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## AN ACT

Extending the termination date of the Board of Professional Counselors; and relating to licensing of professional counselors.

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

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2 licensing of professional counselors.

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4 \* **Section 1.** AS 08.03.010(c)(17) is amended to read:

5 (17) Board of Professional Counselors (AS 08.29.010) -- June 30,  
6 2005 [2002];

7 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.29.110(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) The board shall issue a professional counselor license to a person who  
9 applies for the license, submits the required fee, submits two letters of  
10 recommendation from professional counselors who are familiar with the applicant's  
11 practice of professional counseling, and presents evidence satisfactory to the board  
12 that the person

13 (1) is at least 18 years of age;

14 (2) is not under investigation in this or another jurisdiction for an act

1 (1) is licensed [UNDER THIS CHAPTER] as a professional counselor  
2 or is a licensed physician, licensed advanced nurse practitioner who is certified to  
3 provide psychiatric or mental health services, licensed clinical social worker, licensed  
4 marital and family therapist, licensed psychologist, or licensed psychological  
5 associate;

6 (2) submits an application for certification and the appropriate fee;

7 (3) has five years of counseling experience;

8 (4) provides to the board for its approval or disapproval a statement  
9 that details the person's supervision philosophy, orientation, and experience; and

10 (5) meets other criteria that may be established by the board in  
11 regulations.

12 (b) Certification under (a) of this section remains in effect, without the need  
13 for renewal of the certification, until the person's **professional** licensure [AS A  
14 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR] is revoked, suspended, or otherwise lapses.