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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 59

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 25-23.6-1-4.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: **Sec. 4.4. "Licensed addiction counselor associate" means an individual who is licensed as an addiction counselor associate under IC 25-23.6-10.5-1.5.**

SECTION 2. IC 25-23.6-1-4.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: **Sec. 4.7. "Licensed clinical addiction counselor associate" means an individual who is licensed as a clinical addiction counselor associate under IC 25-23.6-10.5-2.5.**

SECTION 4. IC 25-23.6-8-9.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: **Sec. 9.5. The board shall issue a license to an individual to be a marriage and family therapist if the individual:**

- (1) has a valid license or certificate to practice from another state or jurisdiction;**
- (2) has passed an examination substantially equivalent to the level for which licensure is being requested;**
- (3) does not have a pending disciplinary proceeding in another state; and**



(4) pays a fee.

SECTION 5. IC 25-23.6-8.5-9.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: **Sec. 9.5. The board shall issue a license to an individual to be a mental health counselor if the individual:**

(1) has a valid license or certificate to practice from another state or jurisdiction;

(2) has passed an examination substantially equivalent to the level for which licensure is being requested;

(3) does not have a pending disciplinary proceeding in another state; and

(4) pays a fee.

SECTION 5. IC 25-23.6-10.1-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.122-2009, SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 1. (a) Beginning July 1, 2010, an individual may not:

(1) profess to be a licensed addiction counselor or licensed clinical addiction counselor;

(2) use the title:

(A) "licensed addiction counselor";

(B) "licensed clinical addiction counselor";

(C) "licensed clinical addiction therapist";

(D) "licensed addiction therapist";

(E) "addiction counselor";

(F) "addiction therapist";

(G) "clinical addiction counselor";

(H) "clinical addiction therapist";

(I) "substance abuse counselor";

(J) "substance abuse therapist";

(K) "clinical substance abuse counselor"; or

(L) "clinical substance abuse therapist";

(3) use any other title containing the words:

(A) "licensed addiction counselor";

(B) "licensed addiction therapist";

(C) "licensed clinical addiction counselor";

(D) "licensed clinical addiction therapist";

(E) "addiction counselor";

(F) "addiction therapist";

(G) "clinical addiction counselor";

(H) "clinical addiction therapist";

(I) "substance abuse counselor";



- (J) "substance abuse therapist";
- (K) "clinical substance abuse counselor"; ~~or~~
- (L) "clinical substance abuse therapist";
- (M) "licensed addiction counselor associate"; or**
- (N) "licensed clinical addiction counselor associate";**
- (4) use any other:
 - (A) words;
 - (B) letters;
 - (C) abbreviations; or
 - (D) insignia;

indicating or implying that the individual is a licensed addiction counselor or licensed clinical addiction counselor; or

- (5) practice as an addiction counselor or clinical addiction counselor for compensation;

unless the individual is licensed under this article.

(b) Subsection (a)(5) does not apply to a person who is described in section 2(a) or 3 of this chapter.

(c) An individual who is exempt from licensing under section 2(a)(4) of this chapter may use the title "pastoral addiction counselor" and may engage in the practice of addiction counseling for compensation.

SECTION 6. IC 25-23.6-10.5-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: **Sec. 1.5. An individual who applies for a license as an addiction counselor associate must meet the following requirements:**

(1) Furnish satisfactory evidence to the board that the individual has:

(A) received a baccalaureate or higher degree in addiction counseling, or in a related area as determined by the board from:

- (i) an eligible postsecondary educational institution that meets the requirement under section 3(1) of this chapter;**
- or**
- (ii) a foreign school that has a program of study that meets the requirement under section 3(2) or 3(3) of this chapter; and**

(B) completed the educational requirements under section 5 of this chapter.

(2) Furnish satisfactory evidence to the board that the individual does not have a:

(A) conviction for a crime of violence (as defined in



IC 35-50-1-2(a)(1) through IC 35-50-1-2(a)(18)); or
 (B) conviction in the previous two (2) years that has a direct bearing on the individual's ability to practice competently.

(3) Furnish satisfactory evidence to the board that the individual has not been the subject of a disciplinary action by a licensing or certification agency of another state or jurisdiction on the grounds that the individual was not able to practice as an addiction counselor associate without endangering the public.

(4) Pass an examination established by the board.

(5) Pay the fee established by the board.

SECTION 7. IC 25-23.6-10.5-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: **Sec. 2.5. An individual who applies for a license as a clinical addiction counselor associate must meet the following requirements:**

(1) Furnish satisfactory evidence to the board that the individual has:

(A) received a master's or doctor's degree in addiction counseling, or in a related area as determined by the board from:

(i) an eligible postsecondary educational institution that meets the requirements under section 4(a)(1) of this chapter; or

(ii) a foreign school that has a program of study that meets the requirements under section 4(a)(2) or 4(a)(3) of this chapter; and

(B) completed the education requirements under section 6 of this chapter.

(2) Furnish satisfactory evidence to the board that the individual does not have a:

(A) conviction for a crime of violence (as defined in IC 35-50-1-2(a)(1) through IC 35-50-1-2(a)(18)); or

(B) conviction in the previous two (2) years that has a direct bearing on the individual's ability to practice competently.

(3) Furnish satisfactory evidence to the board that the individual has not been the subject of a disciplinary action by a licensing or certification agency of another state or jurisdiction on the grounds that the individual was not able to practice as a clinical addiction counselor associate without



endangering the public.

(4) Pass an examination established by the board.

(5) Pay the fee established by the board.

SECTION 8. IC 25-23.6-10.5-9.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: **Sec. 9.5. The board shall issue a license to an individual to be a licensed addiction counselor or licensed clinical addiction counselor if the individual:**

(1) has a valid license or certificate to practice from another state or jurisdiction;

(2) has passed an examination substantially equivalent to the level for which licensure is being requested;

(3) does not have a pending disciplinary proceeding in another state; and

(4) pays a fee.

SECTION 9. IC 25-23.6-10.5-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.177-2015, SECTION 58, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: **Sec. 12. (a) This section is subject to section 12.3 of this chapter.**

(a) (b) Subject to IC 25-1-2-6(e), a license issued by the board under this chapter is valid for the remainder of the renewal period in effect on the date the license was issued.

(b) (c) An individual may renew a license by paying a renewal fee on or before the expiration date of the license.

(c) (d) If an individual fails to pay a renewal fee on or before the expiration date of a license, the license becomes invalid.

SECTION 10. IC 25-23.6-10.5-12.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: **Sec. 12.3. (a) Subject to IC 25-1-2-6(e), an associate license issued by the board under this chapter is valid for the remainder of the renewal period in effect on the date the license was issued.**

(b) An individual may renew an associate license two (2) times by:

(1) paying a renewal fee on or before the expiration date of the license; and

(2) completing at least twenty (20) hours of continuing education each licensure year.

(c) The board may renew an associate license for additional periods based on circumstances determined by the board.

(d) If an individual fails to pay a renewal fee on or before the expiration date of an associate license, the associate license



becomes invalid.

SECTION 11. IC 25-33-1-9.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: **Sec. 9.5. The board shall issue a temporary license to an individual to be a psychologist if the individual:**

- (1) has a valid license or certificate to practice from another state or jurisdiction;**
- (2) has passed an examination substantially equivalent to the level for which licensure is being requested;**
- (3) does not have a pending disciplinary proceeding in another state; and**
- (4) pays a fee.**



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