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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE REGULATION OF MENTAL**
102 **HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
103 **CONTINUING THE STATE BOARDS OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS,**
104 **SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST**
105 **EXAMINERS, AND LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR**
106 **EXAMINERS AND THE STATE GRIEVANCE BOARD, CREATING THE**
107 **STATE BOARD OF ADDICTION COUNSELOR EXAMINERS, AND**
108 **IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE**
109 **SUNSET REVIEW AND REPORT OF STATE-REGULATED MENTAL**
110 **HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.**

Bill Summary

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Sunset Process - Senate Health and Human Services Committee. The bill implements the recommendations of the sunset review and report on state-regulated mental health professionals as follows:

Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the bill continue the boards of psychologist examiners, social work examiners, marriage and family therapist examiners, and licensed professional counselor examiners and the state grievance board, and the regulation of psychologists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, psychotherapists, and addiction counselors (oversight boards) through September 1, 2020.

Section 4 defines terms relevant to the practice of addiction counseling. **Section 5** creates the state board of addiction counselor examiners to regulate addiction counselors, thereby eliminating the authority of the director of the division of registrations to regulate addiction counselors.

Sections 6 and 7 continue indefinitely the ability of the oversight boards to issue a provisional license to a candidate for a mental health professional license or certification if the candidate has satisfied the education requirements for a license or certification but has not yet satisfied the experience requirements. Section 7 also adds the newly created state board of addiction counselor examiners to the definition of "board", changes the name of "unlicensed psychotherapists" to "registered psychotherapists" in recognition of the fact that psychotherapists are required to register with, and are regulated by, the state grievance board, repeals unnecessary definitions, and makes other technical modifications to definitions.

Sections 8 and 9 create a registry for marriage and family therapy and licensed professional counselor licensure candidates who are working toward full licensure, consistent with candidate registries currently available for psychologist, social worker, and addiction counselor licensure candidates. The sections also permit the regulatory boards for marriage and family therapists and licensed professional counselors to administer computer-based examinations to determine an applicant's competency in the particular practice area.

Section 10 repeals a duplicate definition of "psychotherapy" to avoid confusion with another broader definition of that term in another provision of the article and repeals the definition of "unlicensed psychotherapist" to comport with the change, per section 7 of the bill, to

"registered psychotherapists". **Section 11** makes further, conforming changes related to the name change for psychotherapists and allows the state grievance board to administer on-line examinations to psychotherapists applying for registration.

Sections 12 and 13 permit the oversight boards for psychologists and social workers to establish computer-based jurisprudence examinations for license, certification, or registration applicants to increase efficiency in the administration of examinations. These sections also contain technical corrections to the statutes as recommended in the sunset report.

Section 14 amends the statute outlining activities that are prohibited for persons regulated under the act as follows:

- ! Eliminates the requirement that a person who has been convicted of a felony can be disciplined only if the felony relates to the ability to practice the person's mental health profession;
- ! Restates the grounds for discipline regarding use or abuse of alcohol or drugs to eliminate the term "intemperate";
- ! Eliminates the ability of a board to discipline a licensee, registrant, or certificate holder simply for having a mental or physical illness or condition that impairs the person's ability to practice his or her profession and instead allows the applicable board to discipline the licensee, registrant, or certificate holder for failing to notify the board of the limitation, failing to act within the limitations of the illness or condition, or failing to comply with the conditions in a confidential agreement with the board related to the person's mental or physical illness or condition;
- ! For purposes of determining whether a person has acted or failed to act in a manner consistent with generally accepted standards of the professional discipline under which the person practices, adds a reference to the standards of practice generally recognized by state and national associations of practitioners in the field of the person's professional discipline;
- ! Narrows the prohibition against dual relationships to prohibit a mental health professional from maintaining relationships with clients in cases where the person's professional judgment was impaired or the person exploited the client;
- ! Eliminates the requirement that repeated ordering of unnecessary laboratory tests or studies must be willful in order to be grounds for disciplining the person; and
- ! Adds as a ground for discipline the failure to respond to a complaint.

Section 15 authorizes the oversight boards to impose an administrative fine on a licensee, registrant, or certificate holder who violates an administrative requirement of the statutes or rules. The boards are required to adopt rules setting up a schedule of fines, and the administrative fines cannot exceed \$5,000 per violation.

Section 16 authorizes the oversight boards to enter into confidential agreements to restrict the practice of a licensee, registrant, or certificate holder who has a mental or physical illness or condition that affects his or her ability to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to clients.

Sections 39, 43, 50, 53, and 56 modify the membership on the oversight boards to eliminate one public member on each board and replace that member with a person engaged in or authorized to practice the particular profession. Section 43 also permits the state board of social work examiners, on its own or at the request of a licensee, to appoint advisory committees to assist with the operations of the board.

Sections 40, 54, and 59 modify the definitions of "practice of psychology", "practice of licensed professional counseling", and "practice of addiction counseling", respectively, to conform to model practice act language adopted by the applicable national professional associations. **Section 44** adds counseling to the list of permissible practices of a social worker.

Sections 60 and 61 recodify laws pertaining to the licensure and certification of addiction counselors to specify qualifications for licensure as an addiction counselor and certification as either a level I, II, or III certified addiction counselor and the particular activities in which addiction counselors are permitted to engage based on whether the addiction counselor is licensed or has a level I, II, or III certification.

Sections 17 through 38, 41, 42, 45 through 49, 51, 52, 55, 57, 59, and 62 through 72 make technical and conforming changes to the mental health professional practice act statutes.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2011.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 12-43-229, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 **12-43-229. Repeal of article.** (1) ~~Parts 1 to 7 of~~ This article are
5 IS repealed, effective ~~July 1, 2011~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2020. Prior to such
6 repeal, all of the boards relating to the licensing, REGISTRATION, OR
7 CERTIFICATION of and grievances against any person licensed, registered,

1 or ~~regulated~~ CERTIFIED pursuant to ~~the provisions~~ of this article shall be
2 reviewed as provided for in section 24-34-104, C.R.S.

3 (2) ~~The functions of the director regarding addiction counselors~~
4 ~~as set forth in part 8 of this article are repealed, effective July 1, 2011.~~
5 ~~Prior to such repeal, the functions of the director shall be reviewed~~
6 ~~pursuant to section 24-34-104, C.R.S.~~

7 **SECTION 2. Repeal.** 24-34-104 (42) (g) and (42) (n), Colorado
8 Revised Statutes, are repealed as follows:

9 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
10 **and functions for termination, continuation, or reestablishment.**

11 (42) The following agencies, functions, or both, shall terminate on July
12 1, 2011:

13 (g) ~~Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of subsection (11) of this~~
14 ~~section, boards relating to the licensing of and grievances against any~~
15 ~~person regulated, registered, or licensed pursuant to parts 3, 4, 5, 6, and~~
16 ~~7 of article 43 of title 12, C.R.S., and created pursuant to article 43 of title~~
17 ~~12, C.R.S.;~~

18 (n) ~~The licensing, certification, and regulation of addiction~~
19 ~~counselors by the director of the division of registrations in the~~
20 ~~department of regulatory agencies in accordance with part 8 of article 43~~
21 ~~of title 12, C.R.S.;~~

22 **SECTION 3.** 24-34-104 (51.5), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
23 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

24 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
25 **and functions for termination, continuation, or reestablishment.**

26 (51.5) The following agencies, functions, or both, shall terminate on
27 September 1, 2020:

1 (c) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (11) OF
2 THIS SECTION, BOARDS CREATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 43 OF TITLE 12,
3 C.R.S., AND RELATING TO THE LICENSING, REGISTRATION, OR
4 CERTIFICATION OF AND GRIEVANCES AGAINST ANY PERSON LICENSED,
5 REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 43 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S.;

6 **SECTION 4.** 12-43-801, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
7 to read:

8 **12-43-801. Definitions.** As used in this part 8, unless the context
9 otherwise requires:

10 (1) "ADDICTION" MEANS A PERSISTENT, COMPULSIVE DEPENDENCE
11 ON A BEHAVIOR OR SUBSTANCE, INCLUDING MOOD-ALTERING BEHAVIORS
12 OR ACTIVITIES KNOWN AS PROCESS ADDICTIONS.

13 (2) "ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION" MEANS OVERSIGHT OF
14 TREATMENT AGENCY OPERATIONS, ORGANIZATION OF PEOPLE AND
15 RESOURCES, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN A
16 WAY THAT DIRECTS ACTIVITIES TOWARDS AGENCY GOALS AND
17 OBJECTIVES.

18 (3) "APPROVED SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY" MEANS ANY
19 ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OFFERING A FULL-TIME
20 GRADUATE OR UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OF STUDY IN BEHAVIORAL
21 HEALTH SCIENCES, SUCH AS ADDICTION COUNSELING, HUMAN SERVICES,
22 PSYCHOLOGY, REHABILITATION, SOCIAL WORK, OR OTHER BEHAVIORAL
23 HEALTH SCIENCES, THAT IS RECOGNIZED BY AN APPROPRIATE NATIONAL
24 ORGANIZATION AND IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

25 (4) "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS" MEANS BOTH MENTAL AND
26 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.

27 (5) "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF ADDICTION COUNSELOR

1 EXAMINERS CREATED IN SECTION 12-43-802.

2 (6) "CERTIFIED" MEANS CERTIFIED AS AN ADDICTION COUNSELOR
3 CERTIFIED AT LEVEL I, II, OR III.

4 ~~(4)~~ (7) "Certified addiction counselor" means an individual who
5 has a certificate issued by the ~~director~~ BOARD AUTHORIZING THE
6 INDIVIDUAL to practice addiction counseling COMMENSURATE WITH HIS OR
7 HER CERTIFICATION LEVEL AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE.

8 ~~(2)~~ "Director" means the director of the division of registrations
9 in the department of regulatory agencies.

10 (8) "CLINICAL SUPERVISION" MEANS:

11 (a) THE EVALUATION AND MODIFICATION OR APPROVAL BY A
12 SUPERVISOR OF THE CLINICAL PRACTICE OF THE PERSON BEING
13 SUPERVISED; AND

14 (b) A SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE, EXPERTISE, AND MORE ADVANCED
15 SKILLS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PERSON BEING SUPERVISED.

16 (9) "CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS" MEANS THE EXISTENCE OF ONE
17 OR MORE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, ADDICTIVE BEHAVIORAL
18 DISORDERS, OR MENTAL DISORDERS PRESENTING CONCURRENTLY. AT THE
19 INDIVIDUAL LEVEL, CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS EXIST WHEN AT LEAST ONE
20 DISORDER OF EACH TYPE CAN BE ESTABLISHED INDEPENDENT OF THE
21 OTHER, AND THE DISORDERS ARE NOT SIMPLY A CLUSTER OF SYMPTOMS
22 RESULTING FROM A SINGLE DISORDER.

23 (10) "LICENSE" MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD
24 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 8 TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF A LICENSED
25 ADDICTION COUNSELOR.

26 ~~(3)~~ (11) "Licensed addiction counselor" means a person ~~who~~
27 ~~renders addiction counseling to an individual, group, or organization and~~

1 ~~who holds a license issued~~ LICENSED by the ~~director~~ BOARD TO PROVIDE
2 PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDER TREATMENT.

3 **SECTION 5.** 12-43-802, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
4 REPEALED AND REENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, to read:

5 **12-43-802. State board of addiction counselor examiners.**

6 (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED A STATE BOARD OF ADDICTION
7 COUNSELOR EXAMINERS UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE
8 DIVISION OF REGISTRATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY
9 AGENCIES. ONCE THE GOVERNOR APPOINTS THE BOARD MEMBERS AND
10 THE BOARD ADOPTS NECESSARY RULES, THE BOARD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
11 REGULATING ADDICTION COUNSELORS PURSUANT TO THIS PART 8 AND THIS
12 ARTICLE. UNTIL THEN, THE DIRECTOR RETAINS THE AUTHORITY TO
13 REGULATE ADDICTION COUNSELORS, AND THE DIRECTOR'S RULES ADOPTED
14 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 8 REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE DIRECTOR
15 REPEALS THE RULES.

16 (2) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF SEVEN MEMBERS WHO ARE CITIZENS
17 OF THE UNITED STATES AND RESIDENTS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO. BY
18 NOVEMBER 30, 2011, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF
19 THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

20 (a) (I) FOUR BOARD MEMBERS MUST BE LICENSED OR CERTIFIED
21 ADDICTION COUNSELORS, AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH
22 (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a), AT LEAST TWO OF THESE FOUR MEMBERS
23 MUST BE ENGAGED IN THE DIRECT PRACTICE OF ADDICTION COUNSELING.
24 THE FOUR BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (a)
25 MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE LICENSED ADDICTION COUNSELOR AND AT
26 LEAST ONE CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR.

27 (II) IF, AFTER A GOOD-FAITH ATTEMPT, THE GOVERNOR

1 DETERMINES THAT A LICENSED OR CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR WHO
2 IS ENGAGED IN THE DIRECT PRACTICE OF ADDICTION COUNSELING IS NOT
3 AVAILABLE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD FOR A PARTICULAR TERM, THE
4 GOVERNOR MAY APPOINT A LICENSED OR CERTIFIED ADDICTION
5 COUNSELOR WHO IS NOT ENGAGED IN THE DIRECT PRACTICE OF ADDICTION
6 COUNSELING TO SERVE ON THE BOARD PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (a).

7 (b) THREE BOARD MEMBERS MUST BE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 GENERAL PUBLIC, ONE OF WHOM MAY BE AN ADDICTION COUNSELING
9 CONSUMER OR FAMILY MEMBER OF AN ADDICTION COUNSELING
10 CONSUMER. THESE INDIVIDUALS MUST HAVE NEVER BEEN ADDICTION
11 COUNSELORS, APPLICANTS, OR FORMER APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE OR
12 CERTIFICATION AS AN ADDICTION COUNSELOR, MEMBERS OF ANOTHER
13 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSION, MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLDS THAT INCLUDE
14 ADDICTION COUNSELORS OR ANY OTHER MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL,
15 OR OTHERWISE HAVE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR THE APPEARANCE OF A
16 CONFLICT WITH THEIR DUTIES AS BOARD MEMBERS.

17 (3) (a) EACH BOARD MEMBER SHALL HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE
18 EXPIRATION OF THE MEMBER'S APPOINTED TERM OR UNTIL A SUCCESSOR
19 IS DULY APPOINTED. EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS
20 SUBSECTION (3), THE TERM OF EACH MEMBER IS FOUR YEARS, AND A
21 BOARD MEMBER SHALL NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO FULL CONSECUTIVE
22 TERMS. THE GOVERNOR SHALL FILL A VACANCY OCCURRING IN BOARD
23 MEMBERSHIP, OTHER THAN BY EXPIRATION OF A TERM, BY APPOINTMENT
24 FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE MEMBER.

25 (b) THE INITIAL TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS APPOINTED TO
26 THE BOARD AS OF JANUARY 1, 2012, ARE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS IN ORDER
27 TO ENSURE STAGGERED TERMS OF OFFICE:

1 (I) THE INITIAL TERMS OF OFFICE OF ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS
2 REPRESENTING THE GENERAL PUBLIC, WHOSE INITIAL TERMS WOULD
3 OTHERWISE EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2015, EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31,
4 2013, AND THESE BOARD MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO SERVE ONE
5 ADDITIONAL FOUR-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2014, AND
6 EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2017. ON AND AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE
7 BOARD MEMBER'S TERMS, THE TERMS OF PERSONS APPOINTED TO THESE
8 MEMBERS' POSITIONS ON THE BOARD ARE AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (a)
9 OF THIS SUBSECTION (3) COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1 OF THE APPLICABLE
10 YEAR.

11 (II) THE INITIAL TERM OF OFFICE OF TWO OF THE LICENSED OR
12 CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR BOARD MEMBERS, WHOSE INITIAL TERM
13 WOULD OTHERWISE EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2015, EXPIRES ON
14 DECEMBER 31, 2013. THIS BOARD MEMBER IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE ONE
15 ADDITIONAL FOUR-YEAR TERM, COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2014, AND
16 EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2017. ON AND AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF
17 THIS BOARD MEMBER'S TERM, THE TERMS OF PERSONS APPOINTED TO THE
18 MEMBER'S POSITION ON THE BOARD ARE AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (a)
19 OF THIS SUBSECTION (3) COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1 OF THE APPLICABLE
20 YEAR.

21 (4) THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE ANY BOARD MEMBER FOR
22 MISCONDUCT, INCOMPETENCE, OR NEGLECT OF DUTY AFTER GIVING THE
23 BOARD MEMBER A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THE CHARGES AND AN
24 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. ACTIONS CONSTITUTING NEGLECT OF DUTY
25 INCLUDE THE FAILURE OF BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND THREE
26 CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS, OR AT LEAST THREE-FOURTHS OF THE TOTAL
27 MEETINGS, IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR.

1 **SECTION 6.** 12-43-206.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read:

3 **12-43-206.5. Provisional license - fees.** (1) (a) The board ~~or~~
4 ~~director~~ may issue a provisional license to an applicant who has
5 completed a post-graduate degree that meets the educational requirements
6 for licensure in section 12-43-304, 12-43-403, 12-43-504, 12-43-603, or
7 12-43-804, as applicable, and who is working in a residential child care
8 facility as defined in section 26-6-102 (8), C.R.S., under the supervision
9 of a licensee.

10 (b) A provisional license issued pursuant to paragraph (a) of this
11 subsection (1) ~~shall terminate~~ TERMINATES at the earliest of:

12 (I) Thirty days after termination of the provisional licensee's
13 employment with a qualifying residential child care facility, unless the
14 provisional licensee obtains and submits to the board ~~or director~~ proof of
15 employment with another residential child care facility; or

16 (II) Thirty days after termination of the provisional licensee's
17 supervision by a licensee unless the provisional licensee obtains and
18 submits to the board ~~or director~~ proof of supervision by another licensee.

19 (c) A provisional licensee shall notify the board ~~or director~~ of any
20 change in supervision within thirty days after the change.

21 (2) ~~The director and~~ Each board may charge an application fee to
22 an applicant for a provisional license. All fees collected pursuant to this
23 subsection (2) shall be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit
24 the same to the division of registrations cash fund pursuant to section
25 24-34-105, C.R.S. An application for a provisional license ~~shall~~ MUST
26 identify the name, contact information, and license number of the licensee
27 providing supervision of the provisional licensure applicant.

1 (3) ~~This section is repealed, effective July 1, 2011.~~

2 **SECTION 7.** The introductory portion to 12-43-201 and
3 12-43-201 (1), (6), (7.5), (7.7), (7.8) (b), (9), (9.3), (9.5), (9.7), and (10),
4 Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended, and the said 12-43-201 is
5 further amended BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW
6 SUBSECTIONS, to read:

7 **12-43-201. Definitions.** As used in this ~~part 2~~ ARTICLE, unless the
8 context otherwise requires:

9 (1) "Board" includes the state board of psychologist examiners,
10 the state board of social work examiners, the state board of licensed
11 professional counselor examiners, the state board of marriage and family
12 therapist examiners, ~~and~~ the state grievance board, AND THE STATE BOARD
13 OF ADDICTION COUNSELOR EXAMINERS.

14 (1.3) "CERTIFICATE HOLDER" MEANS AN ADDICTION COUNSELOR
15 CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

16 (6) "Licensee" means a psychologist, social worker, marriage and
17 family therapist, licensed professional counselor, or addiction counselor
18 licensed ~~certified, or registered~~ pursuant to this article.

19 (7.5) "Professional relationship" means an interaction that is
20 deliberately planned or directed, or both, by the psychotherapist LICENSEE,
21 REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER toward obtaining specific
22 psychotherapeutic objectives. such as those set forth in subsection (9) of
23 this section.

24 (7.7) (a) "Provisional license" means a license OR CERTIFICATION
25 issued pursuant to section 12-43-206.5.

26 (b) ~~This subsection (7.7) is repealed, effective July 1, 2011.~~

27 (7.8) (b) ~~This subsection (7.8) is repealed, effective July 1, 2011.~~

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(9) "Psychotherapy" means the treatment, diagnosis, testing, assessment, or counseling in a professional relationship to assist individuals or groups to alleviate mental disorders, understand unconscious or conscious motivation, resolve emotional, relationship, or attitudinal conflicts, or modify behaviors which interfere with effective emotional, social, or intellectual functioning. Psychotherapy follows a planned procedure of intervention which takes place on a regular basis, over a period of time, or in the cases of testing, assessment, and brief psychotherapy, it can be a single intervention. It is the intent of the general assembly that the definition of psychotherapy as used in this part 2 be interpreted in its narrowest sense to regulate only those persons who clearly fall within the definition set forth in this subsection (9).

