STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

H.P. 191 - L.D. 228

An Act To Clarify the Licensing of Certified Clinical Supervisors

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

- **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §6212, sub-§12,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. U, §7, is further amended to read:
- 12. Clinical supervision. For purposes of direct clinical supervision of licensed practitioners in the field of alcohol and drug counseling, the board may certify upon receipt of an application and fee under section 6215 licensed psychologists, physicians, registered clinical nurse specialists, clinical professional counselors, clinical social workers and any other licensed or certified mental health professionals who are qualified to provide alcohol and drug counseling services by virtue of the requirements for that profession and who meet the requirements established by board rules license certified clinical supervisors.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §6214-E is enacted to read:

§6214-E. Certified clinical supervisors; qualifications for licensure

- 1. Eligibility. To be eligible to practice as a certified clinical supervisor, an applicant must:
 - A. Meet the requirements of subsection 2 or 3; and
 - B. Have paid an application and license fee under section 6215.
- 2. Certain licensed mental health professionals. An applicant who is a licensed psychologist, licensed physician, registered clinical nurse specialist, licensed clinical professional counselor, licensed clinical social worker, licensed or certified mental health professional, licensed marriage and family therapist or licensed pastoral counselor who is qualified to provide alcohol and drug counseling services by virtue of the requirements for that profession is eligible for licensure under this section if the applicant:
 - A. Possesses documented proof of 24 hours of training in clinical supervision including at least 6 hours of training in each of the following areas: skills assessment

and evaluation; counselor development; management and administration; and professional responsibility; and

- B. Meets one of the following requirements:
 - (1) Possesses documented proof of 1,000 hours of practice in alcohol and drug counseling under the applicant's qualifying license; or
 - (2) Has work experience treating individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders and at least 3 years of experience supervising clinicians within a program licensed to provide treatment to individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.
- 3. Licensed alcohol and drug counselors. An applicant who is a licensed alcohol and drug counselor is eligible for licensure under this section if the applicant possesses documented proof of 24 hours of training in clinical supervision including at least 6 hours of training in each of the following areas: skills assessment and evaluation; counselor development; management and administration; and professional responsibility.