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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 865 by Representative Myers

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and insert in lieu thereof "R.S. 37:1103(13), 1107(A)(4), 1116(B)(1)(d)(ii) and (2), 2703(7) and (17) and 2707(B) and to enact R.S. 37:1103(14) and 2703(19)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "social work" and before the semicolon ";" insert "and licensed professional counselors"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 4, after "telesupervision;" and before "to" insert "to allow virtual licensed professional counselor telesupervision; to require the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners to establish rules and regulations for telesupervision;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete line 8 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 37:1103(13), 1107(A)(4), 1116(B)(1)(d)(ii) and (2), 2703(7) and (17) and 2707(B) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 37:1103(14)"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, between lines 9 and 10, add the following:

## "§1103. Definitions

As used in this Part, the following terms have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section:

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(13) "Qualified supervision" means the supervision, which shall include telesupervision, for a licensed marriage and family therapist of clinical services, in accordance with standards developed by the advisory committee, and approved by the board by an individual who has been recognized by the advisory committee as an approved supervisor.

(14) "Telesupervision" means clinical supervision conducted through the use of real time, face-to-face synchronous interactive conferencing between the supervisee and supervisor through electronic, visual, and audio means. Supervision of a licensed professional counselor may be conducted in-person or remotely through telesupervision. Telesupervision utilizes secure video conferencing platforms to adhere to the same standards and guidelines as in-person supervision, ensuring regular contact, case review, and ongoing professional development. The board shall establish rules and regulations regarding the specific requirements and parameters for telesupervision, including technology standards, documentation, and confidentiality measures.

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§1107. Requirements for licensed professional counselor; provisional license; temporary license or temporary provisional license; renewal of license or temporary provisional license

1 A. The board shall issue a license to each applicant who files an application  
2 upon a form and in such manner as the board prescribes, accompanied by such fee  
3 as required by R.S. 37:1106, and who furnishes satisfactory evidence to the board  
4 that he:

5 \* \* \*

6 (4) Can document a minimum of three thousand hours of supervised  
7 experience during a minimum of two years of post-master's degree experience in  
8 professional mental health counseling under the supervision, or telesupervision, of  
9 a licensed professional counselor. Five hundred hours of supervised experience may  
10 be gained for each thirty graduate semester hours earned beyond the master's degree,  
11 provided that such hours are clearly related to the field of mental health counseling  
12 and are acceptable to the board, provided that in no case the applicant has less than  
13 two thousand hours of supervised experience.

14 \* \* \*

15 §1116. Licensure application for marriage and family therapists; provisional license;  
16 temporary license or temporary provisional license

17 \* \* \*

18 B. An applicant who meets the requirements of Subsection A of this Section  
19 shall be recommended by the advisory committee to the board for issuance of a  
20 license by the board upon providing satisfactory evidence to the advisory committee  
21 that such person meets the following requirements:

22 (1) Successful completion of one of the following educational requirements:

23 \* \* \*

24 (d) A masters degree or a doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy  
25 from a regionally accredited institution of higher education whose program and  
26 curriculum was approved by the board through the advisory committee at any time  
27 prior to July 1, 2010, and the applicant for licensure has at least five hundred hours  
28 of client contact, and where the client contact shall include all of the following:

29 \* \* \*

30 (ii) One hundred hours in which the applicant has been subjected to qualified  
31 supervision, or telesupervision, as is defined in R.S. 37:1103(~~11~~).

32 (2) Successful completion of two calendar years of work experience in  
33 marriage and family therapy under qualified supervision, or telesupervision, as  
34 defined in R.S. 37:1103(~~11~~) following receipt of a qualifying degree.

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