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HB 2509: behavioral health; temporary licensure; graduates

Sponsor: Representative Gress, LD 4

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Overview

Instructs the State Board of Behavioral Health Examiners (Board) to issue a temporary license to a person who has met specified criteria. States that the temporary license will allow the person to perform activities related to behavioral health under qualified supervision.

History

An applicant for licensure by the Board must meet the following requirements:

- 1) submit an application as prescribed by the Board;
- 2) be at least 21 years of age;
- 3) pay all applicable fees prescribed by the Board;
- 4) have the physical and mental capability to engage in the practice of behavioral health safely and competently;
- 5) not have committed any act or engaged in any conduct that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action against a licensee;
- 6) not have had a professional license or certificate refused, revoked, suspended or restricted for reasons that relate to unprofessional conduct;
- 7) not have voluntarily surrendered a professional license or certificate while under investigation for reasons that relates to unprofessional conduct; and
- 8) not have a complaint, allegation or investigation pending that relates to unprofessional conduct ([A.R.S. § 32-3275](#)).

Provisions

1. Directs the Board to issue a temporary license to a person who:
 - a) has graduated;
 - b) has completed a course of study from a regionally accredited institution of higher education in social work, counseling, marriage and family therapy or substance abuse counseling; and
 - c) is in the process of applying for an associate level license. (Sec. 1)
2. Requires the person's activities to be performed under the qualified supervision of a person who provided direct supervision during the course of study or internship. (Sec. 1)
3. Specifies that the temporary licensure is valid for 90 days after the person's date of graduation. (Sec. 1)
4. States that the person can apply any direct client contact work experience obtained during the temporary licensure time frame toward the person's direct client contact work experience licensure requirements. (Sec. 1)

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