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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL  
SERVICES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 772

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to licensure of counselors."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 08.86.010 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 08.86.010. CREATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD. There is  
10 created a Board of Psychologist, [AND] Psychological Associate and  
11 Counselor Examiners. It consists of three licensed psychologists.

12 \* Sec. 2. AS 08.86.070(3) is amended to read:

13 (3) after hearing, suspend or revoke the license of a licensed  
14 psychologist, [OR] psychological associate or counselor who violates  
15 a regulation of the board;

16 \* Sec. 3. AS 08.86.130(2) is amended to read:

17 (2) holds a doctoral degree with primary emphasis on psychology  
18 from an accredited school or has a master's degree in counseling or  
19 social work, with three years of experience acceptable to the board;

20 \* Sec. 4. AS 08.86.150(1) is amended to read:

21 (1) he holds a doctoral degree with primary emphasis on  
22 psychology from an accredited school or has a master's degree in  
23 counseling or social work, with three years of experience acceptable  
24 to the board;

25 \* Sec. 5. AS 08.86 is amended by adding new sections to read:

26 ARTICLE 3B. LICENSING OF COUNSELORS.

27 Sec. 08.86.165. ENTITLEMENT TO LICENSURE. A person who practices  
28 counseling under supervision for a period of internship and during that  
29 time demonstrates professional competence ordinarily expected of a

1 person with the intern's training and experience, and also demonstrates  
2 compliance with the provisions of this chapter, is entitled to be  
3 licensed as a counselor.

4 Sec. 08.86.166. ELIGIBILITY TO UNDERTAKE INTERNSHIP. A person  
5 is entitled to undertake an internship leading to licensure as a  
6 counselor if the board finds he

7 (1) has three credit hours of course work directly related  
8 to counseling or other course work or experience which the board finds  
9 equivalent; and

10 (2) has arranged for the supervision of one of a number of  
11 persons designated by the board for that purpose during the period of  
12 his internship.

13 Sec. 08.86.167. PERIOD OF INTERNSHIP. The period of internship  
14 shall extend until the intern has practiced counseling for at least  
15 500 hours but may not terminate in less than a year. The intern's  
16 supervisor may terminate the internship short of completion if he  
17 believes that continuation could not lead to licensure; or he may pre-  
18 scribe additional hours of practice he believes necessary before certi-  
19 fying an intern for licensure.

20 Sec. 08.86.168. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE. (a) The board shall license  
21 a person as a counselor upon receipt of written certification from the  
22 supervisor of that person's internship that the person has passed his  
23 period of internship as prescribed by sec. 165 of this chapter.

24 (b) The license granted upon certification in (a) of this section  
25 is valid if renewed regularly as required by the Department of Commerce  
26 and Economic Development until suspended or revoked under sec. 70(3) of  
27 this chapter, except that the license shall lapse if the counselor fails  
28 to submit a 30-minute taped recording of an instance of his counseling  
29 practice to the board within a year of the granting of the license and

1 biennially with the renewal application required under AS 08.01.100(a).  
2 The board shall review the tape recording utilizing the standards  
3 developed and promulgated in regulations under sec. 80 of this chapter.  
4 If the board in applying these standards finds the counselor's per-  
5 formance as taped to be unsatisfactory, the board may initiate further  
6 proceedings under sec. 100 of this chapter and in accordance with sec.  
7 20(3) of this chapter.

8 \* Sec. 6. AS 08.86.170 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 (c) Unless he is licensed under this chapter or practicing coun-  
10 seling under sec. 185(b)(2) of this chapter, no person may use the title  
11 "counselor" or a title designation or device indicating or tending to  
12 indicate that he is a counselor or practices counseling.

13 \* Sec. 7. AS 08.86.185(b)(2) is amended to read:

14 (2) a student, intern or resident in psychology pursuing a  
15 course of study approved by the board as qualified training and experi-  
16 ence for counseling leading to licensure under secs. 162 and 165 of  
17 this chapter, if his activities constitute a part of his supervised  
18 course of study and he is designated by titles such as "counseling  
19 intern" and "counseling trainee";

20 \* Sec. 8. AS 08.86.190 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

21 (c) A licensed counselor may practice counseling only under his  
22 own name.

23 \* Sec. 9. AS 08.86.200 is amended to read:

24 Sec. 08.86.200. CONFIDENTIALITY OF COMMUNICATION. No psychologist,  
25 [OR] psychological associate or counselor may reveal to another person  
26 a communication made to him by a client of his about a matter concerning  
27 which the client has employed the psychologist, [OR] psychological  
28 associate or counselor in a professional capacity. This section does  
29 not apply to a case conference with other psychologists, psychological

1 associates, counselors or with physicians and surgeons, or in the case  
2 in which the client in writing authorized the psychologist, [OR] psycho-  
3 logical associate or counselor to reveal a communication.

4 \* Sec. 10. AS 08.86.230(3) is amended to read:

5 (3) "board" means the Board of Psychologist, [AND] Psycho-  
6 logical Associate or Counselor Examiners;

7 \* Sec. 11. AS 08.86.230(5) is amended to read:

8 (5) "psychological associate" means a person who practices  
9 counseling and psychometrics [INCLUDES A COUNSELOR AND PSYCHOMETRIST];

10 \* Sec. 12. AS 08.86.230(11) is amended to read:

11 (11) "supervision" means at least one hour a week of personal  
12 interview with a supervisor whose educational qualifications are con-  
13 sistent with the level of activity being supervised; if geographical  
14 distance precludes a weekly personal interview between a counseling  
15 intern and his supervisor, supervision may be maintained through weekly  
16 submission of a 30-minute tape recording of a counseling session con-  
17 ducted by the intern for review by his supervisor; a supervisor is  
18 responsible for insuring that the extent, kind and quality of the  
19 psychological and counseling services performed are consistent with a  
20 psychological associate's training and experience, as well as his  
21 obedience to the provisions of this chapter.  
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