,000 hours, of which 1,000 hours are in mental health therapy. | | | | |
| 83 | Section 3. Section 58-60-202 is amended to read: | | | | |
| 84 | 58-60-202. Definitions. | | | | |
| 85 | In addition to the definitions in Sections 58-1-102 and 58-60-102, as used in this part: | | | | |
| 86 | (1) "Board" means the Social Worker Licensing Board created in Section 58-60-203. | | | | |
| 87 | (2) (a) "Practice as a social service worker" means performance of general entry level | | | | |

| 88 | services under general supervision of a mental health therapist through the application of social | | | |
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| 89 | work theory, methods, and ethics in order to enhance the social or psychosocial functioning of | | | |
| 90 | an individual, a couple, a family, a group, or a community, including: | | | |
| 91 | (i) conducting: | | | |
| 92 | (A) a non-clinical psychosocial assessment; or | | | |
| 93 | (B) a home study; | | | |
| 94 | (ii) collaborative planning and goal setting; | | | |
| 95 | (iii) ongoing case management; | | | |
| 96 | (iv) progress monitoring; | | | |
| 97 | (v) supportive counseling: | | | |
| 98 | (vi) information gathering; | | | |
| 99 | (vii) making referrals; and | | | |
| 100 | (viii) engaging in advocacy. | | | |
| 101 | (b) "Practice as a social service worker" does not include: | | | |
| 102 | (i) diagnosing or treating mental illness; or | | | |
| 103 | (ii) providing psychotherapeutic services to an individual, couple, family, group, or | | | |
| 104 | community. | | | |
| 105 | [(2)] <u>(3)</u> "Practice of clinical social work" includes: | | | |
| 106 | (a) the practice of mental health therapy by observation, description, evaluation, | | | |
| 107 | interpretation, intervention, and treatment to effect modification of behavior by the application | | | |
| 108 | of generally recognized professional social work principles, methods, and procedures for the | | | |
| 109 | purpose of preventing, treating, or eliminating mental or emotional illness or dysfunction, the | | | |
| 110 | symptoms of any of these, or maladaptive behavior; | | | |
| 111 | (b) the application of generally recognized psychotherapeutic and social work | | | |
| 112 | principles and practices requiring the education, training, and clinical experience of a clinical | | | |
| 113 | social worker; and | | | |
| 114 | (c) supervision of the practice of a certified social worker or social service worker as | | | |
| 115 | the supervision is required under this chapter and as further defined by division rule. | | | |
| 116 | [(3)] <u>(4)</u> "Practice of certified social work" includes: | | | |
| 117 | (a) the supervised practice of mental health therapy by a clinical social worker by | | | |

observation, description, evaluation, interpretation, intervention, and treatment to effect

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made in collaboration with the board.

58-60-203. Board.

Section 4. Section **58-60-203** is amended to read:

| 119 | modification of behavior by the application of generally recognized professional social work |
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| 120 | principles, methods, and procedures for the purpose of preventing, treating, or eliminating |
| 121 | mental or emotional illness or dysfunctions, the symptoms of any of these, or maladaptive |
| 122 | behavior; |
| 123 | (b) the supervised or independent and unsupervised application of generally recognized |
| 124 | professional social work principles and practices requiring the education, training, and |
| 125 | experience of a certified social worker; and |
| 126 | (c) supervision of the practice of a social service worker as the supervision is required |
| 127 | under this chapter and as further defined by division rule. |
| 128 | [(4) "Practice as a social service worker":] |
| 129 | [(a) includes performance under supervision of a mental health therapist of |
| 130 | professional services consistent with the education and training of a social service worker and |
| 131 | the standards and ethics of the profession, including patient management activities;] |
| 132 | [(b) includes the supervised or unsupervised application of professional social work |
| 133 | principles and practices and the practice of case management, which practices require only the |
| 134 | education, training, and experience of a social service worker and are conducted in accordance |
| 135 | with generally accepted standards and ethics of the profession; and] |
| 136 | (c) does not include engaging in the practice of mental health therapy with an |
| 137 | individual, family, group, or any other persons.] |
| 138 | (5) "Program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education" means a program |
| 139 | <u>that:</u> |
| 140 | (a) was accredited by the Council on Social Work Education on the day on which the |
| 141 | applicant for licensure satisfactorily completed the program; or |
| 142 | (b) was in candidacy for accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education on the |
| 143 | day on which the applicant for licensure satisfactorily completed the program. |
| 144 | [(5)] (6) "Supervision of a social service worker" means supervision conducted by an |

individual licensed as a mental health therapist under this title in accordance with division rules