(9.1) "REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPIST" MEANS A PERSON:

(a) WHOSE PRIMARY PRACTICE IS PSYCHOTHERAPY OR WHO HOLDS HIMSELF OR HERSELF OUT TO THE PUBLIC AS BEING ABLE TO PRACTICE PSYCHOTHERAPY FOR COMPENSATION; AND

(b) WHO IS REGISTERED WITH THE GRIEVANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-43-702.5 TO PRACTICE PSYCHOTHERAPY IN THIS STATE.

(9.3) "Registrant" means a psychologist candidate, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST CANDIDATE, OR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR CANDIDATE registered pursuant to ~~this article~~ SECTION 12-43-304 (7), 12-43-504 (5), OR 12-43-603 (5), RESPECTIVELY, OR A REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPIST.

(9.5) "Regulated" means ~~a person who is listed in the state grievance board data base.~~

(9.7) "School psychologist" means ~~a person who practices~~

1 psychotherapy and who is a school psychologist licensed pursuant to the
2 provisions of section 22-60.5-210, C.R.S.

3 (10) ~~"Unlicensed psychotherapist" means any person whose~~
4 ~~primary practice is psychotherapy or who holds himself or herself out to~~
5 ~~the public as being able to practice psychotherapy for compensation and~~
6 ~~who is not licensed under this title to practice psychotherapy.~~

7 ~~"Unlicensed psychotherapist" also means a person who is a licensed~~
8 ~~school psychologist licensed pursuant to section 22-60.5-210 (1) (b),~~
9 ~~C.R.S., and who is practicing outside of a school setting.~~

10 **SECTION 8.** The introductory portion to 12-43-504 (1) and
11 12-43-504 (1) (b), (1) (e), and (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, are
12 amended, and the said 12-43-504 is further amended BY THE
13 ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

14 **12-43-504. Qualifications - examination - licensure and**
15 **registration.** (1) The board shall issue a license as a marriage and family
16 therapist to each applicant who files an application ~~upon~~ IN a form and ~~in~~
17 ~~such~~ manner as APPROVED BY the board, ~~prescribes,~~ accompanied by a
18 SUBMITS THE fee as is required by THE BOARD PURSUANT TO section
19 12-43-204, and ~~who~~ furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that he
20 or she:

21 (b) Is not in violation of any ~~of the provisions~~ PROVISION of this
22 article or ~~the~~ ANY rule ~~and regulations~~ adopted under this article;

23 (e) Has demonstrated professional competence by passing an
24 examination in marriage and family therapy prescribed by the board and
25 a written, COMPUTER-BASED OR mail-in jurisprudence examination
26 administered by the department of regulatory agencies.

27 (4) The board or its designated representatives shall administer

1 and ~~score~~ DETERMINE THE PASS OR FAIL STATUS OF the examination and
2 ~~shall~~ take any actions necessary to ensure impartiality. The BOARD SHALL
3 DETERMINE THE passing score for the examination ~~shall be determined by~~
4 ~~the board~~ based upon a level of minimum competency to engage in
5 marriage and family therapy practice.

6 (5) (a) THE BOARD SHALL REGISTER AS A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
7 THERAPIST CANDIDATE A PERSON WHO:

8 (I) FILES AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION, ACCOMPANIED BY
9 THE FEE AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 12-43-204;

10 (II) SUBMITS EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD THAT HE OR
11 SHE MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPHS (a), (b), AND (c) OF
12 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION; AND

13 (III) HAS NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A MARRIAGE AND
14 FAMILY THERAPIST CANDIDATE BY THE BOARD.

15 (b) A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST CANDIDATE WHO
16 REGISTERS WITH THE BOARD PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5) IS UNDER
17 THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD AND IS NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH
18 THE DATABASE OF REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPISTS PURSUANT TO SECTION
19 12-43-702.5.

20 (c) IF A CANDIDATE DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF
21 PARAGRAPHS (d) AND (e) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION WITHIN
22 FOUR YEARS AFTER INITIAL REGISTRATION, THE CANDIDATE'S
23 REGISTRATION EXPIRES AND IS NOT RENEWABLE. A PERSON WHOSE
24 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST CANDIDATE REGISTRATION EXPIRES IS
25 NOT PRECLUDED FROM APPLYING TO ANY OTHER BOARD FOR LICENSURE
26 OR REGISTRATION IN A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSION FOR WHICH THE
27 PERSON IS QUALIFIED.

1 **SECTION 9.** The introductory portion to 12-43-603 (1) and
2 12-43-603 (1) (b), (1) (e), and (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, are
3 amended, and the said 12-43-603 is further amended BY THE
4 ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

5 **12-43-603. Licensure - examination - licensed professional**
6 **counselors.** (1) The board shall issue a license as a licensed professional
7 counselor to each applicant who files an application ~~upon~~ IN a form and
8 ~~in such a manner as~~ APPROVED BY the board, ~~prescribes, accompanied by~~
9 a SUBMITS THE fee ~~as is~~ required by THE BOARD PURSUANT TO section
10 12-43-204, and ~~who~~ furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that he
11 or she:

12 (b) Is not in violation of any ~~of the provisions~~ PROVISION of this
13 article ~~and the rules and regulations~~ OR ANY RULE adopted under this
14 article;

15 (e) Has demonstrated professional competence by passing an
16 examination in professional counseling demonstrating special knowledge
17 and skill in applied psychotherapy as prescribed by the board and a
18 written, COMPUTER-BASED OR mail-in jurisprudence examination
19 administered by the department of regulatory agencies.

20 (4) The board or its designated representatives shall administer
21 and ~~score~~ DETERMINE THE PASS OR FAIL STATUS OF the examination and
22 ~~shall~~ take any actions necessary to ensure impartiality. The BOARD SHALL
23 DETERMINE THE passing score for the examination ~~shall be determined by~~
24 ~~the board~~ based upon a level of minimum competency to engage in the
25 practice of licensed professional counseling.

26 (5) (a) THE BOARD SHALL REGISTER AS A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL
27 COUNSELOR CANDIDATE A PERSON WHO:

1 (I) FILES AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION, ACCOMPANIED BY
2 THE FEE AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 12-43-204;

3 (II) SUBMITS EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD THAT HE OR
4 SHE MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPHS (a), (b), AND (c) OF
5 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION; AND

6 (III) HAS NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A LICENSED
7 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR CANDIDATE BY THE BOARD.

8 (b) A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR CANDIDATE WHO
9 REGISTERS WITH THE STATE BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL
10 COUNSELOR EXAMINERS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5) IS UNDER THE
11 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD AND IS NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE
12 DATABASE OF REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPISTS PURSUANT TO SECTION
13 12-43-702.5.

14 (c) IF A CANDIDATE DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF
15 PARAGRAPHS (d) AND (e) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION WITHIN
16 FOUR YEARS AFTER INITIAL REGISTRATION, THE CANDIDATE'S
17 REGISTRATION EXPIRES AND IS NOT RENEWABLE. A PERSON WHOSE
18 LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR CANDIDATE REGISTRATION EXPIRES
19 IS NOT PRECLUDED FROM APPLYING TO ANY OTHER BOARD FOR LICENSURE
20 OR REGISTRATION IN A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSION FOR WHICH THE
21 PERSON IS QUALIFIED.

22 **SECTION 10.** 12-43-701 (3) and (4), Colorado Revised
23 Statutes, are amended to read:

24 **12-43-701. Definitions.** As used in this part 7, unless the context
25 otherwise requires:

26
27 (3) (a) "Psychotherapy" means the treatment, diagnosis, testing,

1 assessment, or counseling in a professional relationship to assist
2 individuals or groups to alleviate mental disorders, understand
3 unconscious or conscious motivation, resolve emotional, relationship, or
4 attitudinal conflicts, or modify behaviors which THAT interfere with
5 effective emotional, social, or intellectual functioning. Psychotherapy
6 follows a planned procedure of intervention which THAT takes place on
7 a regular basis, over a period of time, OR IN THE CASES OF TESTING,
8 ASSESSMENT, AND BRIEF PSYCHOTHERAPY, IT CAN BE A SINGLE
9 INTERVENTION.

10 (b) It is the intent of the general assembly that the definition of
11 psychotherapy as used in this part 7 be interpreted in its narrowest sense
12 to regulate only those persons who clearly fall within the definition set
13 forth in this subsection (3).

14 ~~(4) "Unlicensed psychotherapist" means any person whose~~
15 ~~primary practice is psychotherapy or who holds himself or herself out to~~
16 ~~the public as being able to practice psychotherapy for compensation and~~
17 ~~who is not licensed under this title to practice psychotherapy.~~
18 ~~"Unlicensed psychotherapist" also means a person who is a school~~
19 ~~psychologist licensed pursuant to section 22-60.5-210(1)(b), C.R.S., and~~
20 ~~who is practicing outside of a school setting.~~

21 **SECTION 11.** 12-43-702.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
22 amended to read:

23 **12-43-702.5. Database of registered psychotherapists -**
24 **unauthorized practice - penalties - data collection.** (1) The grievance
25 board shall maintain a ~~data base~~ DATABASE of all ~~unlicensed persons~~
26 ~~practicing psychotherapy in this state~~ REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPISTS.
27 The grievance board shall charge a fee in the same manner as authorized

1 in section 24-34-105, C.R.S., for recording information in the ~~data base~~
2 DATABASE as required by this section. Information in the ~~data base~~
3 DATABASE maintained pursuant to this section ~~shall be~~ IS open to public
4 inspection at all times.

5 (2) Any ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ PERSON NOT OTHERWISE
6 LICENSED, REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE WHO IS
7 PRACTICING PSYCHOTHERAPY IN THIS STATE shall ~~record such therapist's~~
8 REGISTER WITH THE GRIEVANCE BOARD BY SUBMITTING HIS OR HER name,
9 current address, educational qualifications, disclosure statements,
10 therapeutic orientation or methodology, or both, and years of experience
11 in each specialty area. ~~with~~ UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED
12 INFORMATION, the grievance board ~~for inclusion~~ SHALL INCLUDE THE
13 REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPIST in the ~~data base~~ DATABASE required by
14 subsection (1) of this section. ~~Unlicensed psychotherapists~~ A REGISTERED
15 PSYCHOTHERAPIST shall ~~be required to~~ update ~~such~~ THIS information at
16 ~~least annually~~ UPON RENEWAL OF HIS OR HER REGISTRATION and at ~~such~~
17 other times and under ~~such~~ conditions ~~as~~ SPECIFIED BY the grievance
18 board ~~shall prescribe by rule. and regulation.~~ At the time of recording the
19 information required by this section, the ~~unlicensed~~ REGISTERED
20 psychotherapist shall indicate whether ~~or not the unlicensed~~
21 ~~psychotherapist~~ HE OR SHE has been convicted of, or entered a plea of
22 guilty or a ~~plea of~~ nolo contendere to, any felony or misdemeanor.
23 ~~Unlicensed psychotherapists recording the information required by this~~
24 ~~section shall be given a copy of the statutes and a copy of the state~~
25 ~~grievance board rules.~~

26 (3) ~~No~~ AN unlicensed person ~~may~~ SHALL NOT practice
27 psychotherapy ~~if such~~ UNLESS THE person is ~~not~~ REGISTERED WITH THE

1 GRIEVANCE BOARD AND included in the ~~data base~~ DATABASE required by
2 this section. Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, ~~no~~
3 ~~unlicensed~~ A REGISTERED psychotherapist ~~may~~ SHALL NOT use the term
4 "registered", "~~regulated~~" "LICENSED", "certified", "clinical",
5 "~~state-registered~~", "state-approved", or any other term or abbreviation that
6 would falsely give the impression that the psychotherapist or the service
7 that is being provided is recommended by the state, based solely on
8 inclusion in the ~~data base~~ DATABASE.

9 (4) ~~No person may be listed by~~ The grievance board SHALL NOT
10 REGISTER A PERSON pursuant to this section unless ~~such~~ THE person has
11 successfully completed a written, COMPUTER-BASED OR mail-in
12 jurisprudence examination developed and approved by the department of
13 regulatory agencies.

14 (5) Any unlicensed person who practices psychotherapy without
15 first complying with the ~~recording~~ REGISTRATION requirements of this
16 section commits a class 2 misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided
17 in section 18-1.3-501, C.R.S., for the first offense, and for the second or
18 any subsequent offense, the person commits a class 6 felony and shall be
19 punished as provided in section 18-1.3-401, C.R.S.

20 (6) A REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPIST SHALL INCLUDE IN ANY
21 ADVERTISING OR WRITTEN MATERIAL GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC AND
22 POTENTIAL CLIENTS, INCLUDING ON THE REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPIST'S
23 WEB PAGE, IN A WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC ADVERTISEMENT CONTAINED IN
24 OR POSTED ON A PHYSICAL OR WEB-BASED DIRECTORY LISTING OF
25 BUSINESSES, ON A BUSINESS CARD, OR ON ANY OTHER ADVERTISEMENT OR
26 WRITTEN MATERIAL THAT LISTS THE REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPIST'S
27 NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION, A STATEMENT THAT THE PERSON IS

1 REGISTERED BY THE STATE TO PRACTICE PSYCHOTHERAPY BUT IS NOT
2 LICENSED BY THE STATE.

3 **SECTION 12.** The introductory portion to 12-43-304 (1) and
4 12-43-304 (1) (b), (1) (e), (1.5) (c), and (7), Colorado Revised Statutes,
5 are amended to read:

6 **12-43-304. Qualifications - examinations - licensure.** (1) The
7 board shall issue a license as a psychologist ~~and issue an appropriate~~
8 ~~license certificate~~, to each applicant who files an application ~~upon~~ IN A
9 form and ~~in such manner as~~ APPROVED BY the board, ~~prescribes,~~
10 ~~accompanied by such~~ SUBMITS THE fee ~~as is~~ required by the board
11 PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-43-204, and ~~who~~ furnishes evidence
12 satisfactory to the board that he or she:

13 (b) Is not in violation of any ~~of the provisions of this part 3 and~~
14 ~~the~~ PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE OR ANY rules promulgated by the board;

15 (e) Has demonstrated professional competence by passing a
16 single, written examination in psychology as prescribed by the board and
17 a written, COMPUTER-BASED OR mail-in jurisprudence examination
18 administered by the department of regulatory agencies.

19 (1.5) (c) The board or its designated representatives shall
20 administer and ~~score~~ DETERMINE THE PASS OR FAIL STATUS OF the
21 examination and ~~shall~~ take any actions necessary to ensure impartiality.
22 The BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THE passing score for the examination ~~shall~~
23 ~~be determined by the board~~ based upon a level of minimum competency
24 to engage in the practice of psychology.

25 (7) (a) The board shall register as a psychologist candidate a
26 person who files an application ~~therefor~~ FOR REGISTRATION, accompanied
27 by ~~such~~ THE fee ~~as is~~ required by section 12-43-204, AND who:

1 (I) Submits evidence satisfactory to the board that he or she has
2 met the requirements of paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subsection (1) of
3 this section; and ~~who~~

4 (II) Has not been previously registered as a psychologist candidate
5 by the board.

6 (b) ~~Such candidate~~ A PSYCHOLOGIST CANDIDATE REGISTERED
7 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (7) is not required to register with the
8 database of ~~unlicensed~~ REGISTERED psychotherapists PURSUANT TO
9 SECTION 12-43-702.5, and ~~shall be~~ IS under the jurisdiction of the state
10 board of psychologist examiners. ~~A person shall complete the~~
11 ~~requirements of paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (1) of this section~~
12 ~~within four years after initial registration with the psychology board.~~ If
13 ~~such~~ THE requirements OF PARAGRAPHS (d) AND (e) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF
14 THIS SECTION are not met within four years, the registration of the
15 psychologist candidate ~~shall expire~~ EXPIRES. A person whose
16 psychologist candidate registration ~~has expired shall not be~~ EXPIRES IS
17 NOT precluded from applying for licensure or registration with any other
18 mental health board for which the person is qualified.

19 **SECTION 13.** The introductory portion to 12-43-404 (1),
20 12-43-404 (1) (c), the introductory portion to 12-43-404 (2), and
21 12-43-404 (2) (d) and (2.5), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to
22 read:

23 **12-43-404. Qualifications - examination - licensure and**
24 **registration.** (1) The board shall license as a licensed social worker ~~and~~
25 ~~issue an appropriate certificate to,~~ any person who files an application
26 ~~therefor, accompanied by such~~ IN A FORM AND MANNER APPROVED BY THE
27 BOARD, SUBMITS THE fee ~~as is~~ required by THE BOARD PURSUANT TO

1 section 12-43-204, and ~~who~~ submits evidence satisfactory to the board
2 that he or she:

3 (c) Demonstrates professional competence by satisfactorily
4 passing an examination in social work and a written, COMPUTER-BASED
5 OR mail-in jurisprudence examination administered by the department of
6 regulatory agencies.

7 (2) The board shall license as a licensed clinical social worker ~~and~~
8 ~~issue an appropriate certificate to,~~ any person who files an application,
9 ~~therefor, accompanied by such~~ IN A FORM AND MANNER APPROVED BY THE
10 BOARD, SUBMITS THE fee ~~as is~~ required by THE BOARD PURSUANT TO
11 section 12-43-204, and ~~who~~ submits evidence satisfactory to the board
12 that he or she:

13 (d) Demonstrates professional competence by satisfactorily
14 passing an examination in social work as prescribed by the board and a
15 written, COMPUTER-BASED OR mail-in jurisprudence examination
16 administered by the department of regulatory agencies.

17 (2.5) (a) The BOARD OR ITS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE SHALL
18 GIVE THE examination ~~by the board~~ described in paragraph (c) of
19 subsection (1) of this section and in paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of this
20 section ~~shall be given not less than~~ AT LEAST twice per year at ~~such~~ A time
21 and place and under ~~such~~ THE supervision ~~as~~ DETERMINED BY the board.
22 ~~may determine.~~

23 (b) The board or its designated representatives shall administer
24 and ~~score~~ DETERMINE THE PASS OR FAIL STATUS OF the examination and
25 ~~shall~~ take any actions necessary to ensure impartiality. The BOARD SHALL
26 DETERMINE THE passing score for the examination ~~shall be determined by~~
27 ~~the board~~ based upon a level of minimum competency to engage in social

1 work practice.

2 **SECTION 14.** The introductory portion to 12-43-222 (1) and
3 12-43-222 (1) (a), (1) (e), (1) (f), (1) (g), (1) (i), (1) (q), (1) (t) (I), (1) (t)
4 (III), (1) (v), (1) (w), and (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended,
5 and the said 12-43-222 (1) is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF
6 A NEW PARAGRAPH, to read:

7 **12-43-222. Prohibited activities - related provisions.** (1) A
8 person licensed, registered, OR certified ~~or regulated~~ under ~~part 3, 4, 5, 6,~~
9 ~~7, or 8~~ of this article is ~~in violation of~~ VIOLATES this article if ~~such~~ THE
10 person:

11 (a) Has been convicted of OR PLEADED GUILTY OR NOLO
12 CONTENDERE TO a felony. ~~or has had accepted by a court a plea of guilty~~
13 ~~or nolo contendere to a felony if the felony is related to the ability to~~
14 ~~practice under this article.~~ A certified copy of the judgment of a court of
15 competent jurisdiction of such conviction or plea ~~shall be~~ IS conclusive
16 evidence of ~~such~~ THE conviction or plea. In considering the disciplinary
17 action, each board ~~shall be~~ IS governed by ~~the provisions of~~ section
18 24-5-101, C.R.S.

19 (e) ~~Is~~ Habitually ~~intemperate~~ or excessively uses ~~any~~ OR ABUSES
20 ALCOHOL, A habit-forming drug, or ~~is a habitual user of any~~ A controlled
21 substance, as defined in section 12-22-303; ~~(7), or any alcoholic~~
22 ~~beverage, any of which renders him or her unfit to practice pursuant to~~
23 ~~part 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 of this article;~~

24 (f) (I) ~~Has~~ FAILS TO NOTIFY THE BOARD THAT REGULATES HIS OR
25 HER PROFESSION OF a physical or mental ~~disability~~ ILLNESS OR CONDITION
26 that ~~renders such person unable~~ AFFECTS THE PERSON'S ABILITY to treat
27 clients with reasonable skill and safety or that may endanger the health or

1 safety of persons under ~~such person's~~ HIS OR HER care;

2 (II) FAILS TO ACT WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS CREATED BY A
3 PHYSICAL OR MENTAL ILLNESS OR CONDITION THAT RENDERS THE PERSON
4 UNABLE TO TREAT CLIENTS WITH REASONABLE SKILL AND SAFETY OR THAT
5 MAY ENDANGER THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF PERSONS UNDER HIS OR HER
6 CARE; OR

7 (III) FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE LIMITATIONS AGREED TO UNDER
8 A CONFIDENTIAL AGREEMENT ENTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION
9 12-43-221.5;

10 (g) (I) Has acted or failed to act in a manner that does not meet the
11 generally accepted standards of the professional discipline under which
12 ~~such~~ THE person practices. GENERALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS INCLUDE
13 THE STANDARDS OF PRACTICE GENERALLY RECOGNIZED BY STATE AND
14 NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF PRACTITIONERS IN THE FIELD OF THE PERSON'S
15 PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE.

