

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 356

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE DEFINITION OF ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR  
5 UNIVERSITY AS APPLIED TO ADDICTION COUNSELORS TO INCLUDE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
6 LEARNING THAT ARE ACCREDITED BY A NATIONAL ACCREDITING ASSOCIATION; AND AMENDING  
7 SECTION 37-35-102, MCA."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 **Section 1.** Section 37-35-102, MCA, is amended to read:12 **"37-35-102. Definitions.** As used in this chapter, the following definitions apply:

13 (1) "Accredited college or university" means a college or university accredited by a regional or national  
14 accrediting association for institutions of higher learning.

15 (2) "Addiction" means the condition or state in which an individual is physiologically or psychologically  
16 dependent upon alcohol or other drugs. The term includes chemical dependency as defined in 53-24-103.

17 (3) "Department" means the department of labor and industry provided for in 2-15-1701.

18 (4) "Licensed addiction counselor" means a person who has the knowledge and skill necessary to  
19 provide the therapeutic process of addiction counseling and who is licensed under the provisions of this chapter."

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