(1) There is created the Social Worker Licensing Board consisting of [two] one

- certified social [workers, two] worker, three clinical social workers, two social service workers, and one member from the general public.
 - (2) The board shall be appointed, serve terms, and be compensated in accordance with Section 58-1-201.
 - (3) The duties and responsibilities of the board are under Sections 58-1-202 and 58-1-203. In addition, the board shall:
 - (a) designate one of its members on a permanent or rotating basis to assist the division in review of complaints concerning unlawful or unprofessional practice by a licensee in any profession regulated by the board and to advise the division regarding the conduct of investigations of the complaints; and
 - (b) disqualify any member from acting as presiding officer in any administrative procedure in which that member has previously reviewed the complaint or advised the division.

Section 5. Section **58-60-205** is amended to read:

58-60-205. Qualifications for licensure or certification as a clinical social worker, certified social worker, and social service worker.

- (1) An applicant for licensure as a clinical social worker shall:
- (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;
- (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
- (c) be of good moral character;
- (d) produce certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education recognized by the division in collaboration with the board verifying satisfactory completion of an education and earned degree as follows:
- (i) an earned master's degree in social work resulting from completion of an education program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; or
- (ii) an earned doctoral degree in social work that results from successful completion of a clinical concentration and practicum approved by the division and defined by rule under Section 58-1-203;
- (e) have completed a minimum of 4,000 hours of clinical social work training as defined by division rule under Section 58-1-203 in not less than two years and under the supervision of a clinical social worker supervisor approved by the division in collaboration with the board;

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- (f) document successful completion of not less than 1,000 hours of supervised training in mental health therapy obtained after completion of the education requirement in Subsection (1)(d), which training may be included as part of the 4,000 hours of training in Subsection (1)(e), and of which documented evidence demonstrates not less than 100 of the hours were obtained under the direct personal face to face supervision of a clinical social worker approved by the division in collaboration with the board; (g) have completed a case work, group work, or family treatment course sequence with
- a clinical practicum in content as defined by rule under Section 58-1-203; and
 - (h) pass the examination requirement established by rule under Section 58-1-203.
 - (2) An applicant for licensure as a certified social worker shall:
 - (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;
 - (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
 - (c) be of good moral character;
- (d) produce certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education recognized by the division in collaboration with the Social Worker Licensing Board verifying satisfactory completion of an education and an earned degree as follows:
- (i) a social work education program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education and an earned master's degree resulting from completion of that program; or
- (ii) an education program that contains approved clinical social work concentration and practicum in content as defined by rule under Section 58-1-203 and an earned doctorate resulting from completion of that program; and
 - (e) pass the examination requirement established by rule under Section 58-1-203.
- (3) (a) An applicant for certification as a certified social worker intern shall meet the requirements of Subsections (2)(a), (b), (c), and (d).
- (b) Certification under Subsection (3)(a) is limited to the time necessary to pass the examination required under Subsection (2)(e) or six months, whichever occurs first.
- (c) A certified social worker intern may provide mental health therapy under the general supervision of a clinical social worker.
 - (4) An applicant for licensure as a social service worker shall:
 - (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division;
- 211 (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;