16 (II) A certified copy of a malpractice judgment of a court of
17 competent jurisdiction ~~shall be~~ IS conclusive evidence of ~~such~~ THE act or
18 omission THAT DOES NOT MEET GENERALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF THE
19 PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE, but evidence of ~~such~~ THE act or omission ~~shall~~
20 IS not ~~be~~ limited to a malpractice judgment.

21 (i) Has maintained relationships with clients ~~that are likely to~~
22 ~~impair such~~ IN WHICH THE person's professional judgment WAS IMPAIRED
23 or ~~increase the risk of~~ THE PERSON EXPLOITED THE client; ~~exploitation,~~
24 ~~such as treating employees, supervisees, close colleagues, or relatives;~~

25 (q) Has offered or given commissions, rebates, or other forms of
26 remuneration for the referral of clients; ~~Notwithstanding this provision,~~
27 EXCEPT THAT a licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~

1 CERTIFICATE HOLDER may pay an independent advertising or marketing
2 agent compensation for advertising or marketing services rendered on
3 ~~such~~ THE person's behalf by such agent, including compensation that is
4 paid for the results of performance of such services on a per-patient basis;

5 (t) Has engaged in any of the following activities and practices:

6 (I) ~~Willful and Repeated ordering or performance without clinical~~
7 ~~justification, of~~ PERFORMING demonstrably unnecessary laboratory tests
8 or studies WITHOUT CLINICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR THE TESTS OR STUDIES;

9 (III) Ordering or performing ~~without clinical justification,~~ any
10 service ~~X-ray,~~ or treatment that is contrary to the generally accepted
11 standards of ~~such~~ THE person's practice AND IS WITHOUT CLINICAL
12 JUSTIFICATION; ~~or~~

13 (v) Has committed a fraudulent insurance act, as set forth in
14 section 10-1-128, C.R.S.; ~~or~~

15 (w) Has sold or fraudulently obtained or furnished a license,
16 REGISTRATION, OR certification ~~or registration~~ to practice as a
17 PSYCHOLOGIST, social worker, marriage and family therapist, LICENSED
18 professional counselor, ~~psychologist,~~ PSYCHOTHERAPIST, or addiction
19 counselor or has aided or abetted ~~therein~~ IN SUCH ACTIVITIES; OR

20 (x) HAS FAILED TO RESPOND TO A COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST THE
21 PERSON.

22 (2) A disciplinary action relating to a license, registration, OR
23 certification ~~or listing~~ to practice a profession licensed, registered, OR
24 certified ~~or listed~~ under ~~part 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8~~ of this article or any related
25 occupation in any other state, territory, or country for disciplinary reasons
26 ~~shall be deemed to be~~ CONSTITUTES prima facie evidence of grounds for
27 disciplinary action, including denial of licensure, REGISTRATION, OR

1 CERTIFICATION, by a board. ~~or the director.~~ This subsection (2) ~~shall~~
2 ~~apply~~ APPLIES only to disciplinary actions based upon acts or omissions
3 in such other state, territory, or country substantially similar to those ACTS
4 OR OMISSIONS set out as grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to
5 subsection (1) of this section.

6 **SECTION 15.** 12-43-223 (1) and (3), Colorado Revised Statutes,
7 are amended to read:

8 **12-43-223. Authority of licensing boards and the grievance**
9 **board - cease-and-desist orders - rules.** (1) (a) If a licensee, registrant,
10 or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist has violated~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER
11 VIOLATES any of the provisions PROVISION of section 12-43-222, the
12 board that licenses, registers, or ~~regulates such~~ CERTIFIES THE licensee,
13 registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER may:

14 (I) Deny, revoke, or suspend ~~any~~ THE PERSON'S license, ~~or~~
15 registration, or CERTIFICATION;

16 (II) DENY, REVOKE, OR SUSPEND the listing of ~~any unlicensed~~ A
17 REGISTERED psychotherapist in the grievance board ~~data base~~ DATABASE;

18 (III) Issue a letter of admonition to a licensee, registrant, or
19 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER;

20 (IV) Issue a confidential letter of concern to a licensee, registrant,
21 or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER;

22 (V) Place a licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~
23 CERTIFICATE HOLDER on probation; or

24 (VI) Apply for an injunction pursuant to section 12-43-227 to
25 enjoin a licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE
26 HOLDER from practicing the profession for which ~~such~~ THE person is
27 licensed, registered, or ~~regulated~~ CERTIFIED under this article.

1 (b) WHEN A LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER
2 VIOLATES AN ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT OF THIS ARTICLE, THE
3 BOARD REGULATING THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER
4 MAY IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINE ON THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR
5 CERTIFICATE HOLDER, NOT TO EXCEED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER
6 VIOLATION. EACH BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE
7 OF FINES SETTING FORTH DIFFERENT LEVELS OF FINES BASED ON WHETHER
8 THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER HAS COMMITTED A
9 SINGLE VIOLATION OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS OF ADMINISTRATIVE
10 REQUIREMENTS.

11 (3) ~~If an unlicensed psychotherapist violates any of the provisions~~
12 ~~of section 12-43-222, the grievance board may refuse to include, or~~
13 ~~permanently or for a set period of time strike the name of such~~
14 ~~psychotherapist from, the data base maintained pursuant to section~~
15 ~~12-43-702.5, issue a letter of admonition to such unlicensed~~
16 ~~psychotherapist, place such unlicensed psychotherapist on probation, or~~
17 ~~apply for an injunction pursuant to section 12-43-227 to enjoin such~~
18 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist from practicing psychotherapy.~~

19 **SECTION 16.** Part 2 of article 43 of title 12, Colorado Revised
20 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW
21 SECTIONS to read:

22 **12-43-221.5. Confidential agreement to limit practice -**
23 **violation grounds for discipline.** (1) IF A LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR
24 CERTIFICATE HOLDER HAS A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL ILLNESS OR CONDITION
25 THAT RENDERS THE PERSON UNABLE TO PRACTICE HIS OR HER MENTAL
26 HEALTH PROFESSION WITH REASONABLE SKILL AND WITH SAFETY TO
27 CLIENTS, THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER SHALL

1 NOTIFY THE BOARD THAT REGULATES HIS OR HER PROFESSION OF THE
2 ILLNESS OR CONDITION IN A MANNER AND WITHIN A PERIOD DETERMINED
3 BY HIS OR HER OVERSIGHT BOARD. THE APPLICABLE BOARD MAY REQUIRE
4 THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER TO SUBMIT TO AN
5 EXAMINATION OR REFER THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE
6 HOLDER TO A PEER HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, IF SUCH PROGRAM
7 EXISTS, TO EVALUATE THE EXTENT OF THE ILLNESS OR CONDITION AND ITS
8 IMPACT ON THE LICENSEE'S, REGISTRANT'S, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER'S
9 ABILITY TO PRACTICE WITH REASONABLE SKILL AND WITH SAFETY TO
10 CLIENTS.

11 (2) (a) UPON DETERMINING THAT A LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR
12 CERTIFICATE HOLDER WITH A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL ILLNESS OR CONDITION
13 IS ABLE TO RENDER LIMITED SERVICES WITH REASONABLE SKILL AND WITH
14 SAFETY TO CLIENTS, THE APPLICABLE BOARD MAY ENTER INTO A
15 CONFIDENTIAL AGREEMENT WITH THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR
16 CERTIFICATE HOLDER IN WHICH THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR
17 CERTIFICATE HOLDER AGREES TO LIMIT HIS OR HER PRACTICE BASED ON
18 THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE ILLNESS OR CONDITION, AS
19 DETERMINED BY THE APPLICABLE OVERSIGHT BOARD.

20 (b) AS PART OF THE AGREEMENT, THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR
21 CERTIFICATE HOLDER IS SUBJECT TO PERIODIC REEVALUATIONS OR
22 MONITORING AS DETERMINED APPROPRIATE BY THE APPLICABLE BOARD.
23 THE BOARD MAY REFER THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE
24 HOLDER TO A PEER ASSISTANCE HEALTH PROGRAM, IF ONE EXISTS, FOR
25 REEVALUATION OR MONITORING.

26 (c) THE PARTIES MAY MODIFY OR DISSOLVE THE AGREEMENT AS
27 NECESSARY BASED ON THE RESULTS OF A REEVALUATION OR OF

1 MONITORING.

2 (3) BY ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE APPLICABLE
3 BOARD PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO LIMIT HIS OR HER PRACTICE, THE
4 LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER IS NOT ENGAGING IN
5 UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT. THE AGREEMENT IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE
6 ACTION AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A RESTRICTION OR DISCIPLINE BY THE
7 APPLICABLE BOARD. HOWEVER, IF THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR
8 CERTIFICATE HOLDER FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF AN
9 AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE FAILURE
10 CONSTITUTES A PROHIBITED ACTIVITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-43-222
11 (1) (f), AND THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER IS
12 SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-43-223.

13 (4) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR
14 CERTIFICATE HOLDER SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE FOR PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES
15 AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 12-43-222 (1) (e).

16 **12-43-227.5. Mental health professional peer health assistance**
17 **program - fees - administration - rules. (1) (a) ON AND AFTER JULY 1,**
18 **2011, AS A CONDITION OF LICENSURE, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION**
19 **AND RENEWAL IN THIS STATE, EVERY PERSON APPLYING FOR A NEW**
20 **LICENSE, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION OR TO RENEW HIS OR HER**
21 **LICENSE, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION SHALL PAY TO THE**
22 **APPROPRIATE BOARD, FOR USE BY THE ADMINISTERING ENTITY SELECTED**
23 **BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1), AN AMOUNT NOT TO**
24 **EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS PER APPLICATION FOR A NEW OR TO**
25 **RENEW A LICENSE, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION, WHICH MAXIMUM**
26 **AMOUNT MAY BE ADJUSTED ON JANUARY 1, 2012, AND ANNUALLY**
27 **THEREAFTER BY THE APPROPRIATE BOARD TO REFLECT CHANGES IN THE**

1 UNITED STATES BUREAU OF STATISTICS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE
2 DENVER-BOULDER CONSOLIDATED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA FOR
3 ALL URBAN CONSUMERS OR GOODS, OR ITS SUCCESSOR INDEX. THE
4 APPROPRIATE BOARD SHALL FORWARD THE FEE TO THE CHOSEN
5 ADMINISTERING ENTITY FOR USE IN SUPPORTING DESIGNATED PROVIDERS
6 SELECTED BY THE BOARD TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO LICENSEES,
7 REGISTRANTS, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS NEEDING HELP IN DEALING WITH
8 PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, OR PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITIONS THAT MAY BE
9 DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR ABILITY TO PRACTICE THEIR MENTAL HEALTH
10 PROFESSION.

11 (b) THE APPLICABLE BOARD SHALL SELECT ONE OR MORE PEER
12 HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AS DESIGNATED PROVIDERS. TO BE
13 ELIGIBLE FOR DESIGNATION BY THE BOARD, A PEER HEALTH ASSISTANCE
14 PROGRAM MUST:

15 (I) PROVIDE FOR THE EDUCATION OF MENTAL HEALTH
16 PROFESSIONALS WITH RESPECT TO THE RECOGNITION AND PREVENTION OF
17 PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITIONS AND PROVIDE
18 FOR INTERVENTION WHEN NECESSARY OR UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES
19 ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD BY RULE;

20 (II) OFFER ASSISTANCE TO A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL IN
21 IDENTIFYING PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, OR PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITIONS;

22 (III) EVALUATE THE EXTENT OF PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, OR
23 PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITIONS AND REFER THE MENTAL HEALTH
24 PROFESSIONAL FOR APPROPRIATE TREATMENT;

25 (IV) MONITOR THE STATUS OF A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
26 WHO HAS BEEN REFERRED FOR TREATMENT;

27 (V) PROVIDE COUNSELING AND SUPPORT FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH

1 PROFESSIONAL AND FOR THE FAMILY OF ANY MENTAL HEALTH
2 PROFESSIONAL REFERRED FOR TREATMENT;

3 (VI) AGREE TO RECEIVE REFERRALS FROM THE BOARD; AND

4 (VII) AGREE TO MAKE ITS SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ALL LICENSED,
5 REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

6 (c) THE BOARD MAY SELECT AN ENTITY TO ADMINISTER THE
7 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. AN
8 ADMINISTERING ENTITY MUST BE A NONPROFIT PRIVATE FOUNDATION
9 THAT IS QUALIFIED UNDER SECTION 501 (c) (3) OF THE FEDERAL
10 "INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986", AS AMENDED, AND THAT IS
11 DEDICATED TO PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR CHARITABLE, BENEVOLENT,
12 EDUCATIONAL, AND SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES THAT ARE RELATED TO MENTAL
13 HEALTH PROFESSIONS, MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION,
14 MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH AND SCIENCE, AND OTHER MENTAL HEALTH
15 CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

16 (d) THE ADMINISTERING ENTITY SHALL:

17 (I) DISTRIBUTE THE MONEYS COLLECTED BY THE APPLICABLE
18 BOARD, LESS EXPENSES, TO THE DESIGNATED PROVIDER, AS DIRECTED BY
19 THE BOARD;

20 (II) PROVIDE AN ANNUAL ACCOUNTING TO THE BOARD OF ALL
21 AMOUNTS COLLECTED, EXPENSES INCURRED, AND AMOUNTS DISBURSED;
22 AND

23 (III) POST A SURETY PERFORMANCE BOND IN AN AMOUNT
24 SPECIFIED BY THE BOARD TO SECURE PERFORMANCE UNDER THE
25 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION. THE ADMINISTERING ENTITY MAY
26 RECOVER THE ACTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED IN PERFORMING
27 ITS DUTIES UNDER THIS SECTION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TEN

1 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED.

2 (e) THE APPLICABLE BOARD SHALL COLLECT THE REQUIRED
3 ANNUAL PAYMENTS PAYABLE TO THE ADMINISTERING ENTITY FOR THE
4 BENEFIT OF THE ADMINISTERING ENTITY AND SHALL TRANSFER ALL SUCH
5 PAYMENTS TO THE ADMINISTERING ENTITY. ALL REQUIRED ANNUAL
6 PAYMENTS COLLECTED OR DUE TO THE BOARD FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR ARE
7 CUSTODIAL FUNDS THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION BY THE
8 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF PAYMENTS TO THE
9 ADMINISTERING ENTITY OR EXPENDITURE OF THE PAYMENTS BY THE
10 ADMINISTERING ENTITY DOES NOT CONSTITUTE STATE FISCAL YEAR
11 SPENDING FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE
12 CONSTITUTION.

13 (2) (a) ANY MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WHO IS REFERRED BY
14 THE APPLICABLE BOARD TO A PEER HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SHALL
15 ENTER INTO A STIPULATION WITH THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION
16 12-43-223 (6) BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM. THE AGREEMENT
17 MUST CONTAIN SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AND GOALS TO BE MET BY THE
18 PARTICIPANT, INCLUDING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE PROGRAM
19 WILL BE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED OR TERMINATED, AND A PROVISION
20 THAT A FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS AND GOALS ARE TO
21 BE PROMPTLY REPORTED TO THE BOARD AND THAT SUCH FAILURE WILL
22 RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE BOARD.

23 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTIONS 12-43-223, 12-43-224, AND
24 24-4-104, C.R.S., THE APPLICABLE BOARD MAY IMMEDIATELY SUSPEND
25 THE LICENSE OF ANY MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WHO IS REFERRED TO
26 A PEER HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY THE BOARD AND WHO FAILS TO
27 ATTEND OR TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM. IF THE MENTAL HEALTH

1 PROFESSIONAL OBJECTS TO THE SUSPENSION, HE OR SHE MAY SUBMIT A
2 WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE BOARD FOR A FORMAL HEARING ON THE
3 SUSPENSION WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE OF THE
4 SUSPENSION, AND THE BOARD SHALL GRANT THE REQUEST. IN THE
5 HEARING, THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL BEARS THE BURDEN OF
6 PROVING THAT HIS OR HER LICENSE, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION
7 SHOULD NOT BE SUSPENDED.

8 (c) ANY MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WHO SELF-REFERS AND
9 IS ACCEPTED INTO A PEER HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SHALL AFFIRM
10 THAT, TO THE BEST OF HIS OR HER KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND
11 BELIEF, HE OR SHE KNOWS OF NO INSTANCE IN WHICH HE OR SHE HAS
12 VIOLATED THIS ARTICLE OR THE RULES OF THE BOARD, EXCEPT IN THOSE
13 INSTANCES AFFECTED BY THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL'S PHYSICAL,
14 EMOTIONAL, OR PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITIONS.

15 (3) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION CREATES ANY LIABILITY ON THE
16 APPLICABLE BOARD OR THE STATE OF COLORADO FOR THE ACTIONS OF THE
17 BOARD IN MAKING GRANTS TO PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, AND NO CIVIL
18 ACTION MAY BE BROUGHT OR MAINTAINED AGAINST THE BOARD OR THE
19 STATE FOR AN INJURY ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN THE RESULT OF THE
20 ACTIVITIES OF ANY STATE-FUNDED PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR THE
21 RESULT OF AN ACT OR OMISSION OF A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
22 PARTICIPATING IN OR REFERRED BY A STATE-FUNDED PEER ASSISTANCE
23 PROGRAM. HOWEVER, THE STATE REMAINS LIABLE UNDER THE
24 "COLORADO GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY ACT", ARTICLE 10 OF TITLE 24,
25 C.R.S., IF AN INJURY ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN THE RESULT OF AN ACT OR
26 OMISSION OF A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPATING IN OR
27 REFERRED BY A STATE-FUNDED PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OCCURRED

1 WHILE SUCH MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WAS PERFORMING DUTIES AS
2 AN EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE.

3 (4) THE BOARDS MAY PROMULGATE RULES NECESSARY TO
4 IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

5 (5) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL"
6 MEANS A PSYCHOLOGIST, SOCIAL WORKER, CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER,
7 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST, LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR,
8 OR PSYCHOTHERAPIST REGULATED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

9 **SECTION 17.** 12-43-101, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
10 to read:

11 **12-43-101. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly
12 hereby finds and determines that, in order to safeguard the public health,
13 safety, and welfare of the people of this state and in order to protect the
14 people of this state against the unauthorized, unqualified, and improper
15 application of ~~psychotherapy~~, psychology, social work, marriage and
16 family therapy, professional counseling, PSYCHOTHERAPY, and addiction
17 counseling, it is necessary that the proper regulatory authorities be
18 established and adequately provided for. The general assembly therefore
19 declares that there shall be established a state board of psychologist
20 examiners, a state board of social work examiners, a state board of
21 marriage and family therapist examiners, ~~and~~ a state board of licensed
22 professional counselor examiners AND A STATE BOARD OF ADDICTION
23 COUNSELOR EXAMINERS with the authority to license, REGISTER, OR
24 CERTIFY, and take disciplinary actions or bring injunctive actions, or both,
25 concerning licensed psychologists AND psychologist candidates, licensed
26 social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists AND MARRIAGE
27 AND FAMILY THERAPIST CANDIDATES, and licensed professional

1 counselors AND LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR CANDIDATES,
2 respectively. There shall also be a state grievance board with the
3 authority to take disciplinary actions or bring injunctive actions, or both,
4 concerning ~~unlicensed~~ REGISTERED psychotherapists. ~~Additionally, the~~
5 ~~director of the division of registrations in the department of regulatory~~
6 ~~agencies is authorized to certify and license addiction counselors and take~~
7 ~~disciplinary actions or bring injunctive actions, or both, concerning~~
8 ~~addiction counselors.~~

9 **SECTION 18.** 12-43-202, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
10 to read:

11 **12-43-202. Practice outside of or beyond professional training,**
12 **experience, or competence.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this
13 article, no licensee, registrant, OR certificate holder ~~or unlicensed~~
14 ~~psychotherapist~~ is authorized to practice outside of or beyond his or her
15 area of training, experience, or competence.

16 **SECTION 19.** 12-43-203 (2) (a), (3.5), (4), (7), and (11) (a),
17 Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

18 **12-43-203. Boards - meetings - duties - powers - removal of**
19 **members - immunity.** (2) (a) (I) Each board shall annually hold a
20 meeting and elect from its membership a chairperson and
21 vice-chairperson. Each board shall meet at such times as it deems
22 necessary or advisable or as deemed necessary and advisable by the
23 chairperson OR a majority of its members. ~~or the governor.~~ Each board
24 may conduct meetings by electronic means. EACH BOARD SHALL GIVE
25 reasonable notice of ~~all~~ ITS meetings ~~shall be given~~ in the manner
26 prescribed by ~~each~~ THE board. A majority of each board ~~shall constitute~~
27 CONSTITUTES a quorum at any meeting or hearing.

