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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 353(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE SPOHNHOLZ

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the licensure of marital and family therapists; relating to medical
2 assistance for marital and family therapists' services; and providing for an effective
3 date."

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 08.63.100(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) The board shall issue a license to practice marital and family therapy to a
7 person who

8 (1) applies on a form provided by the board;

9 (2) pays the fee established under AS 08.01.065;

10 (3) furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that the person

11 (A) has not engaged in conduct that is a ground for imposing
12 disciplinary sanctions under AS 08.63.210;

13 (B) holds a master's degree or doctorate in marital and family
14 therapy or allied mental health field from a regionally accredited educational

institution approved by the board for which the person completed a course of study that included instruction substantially equivalent to the following:

(i) three courses or nine semester or 12 quarter hours of course work in marital and family therapy;

(ii) three courses or nine semester or 12 quarter hours of course work in marital and family studies;

(iii) three courses or nine semester or 12 quarter hours of course work in human development;

(iv) one course or three semester or four quarter hours of course work in professional studies or professional ethics and law;

(v) one course or three semester or four quarter hours of course work in research; and

(vi) one year of supervised clinical practice in marital and family therapy;

(C) after receiving a degree described in (B) of this paragraph, has

[(i)] practiced **supervised** marital and family therapy, including **1,700** [1,500] hours of [DIRECT] clinical contact with couples, individuals, and families; [AND

(ii) BEEN SUPERVISED IN] the clinical contact **must include** [FOR] at least [200 HOURS, INCLUDING] 100 hours of individual supervision and 100 hours of group supervision approved by the board; **the 100 hours of individual supervision and 100 hours of group supervision may be conducted by one or more supervisors;**

(D) has received training related to domestic violence; and

(E) has passed a written or oral examination administered by the board.

* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.63.120(b) is amended to read:

(b) A person who supervises a licensee under this section **during**

(1) individual supervision must

(A) [(1)] have practiced marital and family therapy for five

years;

(B) [(2)] be licensed under this chapter; and

(C) [(3)] meet the minimum standards established by the board for approved supervisors; or

(2) group supervision must be licensed to practice as a

(A) professional counselor under AS 08.29;

(B) marital and family therapist under AS 08.63;

(C) physician under AS 08.64 who is a psychiatrist;

(D) psychologist under AS 08.86; or

(E) clinical social worker under AS 08.95.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 47.07.030(b) is amended to read:

(b) In addition to the mandatory services specified in (a) of this section and the services provided under (d) of this section, the department may offer only the following optional services: case management services for traumatic or acquired brain injury; case management and nutrition services for pregnant women; personal care services in a recipient's home; emergency hospital services; long-term care noninstitutional services; medical supplies and equipment; advanced practice registered nurse services; clinic services; rehabilitative services for children eligible for services under AS 47.07.063, substance abusers, and emotionally disturbed or chronically mentally ill adults; targeted case management services; inpatient psychiatric facility services for individuals 65 years of age or older and individuals under 21 years of age; psychologists' services; clinical social workers' services; **marital and family therapists' services;** midwife services; prescribed drugs; physical therapy; occupational therapy; chiropractic services; low-dose mammography screening, as defined in AS 21.42.375(e); hospice care; treatment of speech, hearing, and language disorders; adult dental services; prosthetic devices and eyeglasses; optometrists' services; intermediate care facility services, including intermediate care facility services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities; skilled nursing facility services for individuals under 21 years of age; and reasonable transportation to and from the point of medical care.

* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to

1 read:

2 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Health and Social Services and
3 the Board of Marital and Family Therapy may adopt regulations necessary to implement the
4 changes made by this Act. The regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative
5 Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of the law implemented by the regulation.

6 * **Sec. 5.** Section 4 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

7 * **Sec. 6.** Except as provided in sec. 5 of this Act, this Act takes effect January 1, 2019.