
DIGEST

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HB 582 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Adds Louisiana to the Licensed Professional Counselor Interstate Compact.

Proposed law allows Louisiana to join the Licensed Professional Counselor Interstate Compact.

Proposed law provides for Louisiana, as a participating state, to adopt the same uniform professional counseling licensure requirements as the states in the Licensed Professional Counselor Interstate Compact.

Proposed law eliminates the requirement for licenses in multiple states.

Proposed law provides for multistate practice regulations and the exchange of licensure among member states.

Proposed law provides for spousal support for relocating active duty military personnel.

Proposed law establishes telehealth technology for states in the Licensed Professional Counselor Interstate Compact.

Proposed law requires certain hourly requirements of counseling experience and graduate course work for licensees in specific areas of study.

(Amends R.S. 37:1103(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 37:1131-1145)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Define "criminal history background check" to include all state records of arrest, prosecution, and conviction, including those which have been expunged or dismissed pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure, as well as national records which shall include fingerprints of the applicant, biometrics, and other identifying information.
2. Provide standard criminal background check provisions that are common to health professional licensing boards and regulated by the state.

3. Prohibit communications between a member state, the commission, and among member states regarding the verification of eligibility for licensure through the compact from including any information received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information relative to any federal criminal records check performed by a member state.
4. Make technical corrections.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Require licensees to have a certain amount of semester-hours or quarter-hours in counseling or graduate course work.
2. Expand assessment provisions to include diagnosis and treatment.
3. Allow the commission to determine other areas of study to include in the course work and hours required.
4. Require delegates to be current members of the licensing board or the board administrator.
5. Make technical corrections.