1 (II) All meetings ~~shall be~~ ARE open to the public, except when:

2 (A) A board, or an administrative law judge acting on behalf of
3 a board, specifically determines that the harm to a complainant or other
4 recipient of services to keep such proceedings or RELATED documents
5 ~~relating thereto~~ open to the public outweighs the public interest in
6 observing the proceedings; or ~~when~~

7 (B) The licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~
8 CERTIFICATE HOLDER is participating in good faith in a program approved
9 by the board designed to end ~~such~~ AN addiction or dependency and the
10 licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER
11 has not violated ~~any provisions of~~ the board's order regarding ~~such~~ THE
12 person's participation in ~~such~~ THE treatment program.

13 (III) If the board determines that it is in the best interest of a
14 complainant or other recipient of services to keep ~~such~~ proceedings or
15 RELATED documents ~~relating thereto~~ closed to the public, the final action
16 of the board ~~shall~~ MUST be open to the public without disclosing the name
17 of the client or other recipient. In all open meetings, the board shall take
18 reasonable steps ~~not to disclose~~ KEEP the names of the recipients of
19 services CONFIDENTIAL.

20 (3.5) In carrying out its duties related to the approval of
21 applications for licensure, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION pursuant to
22 this section, section 12-43-212, and ~~parts 3-4, 5, 6, and 7 of~~ this article,
23 each board shall delegate the function of the preliminary review and
24 approval of applications to the staff of ~~each such~~ THE board, with
25 approval of ~~such applications~~ AN APPLICATION ratified by action of ~~each~~
26 ~~such~~ THE board. Each board, in its sole discretion, may individually
27 review any application requiring board consideration prior to the approval

1 ~~thereof~~ OF THE APPLICATION pursuant to section 12-43-212 and ~~parts 3,~~
2 ~~4, 5, 6, and 7~~ of this article.

3 (4) Each board ~~and the director~~ shall maintain current lists of the
4 names of all licensees, registrants, AND certificate holders ~~and unlicensed~~
5 ~~psychotherapists~~ and records of cases and decisions rendered by the
6 board. ~~or the director.~~ In addition, each board ~~and the director~~ shall keep
7 an accurate record of the results of all examinations for at least five years
8 ~~subsequent to~~ AFTER the date of the examination.

9 (7) (a) ~~The director and any~~ A member of a board or of a
10 professional review committee authorized by a board, ~~or director, any~~ A
11 member of staff to a board OR committee, ~~or the director, any~~ A person
12 acting as a witness or consultant to a board OR committee, ~~or the director,~~
13 ~~any~~ A witness testifying in a proceeding authorized under this article, and
14 ~~any~~ A person who lodges a complaint pursuant to this article ~~shall be~~ IS
15 immune from liability in ~~any~~ A civil action brought against him or her for
16 acts occurring while acting in his or her capacity as ~~the director,~~ A board
17 or committee member, staff, consultant, or witness, respectively, if ~~such~~
18 THE individual was acting in good faith within the scope of his or her
19 respective capacity, made a reasonable effort to obtain the facts of the
20 matter as to which he or she acted, and acted in the reasonable belief that
21 the action taken by him or her was warranted by the facts. ~~Any~~ A person
22 participating in good faith in lodging a complaint or participating in ~~any~~
23 AN investigative or administrative proceeding pursuant to this article ~~shall~~
24 ~~be~~ IS immune from any civil or criminal liability that may result from such
25 participation.

26 (b) ~~Further, any~~ A person participating in good faith in the making
27 of a complaint or report or participating in any investigative or

1 administrative proceeding before the board ~~or the director~~, pursuant to
2 this article ~~shall be~~ IS immune from any CIVIL OR CRIMINAL liability ~~civil~~
3 ~~or criminal~~; that ~~otherwise~~ might result by reason of ~~such~~ THE action.

4 (11) (a) (I) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH
5 (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a), a professional review committee may be
6 established pursuant to this subsection (11) to investigate the quality of
7 care being given by a person licensed, registered, OR certified ~~or regulated~~
8 pursuant to this article. If ~~such~~ a PROFESSIONAL REVIEW committee is
9 established, it ~~shall~~ MUST include in its membership at least three persons
10 licensed, registered, OR certified ~~or regulated~~ under ~~either part 3, 4, 5, 6,~~
11 ~~7, or 8~~ of this article, ~~whichever is applicable~~; and such persons ~~shall~~
12 MUST be licensees, registrants, OR certificate holders ~~or unlicensed~~
13 ~~psychotherapists~~ in the same profession as the licensee, registrant, OR
14 certificate holder ~~or unlicensed psychotherapist~~ who is the subject of a
15 professional review proceeding. ~~but such~~

16 (II) A PROFESSIONAL REVIEW committee may be authorized to act
17 only by a society or an association of persons licensed, registered, OR
18 certified ~~or regulated~~ pursuant to this article whose membership includes
19 not less than one-third of the persons licensed, registered, OR certified ~~or~~
20 ~~regulated~~ pursuant to ~~part 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8~~ of this article ~~whichever is~~
21 ~~applicable~~; residing in this state if the licensee, registrant, OR certificate
22 holder ~~or unlicensed psychotherapist~~ whose services are the subject of
23 review is a member of ~~such~~ THE society or association.

24 **SECTION 20.** 12-43-203.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
25 amended to read:

26 **12-43-203.5. Limitation on authority.** The authority granted
27 each board under the provisions of this article ~~shall~~ DOES not ~~be construed~~

1 to authorize a board to arbitrate or adjudicate fee disputes between
2 licensees, REGISTRANTS, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS, or between a licensee,
3 REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER and any other party.

4 **SECTION 21.** 12-43-204 (1), (2), (3), and (3.5), Colorado
5 Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

6 **12-43-204. Fees - renewal.** (1) THE DIVISION SHALL TRANSMIT
7 all fees collected ~~under parts 3, 4, 5, and 6 of~~ PURSUANT TO this article
8 ~~shall be transmitted~~ to the state treasurer, who shall credit the ~~same~~ FEES
9 to the division of registrations cash fund pursuant to section 24-34-105,
10 C.R.S.

11 (2) Each board may charge application and examination fees
12 established pursuant to section 24-34-105, C.R.S., to all applicants for
13 licensure, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION under this ~~part 2.~~ No
14 ARTICLE. Fees received from applicants seeking licensure, ~~shall be~~
15 ~~refunded~~ REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.

16 (3) Every person licensed, REGISTERED, OR certified ~~or registered~~
17 to practice psychology, social work, marriage and family therapy,
18 professional counseling, PSYCHOTHERAPY, or addiction counseling ~~or~~
19 ~~listed in the state grievance board data base,~~ within the state shall renew
20 or reinstate his or her license, REGISTRATION, OR certification ~~or~~
21 ~~registration~~ pursuant to a schedule established by the director, and
22 licenses, REGISTRATIONS, AND certifications ~~and registrations~~ shall be
23 renewed or reinstated pursuant to section 24-34-102 (8), C.R.S. The
24 director may establish renewal fees and delinquency fees for
25 reinstatement pursuant to section 24-34-105, C.R.S. If a person fails to
26 renew his or her license, REGISTRATION, OR certification ~~or registration~~
27 pursuant to the schedule established by the director, ~~such~~ THE license,

1 REGISTRATION, OR certification ~~or registration shall expire~~ EXPIRES. Any
2 person whose license, REGISTRATION, OR certification ~~or registration has~~
3 ~~expired shall be~~ EXPIRES IS subject to the penalties provided in this article
4 or section 24-34-102 (8), C.R.S.

5 (3.5) The director shall coordinate fee-setting pursuant to this
6 section so that all licensees, registrants, AND certificate holders ~~and~~
7 ~~unlicensed psychotherapists~~ pay fees as required by this section and
8 section 12-43-702.5 (1).

9 **SECTION 22.** The introductory portion to 12-43-205 (1) and
10 12-43-205 (1) (c), (1) (e), (1) (f), (1) (g), and (1) (h), Colorado Revised
11 Statutes, are amended to read:

12 **12-43-205. Records.** (1) ~~The director and~~ Each board shall keep
13 a record of proceedings and a register of all applications for licenses,
14 REGISTRATIONS, or certifications, which ~~shall~~ MUST include:

15 (c) The place of business AND MAILING ADDRESS of ~~such~~ THE
16 applicant;

17 (e) Whether or not an examination was required and, if required,
18 ~~the scores of the examination~~ PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT PASSED THE
19 EXAMINATION;

20 (f) Whether ~~or not~~ licensure, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION
21 was granted;

22 (g) The date of the action of the ~~director or~~ board;

23 (h) ~~Such~~ Other information as may be deemed THE BOARD DEEMS
24 necessary or advisable by the ~~director or board~~ in aid of the requirements
25 of this section.

26 **SECTION 23.** 12-43-206, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
27 to read:

1 **12-43-206. Licensure by endorsement - rules.** ~~The A board or~~
2 ~~the director, as appropriate,~~ may issue a license by endorsement to engage
3 in the practice of psychology, social work, marriage and family therapy,
4 professional counseling, or addiction counseling to ~~any~~ AN applicant who
5 has a license, registration, or certification in good standing as a
6 psychologist, social worker, marriage and family therapist, LICENSED
7 professional counselor, or addiction counselor under the laws of another
8 jurisdiction if the applicant presents proof satisfactory to the board ~~or~~
9 ~~director~~ that, at the time of application for a Colorado license by
10 endorsement, the applicant possesses credentials and qualifications that
11 are substantially equivalent to the requirements of section 12-43-304,
12 12-43-404, 12-43-504, 12-43-603, or 12-43-804, whichever is applicable.
13 Each board ~~or the director~~ shall promulgate rules setting forth the manner
14 in which THE BOARD WILL REVIEW credentials and qualifications of an
15 applicant. ~~will be reviewed by the board or the director.~~

16 **SECTION 24.** 12-43-207, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
17 to read:

18 **12-43-207. License - issuance.** Each board shall issue a
19 ~~certificate of licensure whenever~~ LICENSE, REGISTRATION, OR
20 CERTIFICATION, AS APPROPRIATE, WHEN an applicant ~~for licensure~~
21 successfully qualifies ~~therefor~~ FOR LICENSURE, REGISTRATION, OR
22 CERTIFICATION as provided in this article.

23 **SECTION 25.** 12-43-208, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
24 to read:

25 **12-43-208. Drugs - medicine.** Nothing in this article ~~shall be~~
26 ~~construed as permitting~~ PERMITS psychologists, social workers, marriage
27 and family therapists, LICENSED professional counselors,

1 PSYCHOTHERAPISTS, and addiction counselors licensed, REGISTERED, OR
2 certified ~~or registered~~ under this article ~~or unlicensed psychotherapists~~ to
3 administer or prescribe drugs or in any manner engage in the practice of
4 medicine as defined by the laws of this state.

5 **SECTION 26.** 12-43-209, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
6 to read:

7 **12-43-209. Collaborate with physician.** IN ORDER TO PROVIDE
8 FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF MEDICAL PROBLEMS, a licensee,
9 registrant, OR certificate holder ~~or unlicensed psychotherapist, in order to~~
10 ~~make provision for the diagnosis and treatment of medical problems,~~ shall
11 collaborate with a physician licensed under the laws of this state, except
12 when practicing pursuant to ~~the provisions of section 12-43-201 (9)~~
13 12-43-701 (3). A licensee, registrant, OR certificate holder ~~or unlicensed~~
14 ~~psychotherapist~~ shall not diagnose, prescribe for, treat, or advise a client
15 with reference to medical problems.

16 **SECTION 27.** The introductory portion to 12-43-211 (1) and
17 12-43-211 (1) (b), (1) (g), (2), (3), and (6), Colorado Revised Statutes, are
18 amended to read:

19 **12-43-211. Professional service corporations for the practice**
20 **of psychology, social work, marriage and family therapy,**
21 **professional counseling, and addiction counseling - definitions.**

22 (1) Licensees, REGISTRANTS, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS may form
23 professional service corporations for the practice of psychology, social
24 work, marriage and family therapy, professional counseling,
25 PSYCHOTHERAPY, or addiction counseling under the "Colorado Business
26 Corporation Act", articles 101 to 117 of title 7, C.R.S., if ~~such~~ THE
27 corporations are organized and operated in accordance with ~~the~~

1 ~~provisions of~~ this section. The articles of incorporation of ~~such~~
2 ~~corporations shall~~ A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION FORMED
3 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST contain provisions complying with the
4 following requirements:

5 (b) The corporation ~~shall~~ MUST be organized by licensees,
6 REGISTRANTS, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS for the purpose of conducting the
7 practice of psychology, social work, marriage and family therapy,
8 professional counseling, PSYCHOTHERAPY, or addiction counseling by the
9 respective licensees, REGISTRANTS, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS of those
10 practices. The corporation may be organized with any other person, and
11 any person may own shares in such corporation, if the following
12 conditions are met:

13 (I) The practice of psychology, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 12-43-303,
14 by the professional service corporation is performed by or under the
15 supervision of a licensed psychologist, and any psychologist member of
16 the professional service corporation remains individually responsible for
17 his OR HER professional acts and conduct as provided elsewhere in this
18 article; ~~or~~

19 (II) (Deleted by amendment, L. 98, p. 1111, § 11, effective July
20 1, 1998.)

21 (III) The practice of social work, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
22 12-43-403, by the professional service corporation is performed by a
23 licensed social worker acting independently or under the supervision of
24 a person licensed pursuant to this article or a licensed social worker. Any
25 licensed social worker member of the professional service corporation
26 remains individually responsible for his or her professional acts and
27 conduct as provided elsewhere in this article; ~~or~~

1 (IV) The practice of marriage and family therapy, AS DEFINED IN
2 SECTION 12-43-503, by the professional service corporation is performed
3 by a licensed marriage and family therapist acting independently or under
4 the supervision of a person licensed pursuant to this article or a licensed
5 marriage and family therapist. Any licensed marriage and family
6 therapist member of the professional service corporation remains
7 individually responsible for his OR HER professional acts and conduct as
8 provided elsewhere in this article; or

9 (V) The practice of professional counseling, AS DEFINED IN
10 SECTION 12-43-601, by the professional service corporation is performed
11 by a licensed professional counselor acting independently or under the
12 supervision of a person licensed pursuant to this article or a licensed
13 professional counselor. Any licensed professional counselor member of
14 the professional service corporation remains individually responsible for
15 his OR HER professional acts and conduct as provided elsewhere in this
16 article;

17 (VI) The practice of addiction counseling, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
18 12-43-802, by the professional service corporation is performed by a
19 licensed addiction counselor acting independently or under the
20 supervision of a person licensed pursuant to this article or a licensed
21 addiction counselor. Any licensed addiction counselor member of the
22 professional service corporation remains individually responsible for his
23 or her professional acts and conduct as provided in this article; OR

24 (VII) THE PRACTICE OF PSYCHOTHERAPY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
25 12-43-201, BY THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION IS PERFORMED
26 BY A REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPIST ACTING INDEPENDENTLY OR UNDER
27 THE SUPERVISION OF A PERSON LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE OR

1 A REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPIST. ANY REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPIST
2 MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION REMAINS
3 INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OR HER PROFESSIONAL ACTS AND
4 CONDUCT AS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE.

5 (g) The articles of incorporation ~~shall~~ MUST provide, and all
6 shareholders of the corporation ~~shall~~ MUST agree, that either all
7 shareholders of the corporation ~~shall be~~ ARE jointly and severally liable
8 for all acts, errors, and omissions of the employees of the corporation or
9 that all shareholders of the corporation ~~shall be~~ ARE jointly and severally
10 liable for all acts, errors, and omissions of the employees of the
11 corporation except during periods ~~of time~~ when the corporation ~~shall~~
12 ~~maintain in good standing~~ MAINTAINS professional liability insurance
13 ~~which~~ THAT meets the following minimum standards:

14 (I) The insurance ~~shall insure~~ INSURES the corporation against
15 liability imposed upon the corporation by law for damages resulting from
16 any claim made against the corporation arising out of the performance of
17 professional services for others by those officers and employees of the
18 corporation who are licensed, REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED to practice
19 under this article or ~~who are certified or licensed school psychologists or~~
20 by those employees who provide professional services under supervision.

21 (II) ~~Such~~ THE insurance ~~policies shall insure~~ INSURES the
22 corporation against liability imposed upon it by law for damages arising
23 out of the acts, errors, and omissions of all nonprofessional employees.

24 (III) The insurance ~~shall be~~ IS in an amount for each claim of at
25 least one hundred thousand dollars multiplied by the number of persons
26 licensed, REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED to practice under this article ~~or by the~~
27 ~~number of certified or licensed school psychologists,~~ WHO ARE employed

1 by the corporation. ~~and~~ The policy may provide for an aggregate
2 maximum limit of liability per year for all claims of three hundred
3 thousand dollars also multiplied by the number of licensees,
4 REGISTRANTS, or ~~certified or licensed school psychologists~~ CERTIFICATE
5 HOLDERS employed by the corporation, but no ~~firm shall be~~ CORPORATION
6 IS required to carry insurance in excess of three hundred thousand dollars
7 for each claim with an aggregate maximum limit of liability for all claims
8 during the year of nine hundred thousand dollars.

9 (IV) The insurance policy may provide that it does not apply to:
10 Any dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, or malicious act or omission of the
11 insured corporation or any stockholder or employee ~~thereof~~ OF THE
12 CORPORATION; or the conduct of any business enterprise, as distinguished
13 from the practice of licensees, REGISTRANTS, or ~~certified or licensed~~
14 ~~school psychologists~~) CERTIFICATE HOLDERS, in which the insured
15 corporation under this section is not permitted to engage but ~~which~~ THAT
16 nevertheless may be owned by the insured corporation or in which the
17 insured corporation may be a partner or ~~which~~ THAT may be controlled,
18 operated, or managed by the insured corporation in its own or in a
19 fiduciary capacity, including the ownership, maintenance, or use of any
20 property in connection therewith, when not resulting from breach of
21 professional duty of, bodily injury to, or sickness, disease, or death of any
22 person or to injury to or destruction of any tangible property, including
23 the loss of use ~~thereof~~ OF TANGIBLE PROPERTY.

24 (V) The insurance policy may contain reasonable provisions with
25 respect to policy periods, territory, claims, conditions, and other usual
26 matters.

27 (2) The corporation shall ~~do nothing~~ NOT ACT OR FAIL TO ACT IN

1 A MANNER that ~~if done by a licensee, and employed by it,~~ would violate
2 ~~the provisions of~~ section 12-43-222 (1). Any violation of this section by
3 the corporation ~~shall be~~ IS grounds for a board to discipline any licensee,
4 REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER EMPLOYED BY THE CORPORATION
5 pursuant to section 12-43-224.

6 (3) Nothing in this section ~~shall be deemed to diminish or change~~
7 DIMINISHES OR CHANGES the obligation of each licensee, REGISTRANT, OR
8 CERTIFICATE HOLDER employed by the corporation to conduct his or her
9 practice ~~so as not to~~ IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT violate ~~the provisions~~
10 ~~of~~ section 12-43-222 (1). Any licensee, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE
11 HOLDER who, by act or omission, causes the corporation to act or fail to
12 act in a way that violates ~~the provisions of~~ section 12-43-222 (1) or ~~any~~
13 ~~provision of~~ this section ~~shall be deemed~~ IS personally responsible for
14 ~~such~~ THE act or omission and ~~shall be~~ IS subject to discipline ~~therefor~~ by
15 the board.

16 (6) Nothing in this article ~~shall be construed to limit~~ LIMITS
17 persons licensed, REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED under ~~any part of~~ this article
18 ~~or certified or licensed school psychologists~~ from forming a corporation
19 with persons licensed, REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED under ~~any other part of~~
20 this article. ~~or certified or licensed school psychologists.~~

21 **SECTION 28.** 12-43-212, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
22 to read:

23 **12-43-212. Denial of license, registration, or certification -**
24 **reinstatement.** (1) Each board is empowered to determine whether an
25 applicant for licensure, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION possesses the
26 qualifications ~~for licensure~~ required by this article.

