

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 257(L&C)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/8/02

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Professional Counselors; and**  
2 **relating to licensing of professional counselors."**

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

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 that would constitute a violation of this chapter;

2 (3) has not had a license related to the practice of counseling,  
3 psychology, marital and family therapy, or social work in this or another jurisdiction  
4 suspended, revoked, or surrendered in lieu of discipline unless the license has been  
5 fully reinstated in that jurisdiction;

6 (4) has passed a written examination as required by the board; the  
7 board may provide that passing a nationally recognized examination for professional  
8 counselors is sufficient to meet the examination requirement of this paragraph;

9 (5) has successfully completed either

10 (A) an earned doctoral degree in counseling or a related  
11 professional field from a regionally **or nationally** accredited institution of  
12 higher education approved by the board; or

13 (B) an earned master's degree in counseling or a related  
14 professional field, from a regionally or nationally accredited institution of  
15 higher education approved by the board, **and** [CONSISTING OF] at least **60**  
16 [48 SEMESTER HOURS AND AT LEAST 12 OTHER] graduate semester  
17 hours in counseling during or after earning the master's degree [, FOR A  
18 TOTAL OF AT LEAST 60 HOURS]; and

19 (6) has, after completing the requirement of either (5)(A) or (B) of this  
20 subsection, had at least 3,000 hours of supervised experience in the practice of  
21 professional counseling performed over a period of at least two years under the  
22 supervision of a supervisor approved under AS 08.29.210, with at least 1,000 hours of  
23 direct counseling with individuals, couples, families, or groups and at least 100 hours  
24 of face-to-face supervision by a supervisor approved under AS 08.29.210 unless,  
25 under regulations of the board, the board allows the supervision to be by telephonic or  
26 electronic means because of the remote location of the counselor.