| 212 | (c) be of good moral character; | | | |
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| 213 | (d) produce certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education | | | |
| 214 | recognized by the division in collaboration with the Social Worker Licensing Board verifying | | | |
| 215 | satisfactory completion of an earned degree resulting from education as follows: | | | |
| 216 | (i) a bachelor's degree in a social work program accredited by the Council on Social | | | |
| 217 | Work Education; | | | |
| 218 | (ii) a master's degree in a field approved by the division in collaboration with the social | | | |
| 219 | worker board; | | | |
| 220 | [(iii) a bachelor's degree in sociology, psychology, family sciences, or other field | | | |
| 221 | approved by the division in collaboration with the Social Worker Licensing Board and also | | | |
| 222 | documentation of 2,000 hours of supervised social work activity approved by the division in | | | |
| 223 | collaboration with the board, which is performed after completing bachelor's degree | | | |
| 224 | requirements under this Subsection (4);] | | | |
| 225 | [(iv) a bachelor's degree in any field, if the applicant has completed:] | | | |
| 226 | [(A) the equivalent of three credit hours of course work or other approved training in | | | |
| 227 | full-life human growth behavior, abnormal psychology, social work values and ethics, social | | | |
| 228 | welfare, or social welfare policy;] | | | |
| 229 | (iii) a bachelor's degree in any field if the applicant: | | | |
| 230 | (A) except as provided in Subsection 58-60-205.2(2), has completed at least three | | | |
| 231 | semester hours, or the equivalent, in each of the following areas: | | | |
| 232 | (I) social welfare policy; | | | |
| 233 | (II) human growth and development; and | | | |
| 234 | (III) social work practice methods, as defined by rule; and | | | |
| 235 | [(B) an approved social work practice methods course; and] | | | |
| 236 | [(C) one year of] (B) provides documentation that the applicant has completed at least | | | |
| 237 | 2,000 hours of qualifying experience under the supervision of a [licensed certified or clinical | | | |
| 238 | social worker] mental health therapist, which experience is approved by the division in | | | |
| 239 | collaboration with the Social Worker Licensing Board, and which is performed after | | | |
| 240 | completion of the requirements to obtain the bachelor's degree required under this Subsection | | | |
| 241 | (4); or | | | |
| 242 | [(v)] (iv) successful completion of the first academic year of a Council on Social Work | | | |

| 243 | Education approved master's of social work curriculum and practicum; and | | | | |
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| 244 | (e) pass the examination requirement established by rule under Section 58-1-203. | | | | |
| 245 | Section 6. Section 58-60-205.5 is enacted to read: | | | | |
| 246 | 58-60-205.5. Continuing education. | | | | |
| 247 | As a condition for renewal of a license under this part, a social service worker licensee | | | | |
| 248 | shall, during each two-year licensure cycle, complete qualified continuing professional | | | | |
| 249 | education, as defined by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah | | | | |
| 250 | Administrative Rulemaking Act. | | | | |
| 251 | Section 7. Section 58-60-206 is amended to read: | | | | |
| 252 | 58-60-206. Qualifications for admission to examination. | | | | |
| 253 | All applicants for admission to any examination qualifying an individual for licensure | | | | |
| 254 | under this part shall, before taking the examination: | | | | |
| 255 | (1) submit an application for examination and licensure on a form provided by the | | | | |
| 256 | division; | | | | |
| 257 | (2) pay the fee established for the examination; and | | | | |
| 258 | (3) certify under penalty of perjury as evidenced by notarized signature on the | | | | |
| 259 | application for [admission to the] examination and licensure that the applicant: | | | | |
| 260 | (a) has completed the education requirement and been awarded the earned degree | | | | |
| 261 | required for licensure[- - - - | | | | |
| 262 | (b) has only one semester, or the equivalent, remaining before the applicant completes | | | | |
| 263 | the education requirement for earning the degree that is required for licensure. | | | | |
| 264 | Section 8. Section 58-60-304 is amended to read: | | | | |
| 265 | 58-60-304. License classifications. | | | | |
| 266 | The division shall issue licenses to individuals qualified under this part in the | | | | |
| 267 | classification of: | | | | |
| 268 | (1) marriage and family therapist; or | | | | |
| 269 | (2) [certified] associate marriage and family therapist [intern]. | | | | |
| 270 | Section 9. Section 58-60-305 is amended to read: | | | | |
| 271 | 58-60-305. Qualifications for licensure. | | | | |
| 272 | (1) All applicants for licensure as marriage and family therapists shall: | | | | |
| 273 | (a) submit an application on a form provided by the division; | | | | |