27 (2) If a board ~~or the director pursuant to the authority specified in~~

1 ~~part 8 of this article~~, determines that an applicant does not possess the
2 applicable qualifications required by this article or, for a licensed clinical
3 social worker, licensed social worker, licensed marriage and family
4 therapist, licensed professional counselor, licensed addiction counselor,
5 or level II or III certified addiction counselor, is unable to demonstrate his
6 or her continued professional competence as required by section
7 12-43-411, 12-43-506, 12-43-605, or 12-43-805, respectively, the board
8 ~~or the director pursuant to the authority specified in part 8 of this article~~,
9 may deny the applicant a license, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION or
10 deny the reinstatement of a license, ~~and, in such instance~~ REGISTRATION,
11 OR CERTIFICATION. IF THE APPLICATION IS DENIED, the board ~~or director~~
12 shall provide the applicant with a statement in writing setting forth the
13 basis of the board's ~~or director's~~ determination that the applicant does not
14 possess the qualifications or professional competence required by this
15 article. The applicant may request a hearing on the determination as
16 provided in section 24-4-104 (9), C.R.S.

17 (3) If a board has any reason to believe that or receives any
18 information that an applicant, renewal applicant, or reinstatement
19 applicant has ~~done~~ COMMITTED any of the acts set forth in section
20 12-43-222 (1) as grounds for discipline, the board may deny a license,
21 REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION to the applicant, renewal applicant, or
22 reinstatement applicant if the board determines that there is a basis for
23 ~~such~~ THE denial. The order of the board to grant or deny ~~such~~ A license,
24 ~~shall be the~~ REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION CONSTITUTES final agency
25 action.

26 (4) A board, on its own motion or upon application, at any time
27 after the refusal to grant a license, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION, may

1 reconsider its prior action and grant ~~such~~ A license, REGISTRATION, OR
2 CERTIFICATION. The ~~taking of any such further action shall rest in the~~
3 BOARD HAS sole discretion ~~of the board; except that the board shall not act~~
4 ~~in contradiction to a decision of the grievance board~~ TO DETERMINE
5 WHETHER TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION ON THE APPLICATION AFTER IT
6 REFUSES TO GRANT A LICENSE, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION.

7 **SECTION 29.** 12-43-213, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
8 to read:

9 **12-43-213. Legislative intent - schools and colleges -**
10 **examinations.** It is the intent of the general assembly that the definition
11 relating to full-time courses of study and institutions of higher education
12 for graduation of persons who are ~~thereby~~ qualified to take examinations
13 for licensure under this article be liberally construed by ~~the director and~~
14 each board under the ~~director's or board's~~ rule-making powers to ensure
15 the right to take ~~such~~ THE examinations. It is not the intent that technical
16 barriers be used to deny the ability to take ~~such~~ AN examination.

17 **SECTION 30.** The introductory portion to 12-43-214 (1) and
18 12-43-214 (1) (a), (1) (b), (1) (c), (1) (d) (III), (1) (d) (IV), (4) (d), and (4)
19 (g), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended, and the said 12-43-214 (1)
20 is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH, to
21 read:

22 **12-43-214. Mandatory disclosure of information to clients.**
23 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, every
24 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist,~~ licensee, REGISTRANT, OR certificate holder
25 ~~or registrant~~ shall provide the following information VERBALLY AND in
26 writing to each client during the initial client contact:

27 (a) The name, business address, and business phone number of the

1 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~, licensee, REGISTRANT, OR certificate holder;
2 ~~or registrant~~;

3 (b) (I) AN EXPLANATION OF THE LEVELS OF REGULATION
4 APPLICABLE TO MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS UNDER THIS ARTICLE
5 AND THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LICENSURE, REGISTRATION, AND
6 CERTIFICATION, INCLUDING THE EDUCATIONAL, EXPERIENCE, AND
7 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE PARTICULAR LEVEL OF
8 REGULATION; AND

9 (II) A listing of any degrees, credentials, certifications,
10 REGISTRATIONS, and licenses HELD OR OBTAINED BY THE LICENSEE,
11 REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER, INCLUDING THE EDUCATION,
12 EXPERIENCE, AND TRAINING THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE
13 HOLDER WAS REQUIRED TO SATISFY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE DEGREE,
14 CREDENTIALS, CERTIFICATIONS, REGISTRATIONS, OR LICENSES;

15 (c) A statement indicating that the practice of ~~both licensed and~~
16 ~~unlicensed~~ OR REGISTERED persons ~~and certified or licensed school~~
17 ~~psychologists~~ in the field of psychotherapy is regulated by the department
18 of regulatory agencies, and an address and telephone number for the
19 ~~grievance board~~ and THAT REGULATES THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR
20 CERTIFICATE HOLDER;

21 (d) A statement indicating that:

22 (III) In a professional relationship, sexual intimacy is never
23 appropriate and should be reported to ~~the director~~ or the board that
24 ~~regulates~~ LICENSES, registers, OR certifies ~~or licenses such unlicensed~~
25 ~~psychotherapist~~ THE LICENSEE, registrant, OR certificate holder; ~~or~~
26 licensee;

27 (IV) The information provided by the client during therapy

1 sessions is legally confidential in the case of licensed marriage and family
2 therapists, social workers, professional counselors, AND psychologists;
3 licensed or certified addiction counselors; and ~~unlicensed~~ REGISTERED
4 psychotherapists, except as provided in section 12-43-218 and except for
5 certain legal exceptions that will be identified by the licensee, registrant,
6 OR certificate holder ~~or unlicensed psychotherapist~~ should any such
7 situation arise during therapy; AND

8 (e) IF THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL IS A REGISTERED
9 PSYCHOTHERAPIST, A STATEMENT INDICATING THAT A REGISTERED
10 PSYCHOTHERAPIST IS A PSYCHOTHERAPIST LISTED IN THE STATE'S DATA
11 BASE AND IS AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO PRACTICE PSYCHOTHERAPY IN
12 COLORADO BUT IS NOT LICENSED BY THE STATE AND IS NOT REQUIRED TO
13 SATISFY ANY FORMAL EDUCATIONAL OR TESTING REQUIREMENTS TO
14 OBTAIN A REGISTRATION FROM THE STATE.

15 (4) The disclosure of information required by subsection (1) of
16 this section is not required when psychotherapy is being administered in
17 any of the following circumstances:

18 (d) The client is in the physical custody of either the department
19 of corrections or the department of human services and such department
20 has developed an alternative program to provide similar information to
21 such client and such program has been established through rule or
22 regulation; pursuant to the "State Administrative Procedure Act", article
23 4 of title 24, C.R.S.;

24 (g) By a person licensed or certified pursuant to this article, or by
25 ~~an unlicensed~~ A REGISTERED psychotherapist practicing in a hospital that
26 is licensed or certified under section 25-1.5-103 (1) (a) (I) or (1) (a) (II),
27 C.R.S.

1 **SECTION 31.** 12-43-215 (5) and (7), Colorado Revised Statutes,
2 are amended to read:

3 **12-43-215. Scope of article - exemptions.** (5) Nothing in this
4 section ~~shall be construed to limit~~ LIMITS the applicability of ~~the~~
5 ~~provisions of~~ section 18-3-405.5, C.R.S., which ~~shall apply~~ APPLIES to
6 any person while he OR SHE is practicing psychotherapy as defined in this
7 article.

8 (7) The provisions of this article shall not apply to mental health
9 professionals acting within the scope of a court appointment to undertake
10 custodial evaluations in domestic relations cases in the courts of this state
11 or to mental health professionals acting within the scope of a court
12 appointment to undertake domestic and child abuse evaluations for
13 purposes of legal proceedings in the courts of this state.

14 **SECTION 32.** 12-43-218 (1), the introductory portion to
15 12-43-218 (2), 12-43-218 (2) (a) and (2) (b), the introductory portion to
16 12-43-218 (2) (c), and 12-43-218 (2) (c) (I), (2) (c) (II), and (3), Colorado
17 Revised Statutes, are amended, and the said 12-43-218 is further amended
18 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

19 **12-43-218. Disclosure of confidential communications.** (1) A
20 licensee, ~~school psychologist~~, registrant, OR certificate holder ~~or~~
21 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ shall not disclose, without the consent of the
22 client, any confidential communications made by the client, or advice
23 given ~~thereon~~ TO THE CLIENT, in the course of professional employment.
24 ~~nor shall~~ A licensee's, ~~school psychologist's~~, registrant's, OR certificate
25 holder's ~~or unlicensed psychotherapist's~~ employee or associate, whether
26 clerical or professional, SHALL NOT disclose any knowledge of said
27 communications acquired in such capacity. ~~nor shall~~ Any person who has

1 participated in any therapy conducted under the supervision of a licensee,
2 ~~school psychologist, registrant, OR certificate holder, or unlicensed~~
3 ~~psychotherapist, including but not limited to,~~ group therapy sessions,
4 SHALL NOT disclose any knowledge gained during the course of such
5 therapy without the consent of the person to whom the knowledge relates.

6 (2) Subsection (1) of this section ~~shall~~ DOES not apply when:

7 (a) A client or the heirs, executors, or administrators of a client
8 file suit or a complaint against a licensee, ~~school psychologist, registrant,~~
9 ~~OR certificate holder or unlicensed psychotherapist~~ on any cause of action
10 arising out of or connected with the care or treatment of ~~such~~ THE client
11 by the licensee, ~~school psychologist, registrant, OR certificate holder; or~~
12 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist;~~

13 (b) A licensee, ~~school psychologist, registrant, OR certificate~~
14 ~~holder or unlicensed psychotherapist~~ was in consultation with a physician,
15 registered professional nurse, licensee, ~~school psychologist, registrant, OR~~
16 ~~certificate holder or unlicensed psychotherapist~~ against whom a suit or
17 complaint was filed based on the case out of which said suit or complaint
18 arises;

19 (c) A review of services of a licensee, ~~school psychologist,~~
20 ~~registrant, OR certificate holder or unlicensed psychotherapist~~ is
21 conducted by any of the following:

22 (I) A board ~~or the director~~ or a person or group authorized by the
23 board ~~or director~~ to make an investigation on its behalf;

24 (II) The governing board of a hospital licensed pursuant to part 1
25 of article 3 of title 25, C.R.S., where ~~said~~ THE licensee, ~~school~~
26 ~~psychologist, registrant, OR certificate holder or unlicensed~~
27 ~~psychotherapist~~ practices or the medical staff of such hospital if the

1 medical staff operates pursuant to written bylaws approved by the
2 governing board of ~~such~~ THE hospital; or

3 (3) The records and information produced and used in the review
4 provided for in paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of this section ~~shall~~ DO not
5 become public records solely by virtue of the use of ~~such~~ THE records and
6 information. The identity of ~~any~~ A client whose records are ~~so~~ reviewed
7 shall not be disclosed to any person not directly involved in ~~such~~ THE
8 review process, and procedures shall be adopted by ~~the director or a~~
9 board, hospital, association, or society to ensure that the identity of the
10 client is concealed during the review process itself and to comply with ~~the~~
11 ~~provisions of~~ section 12-43-224 (4).

12 (6) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO COVERED ENTITIES, THEIR
13 BUSINESS ASSOCIATES, OR HEALTH OVERSIGHT AGENCIES, AS EACH IS
14 DEFINED IN THE FEDERAL "HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND
15 ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996", AS AMENDED BY THE FEDERAL "HEALTH
16 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR ECONOMIC AND CLINICAL HEALTH
17 ACT", AND THE RESPECTIVE IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS.

18 **SECTION 33.** The introductory portion to 12-43-221 (1) and
19 12-43-221 (1) (b), (1) (f), and (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, are
20 amended to read:

21 **12-43-221. Powers and duties of the boards - rules.** (1) In
22 addition to all other powers and duties conferred and imposed upon the
23 boards, as defined in section 12-43-201 (1), ~~and the director by this~~
24 ~~article~~; each board ~~and the director, as appropriate, have~~ HAS the
25 following powers and duties with respect to the licensing, registration,
26 AND certification ~~and regulation~~ of the persons licensed, registered, OR
27 certified ~~or listed~~ by each individual board pursuant to ~~part 3, 4, 5, 6, or~~

1 ~~7 of this article: or by the director pursuant to part 8 of this article:~~

2 (b) (I) To make investigations, hold hearings, and take evidence
3 in accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ article 4 of title 24, C.R.S., and this
4 article in all matters relating to the exercise and performance of the
5 powers and duties vested in each board. ~~or the director.~~

6 (II) ~~The director and~~ Each board, or an administrative law judge
7 acting on the ~~director's or board's~~ behalf, ~~shall have the power to~~ MAY
8 administer oaths, take affirmations of witnesses, and issue subpoenas to
9 compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of all relevant
10 papers, books, records, documentary evidence, and materials in any
11 hearing, investigation, accusation, or other matter ~~coming~~ before the
12 ~~director or board.~~ ~~The director and~~ Each board may appoint an
13 administrative law judge pursuant to part 10 of article 30 of title 24,
14 C.R.S., to take evidence and to make findings and report them to the
15 ~~director or board~~ pursuant to paragraph (e) of this subsection (1).

16 (III) Upon failure of ~~any~~ A witness to comply with ~~such~~ A
17 subpoena or process, the district court of the county in which the
18 subpoenaed person or licensee resides or conducts business, upon
19 application by the board ~~or director~~ with notice to the subpoenaed person
20 or licensee, may issue to the person or licensee an order requiring that
21 person or licensee to appear before the ~~director~~ BOARD; to produce the
22 relevant papers, books, records, documentary evidence, or materials if so
23 ordered; or to give evidence touching the matter under investigation or in
24 question. THE COURT MAY PUNISH THE failure to obey the order of the
25 court ~~may be punished by the court~~ as a contempt of court.

26 (f) To notify the public of all disciplinary actions taken against
27 licensees, registrants, OR certificate holders ~~or unlicensed~~

1 ~~psychotherapists~~ pursuant to this article.

2 (2) Pursuant to this part 2 and article 4 of title 24, C.R.S., ~~the~~
3 ~~director and~~ each board is authorized to adopt and revise ~~such~~ rules as
4 ~~may be~~ necessary to enable the ~~director or~~ board to carry out the
5 provisions of this part 2 with respect to the regulation of the persons
6 licensed, registered, OR certified ~~or regulated~~ by each individual board
7 pursuant to ~~part 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7~~ of this article. ~~or by the director pursuant~~
8 ~~to part 8 of this article.~~

9 **SECTION 34.** 12-43-224 (1), (2) (c), (2) (d), (2) (e), (3), (4), (8),
10 and (9), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

11 **12-43-224. Disciplinary proceedings - judicial review - mental**
12 **and physical examinations - multiple licenses.** (1) (a) A proceeding
13 for discipline of a licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~
14 CERTIFICATE HOLDER may be commenced when the board that licenses,
15 registers, or ~~regulates such~~ CERTIFIES THE licensee, registrant, or
16 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER has reasonable grounds
17 to believe that a THE licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~
18 CERTIFICATE HOLDER under ~~such~~ THE board's jurisdiction has committed
19 any act or failed to act pursuant to the grounds established in section
20 12-43-222 or 12-43-226.

21 (b) A licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~
22 CERTIFICATE HOLDER who holds more than one license, registration, or
23 ~~listing~~ CERTIFICATION pursuant to this article, who has committed any act
24 or failed to act pursuant to the grounds established in section 12-43-222
25 or 12-43-226, ~~shall be~~ IS subject to disciplinary action by all boards that
26 license, register, or ~~regulate such~~ CERTIFY THE person pursuant to this
27 article. The findings, conclusions, and final agency order of the first

1 board to take disciplinary action pursuant to this section against the
2 licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER,
3 or any disciplinary action taken by the state grievance board as it existed
4 prior to July 1, 1998, ~~shall be~~ IS prima facie evidence against ~~such~~ THE
5 person in any subsequent disciplinary action taken by another board
6 concerning the same act or series of acts.

7 (c) If a licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~
8 CERTIFICATE HOLDER who ~~makes application~~ APPLIES for a license,
9 registration, or ~~listing~~ CERTIFICATION pursuant to this article has been
10 disciplined by any board created pursuant to this article, or the state
11 grievance board as it existed prior to July 1, 1998, the findings,
12 conclusions, and final agency order of the first board to take disciplinary
13 action pursuant to this section against the licensee, registrant, or
14 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist shall be~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER IS prima facie
15 evidence against ~~such~~ THE person in any subsequent application made for
16 a license, registration, or ~~listing~~ CERTIFICATION to any other board created
17 pursuant to this article.

18 (2) (c) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
19 PARAGRAPH (c), A BOARD SHALL NOT DENY, REVOKE, OR SUSPEND a
20 licensee's, ~~or~~ registrant's, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER'S right to use a title
21 ~~shall not be denied, revoked, or suspended by any board, and a licensee,~~
22 ~~registrant, or unlicensed psychotherapist~~ AND shall not be placed PLACE
23 A LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER on probation by any
24 board pursuant to the grounds established in sections 12-43-222 and
25 12-43-226 until after a hearing has been conducted if so required pursuant
26 to section 24-4-105, C.R.S. ~~except as provided for~~

27 (II) THE BOARD THAT LICENSES, REGISTERS, OR CERTIFIES A

1 LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER PURSUANT TO THIS
2 ARTICLE MAY SUMMARILY SUSPEND THE PERSON'S LICENSE,
3 REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATION OF
4 SECTION 24-4-104, C.R.S., UNDER THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:

5 (A) In emergency situations, AS PROVIDED FOR by section
6 24-4-104, C.R.S.; ~~or except~~

7 (B) ~~In the event that a~~ THE licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed~~
8 ~~psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER has been adjudicated BY A COURT
9 OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION as being gravely disabled, mentally retarded,
10 mentally incompetent, or insane or as having a mental illness by a court
11 of competent jurisdiction; ~~or except~~

12 (C) ~~In the event that a~~ THE licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed~~
13 ~~psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER violates paragraph (e) of this
14 subsection (2). ~~in which case, the board that licenses, registers, or~~
15 ~~regulates such licensee, registrant, or unlicensed psychotherapist pursuant~~
16 ~~to this article is empowered to summarily suspend such person's license,~~
17 ~~registration, or listing subject to the limitation of section 24-4-104, C.R.S.~~

18 (d) If a board has reasonable cause to believe that a licensee,
19 registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER whom ~~such~~
20 THE board licenses, registers, or ~~regulates~~ CERTIFIES pursuant to this
21 article is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients, ~~it~~
22 THE BOARD may require ~~such~~ THE licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed~~
23 ~~psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER to submit to mental or physical
24 examinations designated by the board. Upon the failure of ~~such~~ THE
25 licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER
26 to submit to ~~such~~ A mental or physical ~~examinations~~ EXAMINATION, AND
27 unless ~~such~~ THE person shows good cause for such failure, the board may

1 act pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection (2) or enjoin a LICENSEE,
2 registrant, ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~, or licensee CERTIFICATE HOLDER
3 pursuant to section 12-43-227 until ~~such time as such~~ THE person submits
4 to the required examinations.

5 (e) Every licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ shall
6 ~~be~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER IS deemed to have ~~given consent~~ CONSENTED to
7 submit to mental or physical examinations when directed in writing by the
8 board that licenses, registers, or ~~regulates such~~ CERTIFIES THE licensee,
9 registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER pursuant
10 to this article and to have waived all objections to the admissibility of the
11 examiner's testimony or examination reports on the ground of privileged
12 communication.

13 (3) Disciplinary actions may consist of the following:

14 (a) **Revocation of a license, registration, or certification.**

15 (I) Revocation of a license, ~~or a registration~~, OR CERTIFICATION by a
16 board ~~shall mean~~ MEANS that the licensee, ~~or~~ registrant, OR CERTIFICATE
17 HOLDER shall surrender ~~such person's~~ HIS OR HER license, ~~or certificate of~~
18 registration, OR CERTIFICATION to the board within thirty days.

19 (II) Any person whose license, ~~or registration~~, OR CERTIFICATION
20 to practice is revoked ~~or whose listing has been stricken from the data~~
21 ~~base by the grievance board~~ is rendered ineligible to apply for any license,
22 registration, or ~~listing~~ CERTIFICATION issued under this article ~~until more~~
23 ~~than~~ FOR AT LEAST three years ~~have elapsed from~~ AFTER the date of
24 surrender of the license, ~~or certificate of registration~~, ~~or of the listing~~
25 ~~being stricken from the data base~~ OR CERTIFICATION. Any reapplication
26 after such three-year period ~~shall be~~ IS treated as a new application.

27 (b) **Suspension of a license, registration, or certification.**

1 Suspension of a license, registration, or ~~listing~~ CERTIFICATION by the
2 board that licenses, registers, or ~~regulates~~ CERTIFIES such licensee,
3 registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER pursuant
4 to this article ~~shall be~~ IS for a period to be determined by ~~such~~ THE
5 APPLICABLE board.

