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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to marriage and family therapists; to amend
2 section 38-2133, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to
3 change provisions relating to qualified supervisors and
4 supervision requirements for certification; and to repeal
5 the original section.

6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 38-2133, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 38-2133 (1) A person who applies to the department for
4 certification as a marriage and family therapist shall be qualified
5 for such certification if he or she:

6 (a) Provides evidence to the department that he or she
7 has a master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy from
8 a program approved by the board or a graduate degree in a field
9 determined by the board to be related to marriage and family therapy
10 and graduate-level course work determined by the board to be
11 equivalent to a master's degree in marriage and family therapy;

12 (b) Provides evidence to the department that he or she
13 has had at least three thousand hours of experience in marriage and
14 family therapy under a qualified supervisor following receipt of the
15 graduate degree. The three thousand hours shall include at least one
16 thousand five hundred hours of direct-client contact during the five
17 years preceding application for certification. During the course of
18 completing the client-contact hours, there shall be at least one
19 hundred hours of supervisor-supervisee contact hours with a qualified
20 supervisor and supervision shall be provided at least one hour per
21 week or two hours every two weeks; and

22 (c) Completes an application and passes an examination
23 approved by the board.

24 (2) For purposes of this section:

25 (a) Actively engaged in the practice of marriage and

1 family therapy may include (i) services and activities provided under
2 the direct supervision of a person with at least a master's degree in
3 marriage and family therapy from a program approved by the board or
4 (ii) services and activities that are classified by title or by
5 description of duties and responsibilities as marriage and family
6 therapy practice;

7 (b) Qualified supervisor means (i) a licensed mental
8 health practitioner, a psychologist licensed to engage in the
9 practice of psychology, or a licensed physician who holds a
10 designation of approved supervisor from an association which
11 establishes standards for marriage and family therapy in conformity
12 with accepted industry standards; such ~~who meets supervisory~~
13 standards established by shall be specified in rules and regulations
14 of approved by the board and adopted and promulgated by the
15 department or (ii) a marriage and family therapist who has practiced
16 for five years and has completed a five-hour supervision course that
17 may be provided by an association which establishes standards for
18 marriage and family therapy in conformity with accepted industry
19 standards; such standards shall be specified in rules and regulations
20 approved by the board and adopted and promulgated by the department;
21 and

22 (c) Supervision means face-to-face contact between an
23 applicant and a qualified supervisor during which the applicant
24 appraises the supervisor of the diagnosis and treatment of each
25 client, the clients' cases are discussed, the supervisor provides the

1 applicant with oversight and guidance in treating and dealing with
2 clients, and the supervisor evaluates the applicant's performance. In
3 order for a supervised period of time to be credited toward the time
4 of supervision required by subsection (1) of this section, it shall
5 consist of the following:

6 ~~(i) A minimum of a ratio of two hours of supervision per~~
7 ~~fifteen hours of the applicant's contact with clients;~~

8 ~~(ii)~~(i) Focus on raw data from the applicant's clinical
9 work which is made directly available to the supervisor through such
10 means as written clinical materials, direct observation, and video
11 and audio recordings;

12 ~~(iii)~~(ii) A process which is distinguishable from
13 personal psychotherapy or didactic instruction; and

14 ~~(iv)~~(iii) A proportion of individual and group
15 supervision as determined by the rules and regulations of the board.

16 Sec. 2. Original section 38-2133, Reissue Revised
17 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.