- (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
 - (c) be of good moral character;
 - (d) produce certified transcripts evidencing completion of a masters or doctorate degree in marriage and family therapy from:
 - (i) a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education; or
 - (ii) an accredited institution meeting criteria for approval established by rule under Section 58-1-203;
 - (e) have completed a minimum of 4,000 hours of marriage and family therapy training as defined by division rule under Section 58-1-203, in not less than two years, under the supervision of a marriage and family therapist supervisor who meets the requirements of Section 58-60-307, and obtained after completion of the education requirement in Subsection (1)(d);
 - (f) document successful completion of not less than 1,000 hours of supervised training in mental health therapy obtained after completion of the education requirement described in Subsection (1)(d)(i) or (1)(d)(ii), which training may be included as part of the 4,000 hours of training described in Subsection (1)(e), and of which documented evidence demonstrates not less than 100 of the supervised hours were obtained during direct, personal, face-to-face supervision by a marriage and family therapist supervisor qualified under Section 58-60-307; and
 - (g) pass the examination requirement established by division rule under Section 58-1-203.
 - (2) (a) All applicants for [certification as a] licensure as an associate marriage and family therapist [intern] shall comply with the provisions of Subsections (1)(a), (b), (c), and (d).
 - (b) An individual's [certification as a] license as an associate marriage and family therapist [intern] is limited to the period of time necessary to complete clinical training as described in Subsections (1)(e) and (f) and extends not more than one year from the date the minimum requirement for training is completed, unless the individual presents satisfactory evidence to the division and the appropriate board that the individual is making reasonable progress toward passing of the qualifying examination for that profession or is otherwise on a

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| 305 | course reasonably expected to lead to licensure, but the period of time under this Subsection |
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| 306 | (2)(b) may not exceed two years past the date the minimum supervised clinical training |
| 307 | requirement has been completed. |
| 308 | Section 10. Section 58-60-308 is amended to read: |
| 309 | 58-60-308. Scope of practice Limitations. |
| 310 | (1) A licensed marriage and family therapist may engage in all acts and practices |
| 311 | defined as the practice of marriage and family therapy without supervision, in private and |
| 312 | independent practice, or as an employee of another person, limited only by the licensee's |

- independent practice, or as an employee of another person, limited only by the licensee's education, training, and competence.

 (2) (a) To the extent an individual has completed the educational requirements of
- Subsection 58-60-305(1)(d), a [certified] licensed associate marriage and family therapist [intern] may engage in all acts and practices defined as the practice of marriage and family therapy if the practice is:
- (i) within the scope of employment as [a certified] a licensed associate marriage and family therapist [intern] with a public agency or a private clinic as defined by division rule; and
- (ii) under the supervision of a licensed marriage and family therapist who is qualified as a supervisor under Section 58-60-307.
- (b) A [certified] licensed associate marriage and family [therapy intern] therapist may not engage in the independent practice of marriage and family therapy.
 - Section 11. Section **58-60-506** is amended to read:

58-60-506. Qualifications for licensure on and after July 1, 2007.

- (1) An applicant for licensure under this part on and after July 1, 2007, must meet the following qualifications:
 - (a) submit an application in a form prescribed by the division;
 - (b) pay a fee determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504;
 - (c) be of good moral character;
 - (d) satisfy the requirements of Subsection (2), (3), (4), or (5) respectively; and
- (e) except for licensure as a certified substance abuse counselor intern, satisfy the examination requirement established by rule under Section 58-1-203.
- (2) An applicant for licensure as a licensed substance abuse counselor shall [meet one of the following]:

- (a) [The applicant shall] produce:
- (i) certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education meeting standards established by the division by rule in collaboration with the board verifying satisfactory completion of a baccalaureate or graduate degree in behavioral or social sciences;
- (ii) documentation of the applicant's completion of a substance abuse education program; and
- (iii) documentation of the applicant's completion of 2,000 hours of supervised experience in substance abuse treatment:
 - (A) meeting standards established by the division in collaboration with the board; and
- (B) performed within a two-year period after the applicant's completion of the substance abuse education program described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii)[-], unless the time for performance is extended, due to an extenuating circumstance, by the division, after consultation with the board;
 - (b) [The applicant shall] produce:
- (i) certified transcripts from an accredited institution meeting standards established by the division by rule in collaboration with the board verifying satisfactory completion of a baccalaureate or graduate degree or a high school diploma or equivalent;
- (ii) documentation of the applicant's completion of a substance abuse education program; and
- (iii) documentation of the applicant's completion of 4,000 hours of supervised experience in substance abuse treatment:
 - (A) meeting standards established by the division in collaboration with the board; and
- (B) performed within a four-year period after the applicant's completion of the substance abuse education program described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii)[-], unless the time for performance is extended, due to an extenuating circumstance, by the division, after consultation with the board;
 - (c) [Before] before January 1, 2009, [the applicant shall] produce:
- (i) certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education meeting standards established by the division by rule in collaboration with the board verifying satisfactory completion of a baccalaureate or graduate degree in behavioral or social sciences; and