6 (c) **Probationary status.** A BOARD MAY IMPOSE probationary
7 status ~~may be imposed by a board~~ ON A LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR
8 CERTIFICATE HOLDER. If a board places a licensee, registrant, or
9 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER on probation, it may
10 include ~~such~~ conditions for continued practice ~~as~~ THAT the board deems
11 appropriate to assure that the licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed~~
12 ~~psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER is physically, mentally, and
13 otherwise qualified to practice in accordance with generally accepted
14 professional standards of practice, including any ~~or all~~ of the following:

15 (I) Submission by the licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed~~
16 ~~psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER to ~~such~~ examinations ~~as~~ a board
17 may order to determine ~~such~~ THE person's physical or mental condition or
18 professional qualifications;

19 (II) ~~The taking by such person of such~~ PARTICIPATION IN therapy
20 or courses of training or education ~~as may be needed~~ THE BOARD
21 DETERMINES NECESSARY to correct deficiencies found either in the
22 hearing or by such examinations;

23 (III) ~~Such~~ Review or supervision of ~~such~~ THE person's practice as
24 may be necessary to determine the quality of, AND CORRECT ANY
25 DEFICIENCIES IN, that practice; ~~and to correct deficiencies therein;~~ and

26 (IV) The imposition of restrictions upon the nature of ~~such~~ THE
27 person's practice to assure that he or she does not practice beyond the

1 limits of his or her capabilities.

2 (d) **Issuance of letters of admonition.** (I) When a complaint or
3 investigation discloses an instance of misconduct that, in the opinion of
4 the board, does not warrant formal action by the board but that should not
5 be dismissed as being without merit, a letter of admonition may be issued
6 and sent, by certified mail, to the licensee, REGISTRANT, OR certificate
7 holder. ~~registrant, or unlicensed psychotherapist.~~

8 (II) When a letter of admonition is sent by the board, by certified
9 mail, to a licensee, REGISTRANT, OR certificate holder, ~~registrant, or~~
10 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist, such~~ THE LETTER ALSO MUST ADVISE THE
11 person ~~shall be advised~~ that he or she has the right to request, in writing
12 within twenty days after receipt of the letter, that formal disciplinary
13 proceedings be initiated to adjudicate the propriety of the conduct upon
14 which the letter of admonition is based.

15 (III) If the request for adjudication is timely made, the letter of
16 admonition ~~shall be deemed~~ IS vacated and the matter shall be processed
17 by means of formal disciplinary proceedings.

18 (e) **Issuance of confidential letters of concern.** ~~Such letters shall~~
19 ~~be sent by registered mail to the licensee, registrant, or unlicensed~~
20 ~~psychotherapist against whom a complaint was made~~ WHEN A
21 COMPLAINT OR INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES AN INSTANCE OF CONDUCT
22 THAT DOES NOT WARRANT FORMAL ACTION BY THE BOARD AND, IN THE
23 OPINION OF THE BOARD, SHOULD BE DISMISSED, BUT INDICATES TO THE
24 BOARD POSSIBLE ERRANT CONDUCT BY THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR
25 CERTIFICATE HOLDER THAT COULD LEAD TO SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES IF
26 NOT CORRECTED, THE BOARD MAY ISSUE AND SEND TO THE LICENSEE,
27 REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER A CONFIDENTIAL LETTER OF

1 CONCERN. The letter shall MUST advise the licensee, registrant, or
2 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER that the board is
3 concerned about a complaint ~~that the board has~~ IT received about the
4 licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER
5 and MUST SPECIFY what action, if any, the licensee, registrant, or
6 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER should take to assuage
7 the board's concern. CONFIDENTIAL letters of ~~confidential~~ concern shall
8 ~~be~~ ARE confidential, and THE BOARD shall not ~~be disclosed~~ DISCLOSE THE
9 EXISTENCE OF SUCH A LETTER OR ITS CONTENTS to members of the public
10 or in any court action unless the board is a party TO THE ACTION.

11 (4) (a) ~~Except when a decision to proceed with a disciplinary~~
12 ~~action has been agreed upon by a majority of the board that licenses,~~
13 ~~registers, or regulates such licensee, registrant, or unlicensed~~
14 ~~psychotherapist, and a notice of formal complaint is drafted and served~~
15 ~~on the licensee, registrant, or unlicensed psychotherapist by first-class~~
16 ~~mail or upon final agency action unless the complaint is dismissed AS~~
17 ~~PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (4), IF A COMPLAINT IS~~
18 ~~DISMISSED, RECORDS OF investigations, examinations, hearings, meetings,~~
19 ~~or any~~ AND other proceedings of the board conducted pursuant to ~~the~~
20 ~~provisions of this section shall be~~ ARE exempt from ~~the provisions of the~~
21 open records law, article 72 of title 24, C.R.S. ~~requiring that proceedings~~
22 ~~of the board be conducted publicly or that the minutes or records of the~~
23 ~~board with respect to action of the board taken pursuant to the provisions~~
24 ~~of this section be open to public inspection.~~

25 (b) THE EXEMPTION FROM THE OPEN RECORDS LAW SPECIFIED IN
26 PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (4) DOES NOT APPLY:

27 (I) WHEN A DECISION TO PROCEED WITH A DISCIPLINARY ACTION

1 HAS BEEN AGREED UPON BY A MAJORITY OF THE APPLICABLE BOARD
2 MEMBERS AND A NOTICE OF FORMAL COMPLAINT IS DRAFTED AND SERVED
3 ON THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER BY FIRST-CLASS
4 MAIL; OR

5 (II) UPON FINAL AGENCY ACTION.

6 (c) IN any final agency action or ~~the filing of a~~ formal complaint,
7 ~~when the board, determines it is~~ WHEN IT DEEMS necessary, shall redact
8 all names of clients or other recipients of services to protect such persons'
9 confidentiality.

10 (8) Any licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~
11 CERTIFICATE HOLDER against whom a malpractice claim is settled or a
12 judgment rendered in a court of competent jurisdiction shall notify the
13 board that licenses, registers, or ~~regulates such~~ CERTIFIES THE licensee,
14 registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER pursuant
15 to this article of ~~such~~ THE judgment or settlement within sixty days after
16 ~~such~~ THE disposition.

17 (9) Any licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist having~~
18 CERTIFICATE HOLDER WHO HAS direct knowledge that ~~an unlicensed~~
19 ~~psychotherapist~~ A LICENSEE, registrant, or ~~licensee~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER
20 has violated ~~any of the provisions of~~ section 12-43-222 or 12-43-226 has
21 a duty to report ~~such knowledge~~ THE VIOLATION to the board that licenses,
22 registers, or ~~regulates such unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFIES THE
23 LICENSEE, registrant, or ~~licensee~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER pursuant to this
24 article unless ~~such report~~ REPORTING THE VIOLATION would violate the
25 prohibition against disclosure of confidential information without client
26 consent pursuant to section 12-43-218.

27 **SECTION 35.** 12-43-225, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended

1 to read:

2 **12-43-225. Reconsideration and review of action of a licensing**
3 **board or the grievance board.** A board, on its own motion or upon
4 application, at any time after the imposition of any discipline as provided
5 in section 12-43-224, may reconsider its prior action and reinstate or
6 restore such license, registration, or ~~listing or~~ CERTIFICATION; terminate
7 probation; or reduce the severity of its prior disciplinary action. The
8 ~~taking of any such~~ BOARD HAS SOLE DISCRETION TO DETERMINE WHETHER
9 TO TAKE further action or ~~the holding of~~ HOLD a hearing with respect
10 ~~thereto shall rest in the sole discretion of the board~~ TO ITS PRIOR
11 DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

12 **SECTION 36.** 12-43-226 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read:

14 **12-43-226. Unauthorized practice - penalties.** (2) Any person
15 who practices or offers or attempts to practice as a PSYCHOLOGIST, social
16 worker, marriage and family therapist, LICENSED professional counselor,
17 PSYCHOTHERAPIST, OR addiction counselor ~~or psychologist~~ without an
18 active license, REGISTRATION, OR certification ~~or registration~~ issued under
19 this article commits a class 2 misdemeanor and shall be punished as
20 provided in section 18-1.3-501, C.R.S., for the first offense. Any person
21 who commits a second or any subsequent offense commits a class 6
22 felony and shall be punished as provided in section 18-1.3-401, C.R.S.

23 **SECTION 37.** 12-43-227, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
24 to read:

25 **12-43-227. Injunctive proceedings.** (1) A board may, in the
26 name of the people of the state of Colorado, through the attorney general
27 of the state of Colorado, apply for an injunction in any court of competent

1 jurisdiction:

2 (a) To enjoin any person licensed, ~~regulated~~ or registered, OR
3 CERTIFIED by that board pursuant to ~~part 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7~~ of this article from
4 committing any act prohibited by ~~the provisions~~ of this article;

5 (b) To enjoin a licensee, ~~licensed~~ REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE
6 HOLDER REGULATED by that board from practicing the profession for
7 which ~~such~~ THE person is licensed, REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED under this
8 article ~~or to enjoin a registered psychologist candidate from practicing the~~
9 ~~profession for which such person is registered under section 12-43-304,~~
10 if ~~such~~ THE person has violated section 12-43-224 (2) (d) or 12-43-222.

11 (c) ~~To enjoin an unlicensed psychotherapist from practicing~~
12 ~~psychotherapy if such person has violated the provisions of section~~
13 ~~12-43-222.~~

14 (2) If ~~it is established~~ THE BOARD DEMONSTRATES that the
15 defendant has been or is committing any act prohibited by this article, the
16 court shall enter a decree perpetually enjoining ~~said~~ THE defendant from
17 further committing ~~said~~ THE act or from practicing any profession
18 licensed, registered, or ~~regulated~~ CERTIFIED pursuant to this article.

19 (3) ~~Such~~ Injunctive proceedings ~~shall be~~ ARE in addition to, and
20 not in lieu of, ~~all~~ penalties and other remedies provided in this article.

21 (4) When seeking an injunction under this section, a board ~~shall~~
22 IS not ~~be~~ required to allege or prove either that an adequate remedy at law
23 does not exist or that substantial or irreparable damage would result from
24 a continued violation.

25 **SECTION 38.** The introductory portion to 12-43-228 (1),
26 12-43-228 (1) (a), the introductory portion to 12-43-228 (1) (c), and
27 12-43-228 (2) and (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

1 **12-43-228. Minimum standards for testing.** (1) Every person
2 licensed, registered, or ~~regulated~~ CERTIFIED under this article ~~shall~~ MUST
3 meet the minimum professional preparation standards set forth in this
4 section to engage in the administration, scoring, or interpretation of the
5 following levels of psychometric or electrodiagnostic testing:

6 (a) **General use.** There is no educational or experience minimum
7 necessary for a licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~
8 CERTIFICATE HOLDER to administer standardized personnel selection,
9 achievement, general aptitude, or proficiency tests.

10 (c) **Advanced use.** A licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed~~
11 ~~psychotherapist~~ ~~shall~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER MUST meet all the
12 requirements of paragraph (b) of this subsection (1) and, in addition,
13 completion, at a regionally accredited university or college certified by
14 the accrediting agency or body to award graduate degrees, of at least one
15 graduate-level course in six of the following areas: Cognition, emotion,
16 attention, sensory-perceptual function, psychopathology, learning,
17 encephalopathy, neuropsychology, psychophysiology, personality, growth
18 and development, projective testing, and neuropsychological testing and
19 completion of one year of experience in advanced use practice under the
20 supervision of a person fully qualified under this paragraph (c) in order
21 to practice projective testing, neuropsychological testing, or ~~utilization~~
22 USE of a battery of three or more tests to:

23 (2) The board licensing, registering, or ~~regulating~~ CERTIFYING any
24 person violating ~~any provision~~ of this section may bring disciplinary
25 proceedings or injunctive proceedings against ~~such~~ THE person pursuant
26 to section 12-43-224 or 12-43-227.

27 (3) (a) ~~Any person licensed under this article on July 1, 1998, shall~~

1 not be required to comply with the education requirements of paragraphs
2 (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of this section if such person has, on such
3 date, been licensed under this article for a period of seven consecutive
4 years.

5 (b) Any person licensed under this article on July 1, 1998, shall
6 not be required to comply with the supervision requirements of paragraph
7 (c) of subsection (1) of this section if such person has, on such date, been
8 licensed under this article for a period of five consecutive years.

9 **SECTION 39.** 12-43-302 (2), the introductory portion to
10 12-43-302 (4) (b), and 12-43-302 (4) (b) (II), Colorado Revised Statutes,
11 are amended to read:

12 **12-43-302. State board of psychologist examiners.** (2) The
13 board ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of seven members who are citizens of the
14 United States and residents of the state of Colorado as follows:

15 (a) ~~Three~~ FOUR board members ~~shall~~ MUST be licensed
16 psychologists, at least two of whom shall be engaged in the direct practice
17 of psychology; except that, if, after a good-faith attempt, the governor
18 determines that an applicant for membership on the board pursuant to this
19 paragraph (a) who is engaged in the direct practice of psychology is not
20 available to serve on the board for a particular term, the governor may
21 appoint a licensed psychologist who is not engaged in the direct practice
22 of psychology.

23 (b) ~~Four~~ THREE board members ~~shall~~ MUST be representatives of
24 the general public, one of whom may be a mental health consumer or
25 family member of a mental health consumer. These individuals ~~shall~~
26 MUST have never been psychologists, applicants or former applicants for
27 licensure as psychologists, members of another mental health profession,

1 or members of households that include psychologists or members of
2 another mental health profession or otherwise have conflicts of interest
3 or the appearance of such conflicts with their duties as board members.

4 (4) (b) The terms of office of the members on the board ~~as of~~
5 ~~August 3, 2007, shall be~~ ARE modified as follows in order to ensure
6 staggered terms of office:

7 (II) The initial term of office of the one board member
8 representing the general public whose initial term would otherwise expire
9 on June 30, 2009, shall expire on May 31, 2009, and the board member
10 ~~shall be~~ IS eligible to serve one additional four-year term commencing on
11 June 1, 2009, and expiring on May 31, 2013. On and after the expiration
12 of this board member's term ~~persons appointed~~ OR A VACANCY IN THIS
13 POSITION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST to
14 this position on the board, ~~shall~~ WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO serve terms as
15 described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (4) commencing on June 1
16 of the applicable year.

17 **SECTION 40.** 12-43-303 (1) and (2), Colorado Revised Statutes,
18 are amended to read:

19 **12-43-303. Practice of psychology defined.** (1) For the
20 purposes of this part 3, the "practice of psychology" ~~is defined as~~ MEANS
21 the observation, description, evaluation, interpretation, ~~treatment,~~ or
22 modification of HUMAN behavior ~~cognitions, or emotions~~ by the
23 application of psychological ~~behavioral, and physical~~ principles, methods,
24 or procedures, for the purpose of:

25 (a) Preventing, ~~or~~ eliminating, EVALUATING, ASSESSING, OR
26 PREDICTING symptomatic, maladaptive, or undesired behavior; ~~cognitions,~~
27 ~~or emotions and of enhancing interpersonal relationships, work and life~~

1 ~~adjustment, personal effectiveness, behavioral health, and mental health.~~
2 ~~Psychologists use any and all psychological principles, methods, and~~
3 ~~devices to consider the full range of possible causes of patients' illnesses~~
4 ~~and select and apply the appropriate treatment methods.~~

5 (b) EVALUATING, ASSESSING, OR FACILITATING THE ENHANCEMENT
6 OF INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS, INCLUDING
7 PERSONAL EFFECTIVENESS, ADAPTIVE BEHAVIOR, INTERPERSONAL
8 RELATIONSHIPS, WORK AND LIFE ADJUSTMENT, HEALTH, AND INDIVIDUAL,
9 GROUP, OR ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE; OR

10 (c) ASSISTING IN LEGAL DECISION-MAKING.

11 (2) The practice of psychology includes: ~~but is not limited to:~~

12 (a) Psychological testing and the evaluation or assessment of
13 personal characteristics such as intelligence; personality; COGNITIVE,
14 PHYSICAL, OR EMOTIONAL abilities; SKILLS; interests; ~~and~~ aptitudes; AND
15 NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING;

16 (b) ~~Neuropsychological tests, assessments, diagnoses, and~~
17 ~~treatment of neuropsychological and brain disorders~~ COUNSELING,
18 PSYCHOANALYSIS, PSYCHOTHERAPY, HYPNOSIS, BIOFEEDBACK, AND
19 BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS AND THERAPY;

20 (c) ~~Psychotherapy, which may include psychoanalytic, existential,~~
21 ~~cognitive, and behavioral therapies, hypnosis, and biofeedback~~
22 DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT, AND MANAGEMENT OF MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL
23 DISORDER OR DISABILITY, SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, DISORDERS OF
24 HABIT OR CONDUCT, AS WELL AS OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF
25 PHYSICAL ILLNESS, ACCIDENT, INJURY, OR DISABILITY;

26 (d) ~~Clinical and counseling psychology, which are the sciences of~~
27 ~~diagnosis and treatment of mental, neurological, psychophysiological, and~~

1 ~~emotional disorder or disability, alcoholism and substance abuse,~~
2 ~~behavioral abuse including dangerousness to self or others, and disorders~~
3 ~~of habit or conduct~~ PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL EVALUATION, THERAPY, AND
4 REMEDIATION;

5 (e) ~~Rehabilitation psychology, which is the science of psychology~~
6 ~~dealing with the psychological aspects of physical illness, accident,~~
7 ~~injury, or disability and rehabilitation therefrom~~ CONSULTATION WITH
8 PHYSICIANS, OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, AND PATIENTS
9 REGARDING ALL AVAILABLE TREATMENT OPTIONS WITH RESPECT TO
10 PROVISION OF CARE FOR A SPECIFIC PATIENT OR CLIENT;

11 (f) ~~Health psychology, which is the science of psychology dealing~~
12 ~~with the role of psychological factors in health and illness~~ THE PROVISION
13 OF DIRECT SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
14 ENHANCING INDIVIDUAL AND THEREBY ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS,
15 USING PSYCHOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES, METHODS, OR PROCEDURES TO ASSESS
16 AND EVALUATE INDIVIDUALS ON PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS FOR
17 INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT OR BEHAVIOR CHANGE OR FOR MAKING
18 DECISIONS ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL, SUCH AS SELECTION; AND

19 (g) ~~Forensic psychology, which is the science of psychology that~~
20 ~~deals with the relation and application of psychological research and~~
21 ~~knowledge to legal issues, including, but not limited to, assessments of~~
22 ~~competency in civil or criminal matters, legal questions of sanity, or civil~~
23 ~~commitment proceedings;~~ THE SUPERVISION OF ANY OF THE PRACTICES
24 DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2).

25 (h) ~~Organizational psychology, which is the science of assessment~~
26 ~~and intervention by an employee within his or her organization or by a~~
27 ~~consultant retained by such organization;~~

1 (i) ~~Community psychology, which is the science of psychology~~
2 ~~emphasizing prevention and early discovery of potential difficulties,~~
3 ~~rather than awaiting initiation of therapy by affected individuals or~~
4 ~~groups, and which is generally practiced outside of an office setting;~~

5 (j) ~~Sports psychology, which is the science of psychology dealing~~
6 ~~with enhancement of athletic performance utilizing principles of~~
7 ~~psychological research, assessment, and knowledge;~~

8 (k) ~~Psychoeducational evaluation, therapy, remediation, and~~
9 ~~consultation; and~~

10 (l) ~~Research psychology, which is the application of research~~
11 ~~methodologies, statistics, and experimental design to psychological data.~~

12 **SECTION 41.** 12-43-306 (6), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read:

14 **12-43-306. Exemptions.** (6) Nothing in this part 3 ~~shall be~~
15 ~~construed to prevent~~ PREVENTS the practice of psychotherapy by
16 ~~unlicensed persons who are listed~~ REGISTERED with the state grievance
17 board pursuant to section 12-43-702.5.

18 **SECTION 42.** 12-43-401 (8), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
19 amended to read:

20 **12-43-401. Definitions.** As used in this part 4, unless the context
21 otherwise requires:

22 (8) "Licensed social worker" means a person licensed under ~~the~~
23 ~~provisions of this part 4~~ AS A LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER.

24 **SECTION 43.** 12-43-402 (2), the introductory portion to
25 12-43-402 (3) (b), and 12-43-402 (3) (b) (II), Colorado Revised Statutes,
26 are amended, and the said 12-43-402 is further amended BY THE
27 ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

1 **12-43-402. State board of social work examiners.** (2) (a) ~~Three~~
2 FOUR board members shall be licensed clinical social workers, at least
3 two of whom shall be engaged in direct social work practice; except that,
4 if, after a good-faith attempt, the governor determines that an applicant
5 for membership on the board pursuant to this paragraph (a) who is
6 engaged in direct social work practice is not available to serve on the
7 board for a particular term, the governor may appoint a licensed clinical
8 social worker who is not engaged in direct social work practice.

9 (b) ~~Four~~ THREE board members shall be representatives of the
10 general public. These individuals shall have never been a social worker,
11 an applicant or former applicant for licensure as a social worker, a
12 member of another mental health profession, or a member of a household
13 that includes a social worker or a member of another mental health
14 profession or otherwise have conflicts of interest or the appearance of
15 such conflicts with his or her duties as a board member.

16 (3) (b) The terms of office of the members on the board ~~as of~~
17 ~~August 3, 2007, shall be~~ ARE modified as follows in order to ensure
18 staggered terms of office:

19 (II) The initial term of office of one of the board members
20 representing the general public whose initial term would otherwise expire
21 on July 25, 2010, ~~shall expire~~ EXPIRES on June 30, 2008, and the board
22 member ~~shall be~~ IS eligible to serve one additional four-year term
23 commencing on July 1, 2008, and expiring on June 30, 2012. On and
24 after the expiration of this board member's term ~~persons appointed~~ OR A
25 VACANCY IN THIS POSITION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A LICENSED
26 CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER to this position on the board, ~~shall~~ WHO IS
27 ELIGIBLE TO serve terms as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection

1 (3) commencing on July 1 of the applicable year.

2 (7) THE BOARD MAY APPOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO ASSIST
3 IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES AS FOLLOWS:

4 (a) WHEN PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT SPECIFIC TO CLINICAL
5 PRACTICE IS REQUIRED IN THE REVIEW OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF
6 SECTION 12-43-222, THE BOARD MAY APPOINT AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
7 OF CLINICAL PRACTITIONERS TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
8 TO THE BOARD; OR

9 (b) A LICENSEE MAY REQUEST THE BOARD TO APPOINT AN
10 ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHEN PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT SPECIFIC TO
11 CLINICAL PRACTICE IS REQUIRED.

12 **SECTION 44.** 12-43-403 (1), (2) (t), and (2) (u), Colorado
13 Revised Statutes, are amended, and the said 12-43-403 (2) is further
14 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH, to read:

15 **12-43-403. Social work practice defined.** (1) For the purposes
16 of this part 4, "social work practice" means the professional application
17 of social work theory and methods by a graduate with a master's degree
18 in social work OR a doctoral degree in social work ~~or a bachelor's degree~~
19 ~~in social work~~ from an accredited social work program, for the purpose
20 of prevention, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention with individual,
21 family, group, organizational, and societal problems, including alcohol
22 and substance abuse and domestic violence, based on the promotion of
23 biopsychosocial developmental processes, person-in environment
24 transactions, and empowerment of the client system. Social work theory
25 and methods are based on known accepted principles that are taught in
26 professional schools of social work in colleges or universities accredited
27 by the council on social work education.

1 (2) Professional social work practice may include, but is not
2 limited to:

3 (t) Psychotherapy; and

4 (u) Consultation, supervision, and teaching in higher education;

5 AND

6 (v) COUNSELING.

7 **SECTION 45.** 12-43-405 (1) and (2), Colorado Revised Statutes,
8 are amended to read:

9 **12-43-405. Rights and privileges of licensure and a social work**
10 **degree.** (1) Any person who possesses a valid, unsuspended, and
11 unrevoked ~~certificate~~ LICENSE as a ~~licensed~~ social worker ~~and who has~~
12 ~~received a license~~ THAT WAS ISSUED pursuant to section 12-43-404 has the
13 right to practice social work under supervision and use the title "licensed
14 social worker", "social worker", and the abbreviation "LSW". No other
15 person shall assume these titles or use these abbreviations on any work or
16 letter, sign, figure, or device to indicate that the person using the same is
17 a licensed social worker or a social worker.

18 (2) Any person who possesses a valid, unsuspended, and
19 unrevoked ~~certificate~~ LICENSE as a ~~licensed~~ clinical social worker ~~whose~~
20 ~~license~~ THAT was granted pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ section 12-43-404
21 is entitled to engage in the private, independent practice of clinical social
22 work and has the right to practice and supervise clinical social work
23 practice and use the title "licensed clinical social worker", "clinical social
24 worker", "social worker", or "licensed social worker", and the
25 abbreviation "LCSW". No other person shall assume these titles or use
26 these abbreviations on any work or letter, sign, figure, or device to
27 indicate that the person using the same is a licensed clinical social worker

1 or social worker.

2 **SECTION 46.** 12-43-406 (2) and (5), Colorado Revised Statutes,
3 are amended to read:

4 **12-43-406. Scope of part.** (2) No person may state that he or she
5 is engaged in the practice of social work as a social worker, or refer to
6 himself or herself as a social worker, unless ~~such~~ THE person is licensed
7 ~~or registered~~ pursuant to this part 4 or possesses an earned social work
8 degree, as defined in section 12-43-401 (11). No person may practice as
9 a clinical social worker unless licensed pursuant to section 12-43-404 (2)
10 or licensed ~~or registered~~ to practice social work and supervised pursuant
11 to section 12-43-404 (1) or (2).

12 (5) Nothing in this part 4 ~~shall be construed to prevent~~ PREVENTS
13 the practice of psychotherapy by ~~unlicensed~~ persons ~~who are listed~~
14 REGISTERED with the state grievance board pursuant to section
15 12-43-702.5.

16 **SECTION 47. Repeal.** 12-43-408 (1), Colorado Revised
17 Statutes, is repealed as follows:

18 **12-43-408. School social workers.** (1) ~~Any person who holds a~~
19 ~~valid master's degree in social work and has obtained the special services~~
20 ~~license with social work endorsement issued by the department of~~
21 ~~education pursuant to the "Colorado Educator Licensing Act of 1991",~~
22 ~~article 60.5 of title 22, C.R.S., shall be issued the "LISW" certificate upon~~
23 ~~application and payment of said fees and shall be subject to the provisions~~
24 ~~of this article.~~

25 **SECTION 48.** 12-43-409, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
26 to read:

27 **12-43-409. Clinical social work practice of psychotherapy.** For

1 the purpose of licensure, the practice, UNDER THIS PART 4, of
2 psychotherapy ~~under this part 4 shall be~~ AND OTHER CLINICAL ACTIVITIES
3 WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN SECTION 12-43-403
4 IS limited to licensed clinical social workers or licensed social workers
5 supervised by licensed clinical social workers.

6 **SECTION 49.** 12-43-410, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
7 to read:

8 **12-43-410. Employees of social services.** (1) Notwithstanding
9 the exemption in section 12-43-215 (3), ~~no~~ AN employee of the
10 department of human services, employee of a county department of social
11 services, or personnel under the direct control or supervision of such
12 departments, shall NOT state that he or she is engaged in the practice of
13 social work as a social worker or refer to himself or herself as a social
14 worker unless ~~such~~ THE person is licensed ~~or registered~~ pursuant to this
15 part 4 or possesses an earned social work degree, as defined in section
16 12-43-401 (11).

17 (2) Notwithstanding the exemption in section 12-43-215 (3), any
18 employee licensed ~~or registered~~ pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ this article
19 who is terminated from employment by the department of human services
20 or a county department of social services is subject to review and
21 disciplinary action by the board that licenses ~~registers~~, or regulates ~~such~~
22 THE employee.

23 (3) An employee of the state department of human services or a
24 county department of social services who has earned a ~~bachelor's or~~
25 master's degree in social work may apply to the board, for purposes
26 related to licensure under this part 4, for approval for supervision by a
27 person other than a licensed clinical social worker. The board shall

1 consider input from representatives of the state department of human
2 services and the county departments of social services when promulgating
3 the rule concerning what qualifications or experience a person is required
4 to possess in order to supervise an employee pursuant to this subsection
5 (3).

6 **SECTION 50.** 12-43-502 (2) (a), the introductory portion to
7 12-43-502 (4) (b), and 12-43-502 (4) (b) (III), Colorado Revised Statutes,
8 are amended to read:

9 **12-43-502. State board of marriage and family therapist**
10 **examiners.** (2) (a) The members of the board shall be appointed by the
11 governor as follows:

12 (I) ~~Four~~ THREE members of the general public who are not
13 regulated by this article; and

14 (II) ~~Three~~ FOUR marriage and family therapists.

15 (4) (b) The terms of office of the members on the board ~~as of~~
16 ~~August 3, 2007, shall be~~ ARE modified as follows in order to ensure
17 staggered terms of office:

18 (III) The term of office of the one board member representing the
19 general public who, as of August 12, 2009, would have served one full
20 four-year term and one partial four-year term ~~shall expire~~ EXPIRES on July
21 31, 2009. This board member ~~shall be~~ IS eligible to serve one additional
22 four-year term commencing on August 1, 2009, and expiring on July 31,
23 2013. On and after the expiration of this board member's term ~~persons~~
24 ~~appointed~~ OR A VACANCY IN THIS POSITION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL
25 APPOINT A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST to this position on the
26 board, ~~shall~~ WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO serve terms as described in paragraph (a)
27 of this subsection (4) commencing on August 1 of the applicable year.

1 **SECTION 51.** 12-43-505 (5), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read:

3 **12-43-505. Rights and privileges of licensure and registration.**

4 (5) Nothing in this part 5 ~~shall be construed to prevent~~ PREVENTS the
5 practice of psychotherapy by ~~unlicensed persons who are listed~~
6 REGISTERED with the state grievance board pursuant to section
7 12-43-702.5.

8 **SECTION 52.** 12-43-601 (2), (4), and (5), Colorado Revised
9 Statutes, are amended to read:

10 **12-43-601. Definitions.** As used in this part 6, unless the context
11 otherwise requires:

12 (2) ~~"Clinical mental health counseling" includes:~~

13 ~~(a) Assessment, counseling activities, consultation, and referral;~~
14 ~~and~~

15 ~~(b) Treatment, diagnosis, testing, assessment, psychotherapy, or~~
16 ~~counseling in a professional relationship to assist individuals or groups~~
17 ~~to alleviate mental and emotional disorders, understand unconscious or~~
18 ~~conscious motivation, resolve emotional, relationship, or attitudinal~~
19 ~~conflicts, or modify behaviors that interfere with effective emotional,~~
20 ~~social, or intellectual functioning.~~

21 (4) "Licensed professional counselor" means a professional
22 counselor who practices professional counseling ~~or mental health~~
23 ~~counseling~~ and who is licensed pursuant to this part 6.

24 (5) (a) ~~"Professional counseling" means:~~

25 ~~(I) Those activities that assist the person receiving counseling in~~
26 ~~developing an understanding of personal, emotional, social, educational,~~
27 ~~alcohol and substance abuse, domestic violence, and vocational~~

1 development and in planning and effecting actions to increase functioning
2 or gain control of his or her behavior in such areas. Such activities
3 include, but are not limited to, skill-building in communications,
4 decision-making, and problem-solving, clarifying values, promoting
5 adaptation to loss and other life changes, developing social skills,
6 restructuring cognitive patterns, defining educational and career goals,
7 and facilitating adjustment to personal crises and conflicts.

8 (H) ~~The selecting, administering, scoring, and interpreting of~~
9 ~~instruments designed to measure aptitudes, attitudes, abilities,~~
10 ~~achievements, interests, emotions, and other personal characteristics and~~
11 ~~includes the application of nonstandardized methods, such as interviews,~~
12 ~~to evaluate a person receiving counseling and to evaluate such personal~~
13 ~~and social functioning;~~

14 (HH) ~~A voluntary relationship between a counselor and a client in~~
15 ~~which the counselor assists a person, couple, group, or organization to~~
16 ~~cope with matters that include relationships, conflicts, problem-solving,~~
17 ~~decision-making, and competencies by interpreting, reporting on, or~~
18 ~~applying counseling theory;~~

19 (IV) ~~Rendering of or offering to render counseling services that~~
20 ~~facilitate effective personal, emotional, social, educational, and vocational~~
21 ~~development in individuals, couples, groups, and organizations, with an~~
22 ~~emphasis on the natural aspects of human development and with an~~
23 ~~educational orientation.~~

24 (b) ~~Professional counseling follows a planned procedure of~~
25 ~~intervention that takes place on a regular basis, over a period of time, or~~
26 ~~in the cases of testing, assessment, and brief professional counseling, it~~
27 ~~can be a single intervention.~~

1 **SECTION 53.** 12-43-602 (2) (a), the introductory portion to
2 12-43-602 (4) (b), and 12-43-602 (4) (b) (II), Colorado Revised Statutes,
3 are amended to read:

4 **12-43-602. State board of licensed professional counselor**
5 **examiners.** (2) (a) The members of the board shall be appointed by the
6 governor as follows:

7 (I) ~~Four~~ THREE members of the general public who are not
8 regulated under this article; and

9 (II) ~~Three~~ FOUR licensed professional counselors.

10 (4) (b) The terms of office of the members on the board ~~as of~~
11 ~~August 3, 2007, shall be~~ ARE modified as follows in order to ensure
12 staggered terms of office:

13 (II) The term of office of the one board member representing the
14 public whose initial term would otherwise expire on September 12, 2009,
15 ~~shall expire~~ EXPIRES on August 31, 2009, and the board member ~~shall be~~
16 IS eligible to serve one additional four-year term, commencing on
17 September 1, 2009, and expiring on August 31, 2013. On and after the
18 expiration of this board member's term ~~persons appointed~~ OR A VACANCY
19 IN THIS POSITION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A LICENSED
20 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR to this position on the board, ~~shall~~ WHO IS
21 ELIGIBLE TO serve terms as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection
22 (4) commencing on September 1 of the applicable year.

23 **SECTION 54.** Part 6 of article 43 of title 12, Colorado Revised
24 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to
25 read:

26 **12-43-602.5. Practice of licensed professional counseling**
27 **defined.** (1) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PART 6, "PRACTICE OF LICENSED

1 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING" MEANS THE APPLICATION OF MENTAL
2 HEALTH, PSYCHOLOGICAL, OR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES
3 THROUGH COGNITIVE, AFFECTIVE, BEHAVIORAL, OR SYSTEMATIC
4 INTERVENTION STRATEGIES THAT ADDRESS WELLNESS, PERSONAL
5 GROWTH, OR CAREER DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS PATHOLOGY. A
6 LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR MAY RENDER THE APPLICATION OF
7 THESE PRINCIPLES TO INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES, FAMILIES, OR GROUPS.

8 (2) THE PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING INCLUDES:

- 9 (a) EVALUATION;
- 10 (b) ASSESSMENT;
- 11 (c) TESTING;
- 12 (d) DIAGNOSIS;
- 13 (e) TREATMENT OR INTERVENTION;
- 14 (f) PLANNING;
- 15 (g) CONSULTATION;
- 16 (h) CASE MANAGEMENT;
- 17 (i) EDUCATION;
- 18 (j) SUPERVISION;
- 19 (k) CONSULTATION;
- 20 (l) RESEARCH;
- 21 (m) REFERRAL; AND
- 22 (n) CRISIS INTERVENTION.

23 **SECTION 55.** 12-43-604 (1), (2), and (4), Colorado Revised
24 Statutes, are amended to read:

25 **12-43-604. Rights and privileges of licensure.** (1) Any person
26 who possesses a valid, unsuspended, and unrevoked ~~certificate~~ LICENSE
27 as a licensed professional counselor has the right to use the title for which

1 he or she is licensed pursuant to section 12-43-603. A LICENSED
2 professional counselor licensed pursuant to section 12-43-603 has the
3 right to use the abbreviation "LPC". No other person shall assume this
4 title or use this abbreviation on any work or letter, sign, figure, or device
5 to indicate that the person using the same is a licensed professional
6 counselor.

7 (2) Any person duly licensed as a licensed professional counselor
8 ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ required to obtain any other license or certification to
9 practice professional counseling ~~as defined in section 12-43-601~~ unless
10 otherwise required by the board of licensed professional counselor
11 examiners.

12 (4) Nothing in this part 6 ~~shall be construed to prevent~~ PREVENTS
13 the practice of psychotherapy by ~~unlicensed~~ persons ~~who are listed~~
14 REGISTERED with the state grievance board pursuant to section
15 12-43-702.5.

16 **SECTION 56.** 12-43-702 (2), (3), and (6), Colorado Revised
17 Statutes, are amended to read:

18 **12-43-702. State grievance board - creation - subject to**
19 **termination.** (2) ~~Four~~ THREE members of the grievance board shall be
20 appointed by the governor from the general public who are not regulated
21 by this article with a good faith effort to achieve broad-based
22 geographical representation. Such members ~~shall~~ ARE ELIGIBLE TO serve
23 terms of three years. ~~No such~~ A member ~~shall~~ MUST NOT have any direct
24 involvement or interest in the provision of psychotherapy; except that
25 such member may be or may have been a consumer of such services.

26 (3) ~~Three~~ FOUR members of the grievance board ~~shall~~ MUST be
27 ~~unlicensed~~ REGISTERED psychotherapists. ~~shall be appointed by~~ The

1 governor ~~and~~ shall APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE GRIEVANCE BOARD TO serve
2 terms of four years.

3 (6) (a) Each member ~~shall~~ IS ELIGIBLE TO hold office until the
4 expiration of his or her appointed term or until a successor is duly
5 appointed. When the term of each grievance board member expires, the
6 governor shall appoint his or her successor for a term of four years. Any
7 vacancy occurring in the grievance board membership other than by the
8 expiration of a term shall be filled by the governor by appointment for the
9 unexpired term of such member.

10 (b) FOR PURPOSES OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD MADE ON OR
11 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, AS AMENDED, UPON THE
12 OCCURRENCE OF A VACANCY IN A POSITION HELD BY A MEMBER
13 REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC OR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE SECOND
14 TERM OF OFFICE OF A MEMBER REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC, WHICHEVER
15 OCCURS FIRST, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A REGULATED
16 PSYCHOTHERAPIST TO THAT POSITION ON THE BOARD, WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO
17 SERVE TERMS AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS (3) AND (5) OF THIS SECTION.

18 (c) The governor may remove any grievance board member for
19 misconduct, incompetence, or neglect of duty. Actions constituting
20 neglect of duty shall include, but not be limited to, the failure of board
21 members to attend three consecutive meetings or at least three-quarters
22 of the board's meetings in any one calendar year.

23 **SECTION 57.** 12-43-710, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
24 to read:

25 **12-43-710. Jurisdiction.** If the licensee, registrant, ~~or unlicensed~~
26 ~~psychotherapist~~ OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER is regulated by more than one
27 board, the investigation or case being adjudicated shall be referred to the

1 board as determined APPROPRIATE by the director of the ~~division of~~
2 ~~registrations~~ for final adjudication.

3 **SECTION 58. Repeal.** 12-43-711, Colorado Revised Statutes,
4 is repealed as follows:

5 **12-43-711. Records.** ~~The grievance board shall maintain records~~
6 ~~of all cases considered and decisions rendered by said board.~~

7 **SECTION 59.** 12-43-803, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
8 REPEALED AND REENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, to read:

9 **12-43-803. Practice of addiction counseling defined - scope of**
10 **practice.** (1) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 8, "ADDICTION
11 COUNSELING" MEANS THE APPLICATION OF GENERAL COUNSELING
12 THEORIES AND TREATMENT METHODS ADAPTED SPECIFICALLY FOR
13 WORKING WITH ADDICTIVE AND OTHER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS.
14 ADDICTION COUNSELORS WORK IN A BROAD VARIETY OF DISCIPLINES BUT
15 SHARE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ADDICTIVE PROCESS. AN ADDICTION
16 COUNSELOR IDENTIFIES A VARIETY OF HELPING STRATEGIES THAT CAN BE
17 TAILORED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CLIENT. ADDICTION COUNSELING
18 RELIES ON THE USE OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES THAT HAVE BEEN
19 SHOWN TO BE EFFECTIVE IN TREATING ADDICTIVE DISORDERS.

20 (2) THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF ADDICTION COUNSELING FOCUSES
21 ON THE FOLLOWING FOUR TRANS-DISCIPLINARY FOUNDATIONS THAT
22 UNDERLIE THE WORK OF ALL ADDICTION COUNSELORS:

23 (a) **Understanding addiction:** INCLUDES KNOWLEDGE OF
24 MODELS AND THEORIES OF ADDICTION; RECOGNITION OF SOCIAL,
25 POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL CONTEXTS WITHIN WHICH
26 ADDICTION EXISTS; UNDERSTANDING THE BEHAVIORAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL,
27 PHYSICAL HEALTH, AND SOCIAL EFFECTS OF USING ADDICTIVE SUBSTANCES

1 OR ENGAGING IN ADDICTIVE BEHAVIORS; AND RECOGNIZING AND
2 UNDERSTANDING CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS.