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367 (ii) documentation of the applicant's completion of 4,000 hours of supervised 368 experience in substance abuse treatment: 369 (A) meeting standards established by the division in collaboration with the board; and 370 (B) performed within a four-year period[-]; or 371 (d) [Before] before January 1, 2009, [the applicant shall] produce: 372 (i) certified transcripts from an accredited institution meeting standards established by 373 the division by rule in collaboration with the board verifying satisfactory completion of a 374 baccalaureate or graduate degree or a high school diploma or equivalent; and 375 (ii) documentation of the applicant's completion of 6,000 hours of supervised 376 experience in substance abuse treatment: 377 (A) meeting standards established by the division in collaboration with the board; and 378 (B) performed within a six-year period. 379 (3) An applicant for licensure as a certified substance abuse counselor shall [meet one 380 of the following: 381 (a) [The applicant shall] produce: 382 (i) certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education meeting 383 standards established by the division by rule in collaboration with the board verifying 384 satisfactory completion of a baccalaureate or graduate degree in behavioral or social sciences; 385 and 386 (ii) documentation of the applicant's completion of a substance abuse education 387 program[-]; 388 (b) [The applicant shall] produce: 389 (i) certified transcripts from an accredited institution meeting standards established by 390 the division by rule in collaboration with the board verifying satisfactory completion of a 391 baccalaureate or graduate degree or a high school diploma or equivalent; and 392 (ii) documentation of the applicant's completion of a substance abuse education 393 program[-]; 394 (c) [Before] before January 1, 2009, [the applicant shall] produce certified transcripts 395 from an accredited institution of higher education meeting standards established by the division

by rule in collaboration with the board verifying satisfactory completion of a baccalaureate or

graduate degree in behavioral or social sciences[-]; or

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- (d) [Before] before January 1, 2009, [the applicant shall] produce certified transcripts from an accredited institution meeting standards established by the division by rule in collaboration with the board verifying satisfactory completion of a baccalaureate or graduate degree or a high school diploma or equivalent.
- (4) (a) An applicant for licensure as a certified substance abuse counselor intern shall meet the requirements for licensure as a certified substance abuse counselor under Subsection (3).
 - (b) A certified substance abuse counselor intern license expires at the earlier of:
- (i) the licensee passing the examination required for licensure as a certified substance abuse counselor; or
 - (ii) six months after the certified substance abuse counselor intern license is issued.
- (5) (a) An applicant for licensure as a certified substance abuse counselor extern shall meet the requirements of Subsection (2)(a)(iii) or (2)(b)(iii).
- (b) A certified substance abuse counselor extern license is valid for two years from the day on which it is issued or until January 1, 2010, whichever comes first.
- (c) A certified substance abuse counselor extern whose license expires before the licensee completes a substance abuse education program under Subsection (2)(a)(ii) or (2)(b)(ii) may not practice under this part until the licensee meets the requirements of Subsection (2) or (3).

Ĥ→ Section 12. Section 58-60-508 is amended to read:

58-60-508. Core functions of the mental health therapist supervisor.

- (1) Each supervisor of licensed substance abuse counselors shall:
- (a) be a licensed mental health therapist qualified by education and experience to treat substance abuse;
 - (b) be currently working in the substance abuse treatment field;
 - (c) review substance abuse counselor assessment procedures;
- (d) provide substance abuse diagnosis and other mental health diagnoses in accordance with Subsection 58-60-102(7);
 - (e) participate in the development of a treatment plan;
 - (f) approve the treatment plan; and
- (g) provide direct supervision for not more than five persons, unless granted an exception in writing from the board and the division.
- (2) Each supervisor of a certified substance abuse counselor, certified substance abuse counselor intern, or certified substance abuse counselor extern shall:
 - (a) (i) be a licensed substance abuse counselor with :
- (A) until July 1, 2011, at least one year of experience as a licensed substance abuse counselor; or
- (B) beginning on July 1, 2011, at least two years of experience as a licensed substance abuse counselor; or
- (ii) <u>be a licensed mental health therapist qualified by education and experience to treat substance abuse;</u>
 - (b) be currently working in the substance abuse field; and
- (c) provide direct supervision for no more than three persons, unless granted an exception in writing from the board and the division. $\leftarrow \hat{H}$

Fiscal Note

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Licensees may experience increased costs associated with the required continuing education. Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for local governments.

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