3 (b) **Treatment knowledge:** INCLUDES THE PHILOSOPHIES,
4 PRACTICES, POLICIES, AND OUTCOMES OF THE MOST GENERALLY ACCEPTED
5 AND SCIENTIFICALLY SUPPORTED MODELS, ALONG WITH RESEARCH AND
6 OUTCOME DATA, OF TREATMENT, RECOVERY, RELAPSE PREVENTION, AND
7 CONTINUING CARE FOR ADDICTIVE DISORDERS. TREATMENT KNOWLEDGE
8 INCLUDES THE ABILITY TO WORK EFFECTIVELY WITH FAMILIES,
9 SIGNIFICANT OTHERS, SOCIAL NETWORKS, AND COMMUNITY SYSTEMS IN
10 THE TREATMENT PROCESS AND UNDERSTANDING THE VALUE OF A
11 MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO ADDICTION TREATMENT.

12 (c) **Application to practice:** INCLUDES THE ABILITY TO PROPERLY
13 DIAGNOSE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS USING APPROPRIATE
14 ASSESSMENT AND TESTING INSTRUMENTS AND PLACEMENT CRITERIA;
15 STABILIZATION TO REDUCE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF PROBLEMATIC
16 BEHAVIORS; DEVELOPING HELPING STRATEGIES AND TREATMENT LEVELS
17 OF CARE BASED ON THE CLIENT'S STAGE OF READINESS FOR CHANGE;
18 CULTURAL COMPETENCY; AND FAMILIARITY WITH MEDICAL AND
19 PHARMACOLOGICAL RESOURCES FOR TREATMENT.

20 (d) **Professional readiness:** INCLUDES AN UNDERSTANDING OF
21 DIVERSE CULTURES; CULTIVATION OF A HIGH LEVEL OF SELF-AWARENESS;
22 ABILITY TO USE CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS; ADHERENCE TO ETHICAL
23 STANDARDS OF CONDUCT; ONGOING USE OF CLINICAL SUPERVISION AND
24 CONSULTATION; CRISIS MANAGEMENT; AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE
25 IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTION AND RECOVERY MANAGEMENT.

26 (3) THE PRIMARY PRACTICE DIMENSIONS OF ADDICTION
27 COUNSELING INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING COMPETENCIES:

- 1 (a) CLINICAL EVALUATION, INCLUDING SCREENING AND
- 2 ASSESSMENT;
- 3 (b) CLINICAL INTAKE, DISCHARGE, DISCHARGE PLANNING, AND
- 4 REFERRAL;
- 5 (c) TREATMENT PLANNING;
- 6 (d) SERVICE COORDINATION, INCLUDING CLIENT ADVOCACY,
- 7 CONTINUING CARE PLANNING, AND COLLABORATION WITH OTHER
- 8 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS;
- 9 (e) COUNSELING OF INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, FAMILIES, COUPLES,
- 10 AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS;
- 11 (f) RECOVERY MANAGEMENT;
- 12 (g) CASE MANAGEMENT;
- 13 (h) CLIENT, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION;
- 14 (i) DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR A CLINICAL RECORD;
- 15 (j) PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL PRACTICES; AND
- 16 (k) CLINICAL SUPERVISION.

17 (4) **Scope of practice - licensed addiction counselors.** BASED
18 ON EDUCATION, TRAINING, KNOWLEDGE, AND EXPERIENCE, THE SCOPE OF
19 PRACTICE OF A LICENSED ADDICTION COUNSELOR INCLUDES BEHAVIORAL
20 HEALTH COUNSELING AND MAY INCLUDE THE TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE
21 USE DISORDERS, ADDICTIVE BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS, AND CO-OCCURRING
22 DISORDERS, INCLUDING CLINICAL EVALUATION AND DIAGNOSIS,
23 TREATMENT PLANNING, SERVICE COORDINATION, CASE MANAGEMENT,
24 CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION, PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL
25 RESPONSIBILITIES, EDUCATION AND PSYCHOTHERAPY WITH CLIENTS,
26 FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY, AND CLINICAL SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES.

27 **SECTION 60.** 12-43-804, Colorado Revised Statutes, is

1 REPEALED AND REENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, to read:

2 **12-43-804. Requirements for licensure and certification -**

3 **rules.** (1) THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE AS AN ADDICTION
4 COUNSELOR TO AN APPLICANT WHO FILES AN APPLICATION IN THE FORM
5 AND MANNER APPROVED BY THE BOARD, SUBMITS THE FEE REQUIRED BY
6 THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-43-204, AND SUBMITS EVIDENCE
7 SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD THAT HE OR SHE:

8 (a) IS AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE;

9 (b) IS NOT IN VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE OR
10 ANY RULES PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD;

11 (c) HOLDS A MASTER'S OR DOCTORATE DEGREE IN THE
12 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SCIENCES FROM AN ACCREDITED SCHOOL, COLLEGE,
13 OR UNIVERSITY OR AN EQUIVALENT PROGRAM AS DETERMINED BY THE
14 BOARD;

15 (d) HAS DEMONSTRATED PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE BY:

16 (I) PASSING A NATIONAL EXAMINATION DEMONSTRATING SPECIAL
17 KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS COUNSELING
18 AS DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IN THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD; AND

20 (II) PASSING A WRITTEN, COMPUTER-BASED OR MAIL-IN
21 JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
22 REGULATORY AGENCIES;

23 (e) HAS MET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
24 ADDICTION COUNSELING, LEVEL III;

25 (f) HAS COMPLETED AT LEAST THREE HUNDRED CLOCK HOURS OF
26 ADDICTION-SPECIFIC TRAINING, INCLUDING TRAINING IN EVIDENCE-BASED
27 TREATMENT APPROACHES, CLINICAL SUPERVISION, ETHICS, AND

1 CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS; AND

2 (g) HAS COMPLETED AT LEAST FIVE THOUSAND HOURS OF
3 CLINICALLY SUPERVISED WORK EXPERIENCE.

4 (2) THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATION AS AN ADDICTION
5 COUNSELOR TO AN APPLICANT WHO FILES AN APPLICATION IN THE FORM
6 AND MANNER APPROVED BY THE BOARD, SUBMITS THE FEE REQUIRED BY
7 THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-43-204, AND SUBMITS EVIDENCE
8 SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD THAT HE OR SHE:

9 (a) IS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE;

10 (b) IS NOT IN VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE OR
11 ANY RULES PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD OR BY THE STATE BOARD OF
12 HUMAN SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;

13 (c) HAS MET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AT A
14 PARTICULAR CERTIFICATION LEVEL AS SPECIFIED IN RULES ADOPTED
15 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION BY THE STATE BOARD OF
16 HUMAN SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

17 (3) THE STATE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT
18 OF HUMAN SERVICES SHALL PROMULGATE RULES, WITH APPROVAL OF THE
19 BOARD, FOR CERTIFICATION OF ADDICTION COUNSELORS.

20 (4) NOTHING IN THIS PART 8 PREVENTS MEMBERS OF OTHER
21 PROFESSIONS LICENSED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE FROM RENDERING
22 SERVICES WITHIN THEIR SCOPE OF PRACTICE AS SET FORTH IN THE
23 STATUTES REGULATING THEIR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES SO LONG AS THEY
24 DO NOT REPRESENT THEMSELVES TO BE CERTIFIED OR LICENSED
25 ADDICTION COUNSELORS.

26 **SECTION 61.** Part 8 of article 43 of title 12, Colorado Revised
27 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to

1 read:

2 **12-43-804.5. Rights and privileges of certification and**
3 **licensure.** (1) ANY PERSON WHO POSSESSES A VALID, UNSUSPENDED, AND
4 UNREVOKED CERTIFICATE AS A LEVEL I, II, OR III CERTIFIED ADDICTION
5 COUNSELOR HAS THE RIGHT TO PRACTICE ADDICTION COUNSELING UNDER
6 SUPERVISION OR CONSULTATION AS REQUIRED BY THE RULES OF THE STATE
7 BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; A
8 LEVEL III CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR HAS THE RIGHT TO SUPERVISE
9 ADDICTION COUNSELING PRACTICE; AND ALL LEVELS OF CERTIFICATION
10 HAVE THE RIGHT TO USE THE TITLE "CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR"
11 AND THE ABBREVIATIONS "CAC I", "CAC II", OR "CAC III", AS
12 APPLICABLE. NO OTHER PERSON SHALL ASSUME THESE TITLES OR USE
13 THESE ABBREVIATIONS ON ANY WORK OR MEDIA TO INDICATE THAT THE
14 PERSON USING THE TITLE OR ABBREVIATION IS A CERTIFIED ADDICTION
15 COUNSELOR.

16 (2) ANY PERSON WHO POSSESSES A VALID, UNSUSPENDED, AND
17 UNREVOKED LICENSE AS AN ADDICTION COUNSELOR HAS THE RIGHT TO
18 PRACTICE ADDICTION COUNSELING AND TO USE THE TITLE "LICENSED
19 ADDICTION COUNSELOR" OR THE ABBREVIATION "LAC". NO OTHER
20 PERSON SHALL ASSUME THESE TITLES OR USE THESE ABBREVIATIONS ON
21 ANY WORK OR MEDIA TO INDICATE THAT THE PERSON USING THE TITLE OR
22 ABBREVIATION IS A LICENSED ADDICTION COUNSELOR.

23 **SECTION 62.** 12-43-805 (1), (2) (a), and (3), Colorado Revised
24 Statutes, are amended to read:

25 **12-43-805. Continuing professional competency - rules -**
26 **repeal.** (1) (a) In accordance with sections 12-43-803 and 12-43-804,
27 the ~~director~~ BOARD issues a license or certificate to practice addiction

1 counseling based on whether the applicant satisfies minimum educational
2 and experience requirements that demonstrate professional competency
3 to practice addiction counseling. After a license or a certificate as a
4 LEVEL I, level II, or level III addiction counselor is issued to an applicant,
5 the licensed or LEVEL I, level II, or level III certified addiction counselor
6 shall maintain continuing professional competency to practice addiction
7 counseling.

8 (b) ~~The director~~ BOARD, in consultation with the ~~alcohol and drug~~
9 ~~abuse~~ division OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH in the department of human
10 services and other stakeholders, shall adopt rules establishing a
11 continuing professional competency program that includes, at a minimum,
12 the following elements:

13 (I) A self-assessment of the knowledge and skills of a licensed or
14 LEVEL I, level II, or level III certified addiction counselor seeking to
15 renew or reinstate a license;

16 (II) Development, execution, and documentation of a learning
17 plan based on the assessment; and

18 (III) Periodic demonstration of knowledge and skills through
19 documentation of activities necessary to ensure at least minimal ability to
20 safely practice the profession. Nothing in this subparagraph (III) shall
21 require a licensed or LEVEL I, level II, or level III certified addiction
22 counselor to retake any examination required pursuant to section
23 12-43-804 in connection with initial licensure or certification.

24 (c) ~~The director shall establish that~~ A licensed or LEVEL I, level II,
25 or level III certified addiction counselor ~~is deemed to satisfy~~ SATISFIES the
26 continuing competency requirements of this section if the licensed or
27 LEVEL I, level II, or level III certified addiction counselor meets the

1 continued professional competence requirements of one of the following
2 entities:

3 (I) A state department, including continued professional
4 competence requirements imposed through a contractual arrangement
5 with a provider;

6 (II) An accrediting body recognized by the ~~director~~ BOARD; or

7 (III) An entity approved by the ~~director~~ BOARD.

8 (d) (I) After the program is established, a licensed or LEVEL I,
9 level II, or level III certified addiction counselor shall satisfy the
10 requirements of the program in order to renew or reinstate a license or
11 certificate to practice addiction counseling in Colorado.

12 (II) The requirements of this section apply to individual addiction
13 counselors who are licensed or LEVEL I, level II, or level III certified
14 pursuant to this part 8, and nothing in this section shall be construed to
15 require a person who employs or contracts with a licensed or LEVEL I,
16 level II, or level III certified addiction counselor to comply with the
17 requirements of this section.

18 (2) (a) Records of assessments or other documentation developed
19 or submitted in connection with the continuing professional competency
20 program are confidential and not subject to inspection by the public or
21 discovery in connection with a civil action against a licensed or certified
22 addiction counselor. The records or documents shall be used only by the
23 board for purposes of determining whether a licensed or LEVEL I, level II,
24 or level III certified addiction counselor is maintaining continuing
25 professional competency to engage in the profession.

26 (3) As used in this section, "continuing professional competency"
27 means the ongoing ability of a licensed or LEVEL I, level II, or level III

1 certified addiction counselor to learn, integrate, and apply the knowledge,
2 skill, and judgment to practice as an addiction counselor according to
3 generally accepted industry standards and professional ethical standards
4 in a designated role and setting.

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6 **SECTION 63.** The introductory portion to 13-4-102 (2) and
7 13-4-102 (2) (s), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

8 **13-4-102. Jurisdiction.** (2) The court of appeals ~~shall have~~ HAS
9 initial jurisdiction to:

10 (s) Review final actions and orders of the boards, as defined in
11 section 12-43-201 (1), C.R.S., that are appropriate for judicial review and
12 final actions; ~~and orders of the director of the division of registrations~~
13 ~~pertaining to addiction counselors pursuant to part 8 of article 43 of title~~
14 ~~12, C.R.S., that are appropriate for judicial review;~~

15 **SECTION 64.** 13-21-115.5 (3) (c) (II) (P) and (3) (c) (II) (S),
16 Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

17 **13-21-115.5. Volunteer service act - immunity - exception for**
18 **operation of motor vehicles.** (3) As used in this section, unless the
19 context otherwise requires:

20 (c) (II) "Volunteer" includes:

21 (P) A licensed professional counselor governed by ~~the provisions~~
22 ~~of~~ article 43 of title 12, C.R.S., ~~performing~~ PRACTICING professional
23 counseling as defined in section ~~12-43-601(5);~~ 12-43-602.5, C.R.S., as
24 a volunteer for a nonprofit organization, a nonprofit corporation, a
25 governmental entity, or a hospital;

26 (S) A licensed or certified addiction counselor governed by ~~the~~
27 ~~provisions of~~ article 43 of title 12, C.R.S., performing addiction

1 counseling, as defined in section ~~12-43-802~~ 12-43-803, C.R.S., as a
2 volunteer for a nonprofit organization, a nonprofit corporation, a
3 governmental entity, or a hospital.

4 **SECTION 65.** 13-90-107 (1) (g), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read:

6 **13-90-107. Who may not testify without consent.** (1) There are
7 particular relations in which it is the policy of the law to encourage
8 confidence and to preserve it inviolate; therefore, a person shall not be
9 examined as a witness in the following cases:

10 (g) A licensed psychologist, professional counselor, marriage and
11 family therapist, social worker, ~~unlicensed~~ OR ADDICTION COUNSELOR, A
12 REGISTERED psychotherapist, or ~~licensed~~ A CERTIFIED addiction counselor
13 shall not be examined without the consent of ~~such~~ THE licensee's,
14 CERTIFICATE HOLDER'S, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist's~~ REGISTRANT'S
15 client as to any communication made by the client to ~~such~~ THE licensee,
16 ~~or unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER, OR REGISTRANT or
17 ~~such~~ THE licensee's, CERTIFICATE HOLDER'S, or ~~unlicensed~~
18 ~~psychotherapist's~~ REGISTRANT'S advice given ~~thereon~~ in the course of
19 professional employment; nor shall any secretary, stenographer, or clerk
20 employed by a licensed psychologist, professional counselor, marriage
21 and family therapist, social worker, ~~unlicensed~~ OR ADDICTION
22 COUNSELOR, A REGISTERED psychotherapist, or ~~licensed~~ A CERTIFIED
23 addiction counselor be examined without the consent of the employer of
24 ~~such~~ THE secretary, stenographer, or clerk concerning any fact, the
25 knowledge of which ~~such~~ THE employee has acquired in such capacity;
26 nor shall any person who has participated in any psychotherapy,
27 conducted under the supervision of a person authorized by law to conduct

1 such therapy, including ~~but not limited to~~ group therapy sessions, be
2 examined concerning any knowledge gained during the course of such
3 therapy without the consent of the person to whom the testimony sought
4 relates.

5 **SECTION 66.** The introductory portion to 18-3-405.5 (4) and
6 18-3-405.5 (4) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

7 **18-3-405.5. Sexual assault on a client by a psychotherapist.**

8 (4) As used in this section, unless the context ~~requires otherwise~~
9 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

10 (b) "Psychotherapist" means any person who performs or purports
11 to perform psychotherapy, whether ~~or not such~~ THE person is licensed OR
12 REGISTERED by the state pursuant to title 12, C.R.S., or certified by the
13 state pursuant to part 5 of article 1 of title 25, C.R.S.

14 **SECTION 67.** The introductory portion to 19-1-307 (2) (e.5) (I)
15 and 19-1-307 (2) (e.5) (I) (G), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended
16 to read:

17 **19-1-307. Dependency and neglect records and information -**
18 **access - fee - rules - records and reports fund - misuse of information**
19 **- penalty. (2) Records and reports - access to certain persons -**
20 **agencies.** Except as otherwise provided in section 19-1-303, only the
21 following persons or agencies shall be given access to child abuse or
22 neglect records and reports:

23 (e.5) (I) A mandatory reporter specified in this subparagraph (I)
24 who is and continues to be officially and professionally involved in the
25 ongoing care of the child who was the subject of the report, but only with
26 regard to information that the mandatory reporter has a need to know in
27 order to fulfill his or her professional and official role in maintaining the

1 child's safety. A county department may request written affirmation from
2 a mandatory reporter stating that the reporter continues to be officially
3 and professionally involved in the ongoing care of the child who was the
4 subject of the report and describing the nature of the involvement. This
5 subparagraph (I) ~~shall apply~~ APPLIES to:

6 (G) ~~Unlicensed~~ REGISTERED psychotherapists;

7 **SECTION 68.** The introductory portion to 19-3-304 (2) and
8 19-3-304 (2) (z), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

9 **19-3-304. Persons required to report child abuse or neglect.**

10 (2) Persons required to report such abuse or neglect or circumstances or
11 conditions ~~shall include~~ INCLUDES any:

12 (z) ~~Unlicensed~~ REGISTERED psychotherapists;

13 **SECTION 69.** 24-34-110 (3) (a) (XVII), (3) (a) (XVIII), and (3)
14 (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended, and the said 24-34-110 (3)
15 (a) is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW
16 SUBPARAGRAPH, to read:

17 **24-34-110. Medical transparency act of 2010 - disclosure of**
18 **information about health care licensees - fines - rules - short title -**
19 **legislative declaration.** (3) (a) As used in this section, "applicant"
20 means a person applying for a new, active license, certification, or
21 registration or to renew, reinstate, or reactivate an active license,
22 certification, or registration to practice:

23 (XVII) Professional counseling pursuant to part 6 of article 43 of
24 title 12, C.R.S.; and

25 (XVIII) ~~Addiction counseling pursuant to part 8 of article 43 of~~
26 ~~title 12, C.R.S.~~ PSYCHOTHERAPY PURSUANT TO PART 7 OF ARTICLE 43 OF
27 TITLE 12, C.R.S.; AND

1 (XIX) ADDICTION COUNSELING PURSUANT TO PART 8 OF ARTICLE
2 43 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S.

3 (b) ~~"Applicant" includes an unlicensed therapist engaged in the~~
4 ~~practice of psychotherapy who is obligated to comply with recording~~
5 ~~requirements pursuant to section 12-43-702.5, C.R.S.~~

6 **SECTION 70.** 27-65-105 (1) (a) (II) (D), Colorado Revised
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 **27-65-105. Emergency procedure.** (1) Emergency procedure
9 may be invoked under either one of the following two conditions:

10 (a) (II) The following persons may effect a seventy-two-hour hold
11 as provided in subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (a):

12 (D) A licensed marriage and family therapist, ~~or~~ licensed
13 professional counselor, OR ADDICTION COUNSELOR licensed under ~~the~~
14 ~~provisions of part 5, or 6, OR 8 of article 43 of title 12, C.R.S., or an~~
15 ~~addiction counselor licensed pursuant to section 12-43-804 (3), C.R.S.,~~
16 who by reason of postgraduate education and additional preparation has
17 gained knowledge, judgment, and skill in psychiatric or clinical mental
18 health therapy, forensic psychotherapy, or the evaluation of mental
19 disorders; or

20 **SECTION 71.** The introductory portion to 30-10-606 (6) (a) and
21 30-10-606 (6) (a) (II), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

22 **30-10-606. Coroner - inquiry - grounds - postmortem - jury -**
23 **certificate of death.** (6) (a) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ sections
24 12-43-218 and 13-90-107 (1) (d) or (1) (g), C.R.S., the coroner holding
25 an inquest or investigation pursuant to this section has the authority to
26 request and receive a copy of:

27 (II) Any information, record, or report related to treatment,

1 consultation, counseling, or therapy services from any licensed
2 psychologist, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, social
3 worker, OR addiction counselor, CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR, or
4 ~~unlicensed~~ REGISTERED psychotherapist if ~~such~~ THE report, record, or
5 information is relevant to the inquest or investigation.

6 **SECTION 72. Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1,
7 2011.

8 **SECTION 73. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
9 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.