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SENATE BILL NO. 44—COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

(ON BEHALF OF THE RURAL REGIONAL  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD)

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing behavioral health professionals. (BDR 54-428)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention Facility.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to behavioral health; requiring an alternate means for an applicant for certain licenses and certificates to submit official transcripts if certain conditions are satisfied; requiring the adoption of regulations that authorize the remote supervision of certain persons; requiring licensing boards that regulate various professions relating to behavioral health to report certain information; revising provisions governing certain licenses by endorsement; providing for the issuance of a license as a master social worker to an applicant who meets certain qualifications; authorizing a master social worker or independent social worker to engage in certain activities; prescribing required documentation for an applicant for a license to engage in social work who is the graduate of a foreign college or university; authorizing the Board of Examiners for Social Workers to place a license to engage in social work on inactive status and refuse to issue a license under certain circumstances; requiring an employee of the Board to submit a complaint against a licensee to the Board under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from engaging in the unlicensed practice of social work; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.



**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law establishes educational requirements for the issuance of: (1) a  
2 license as a psychologist, clinical professional counselor, marriage and family  
3 therapist, marriage and family therapist intern, clinical professional counselor  
4 intern, social worker, clinical social worker, independent social worker, clinical  
5 alcohol and drug counselor, clinical alcohol and drug counselor intern or alcohol  
6 and drug counselor; (2) a registration as a psychological intern, psychological  
7 assistant or psychological trainee; or (3) a certificate as a clinical alcohol and drug  
8 counselor intern, alcohol and drug counselor, alcohol and drug counselor intern,  
9 problem gambling counselor or problem gambling counselor intern. (NRS 641.170,  
10 641.226, 641A.220, 641A.231, 641A.287, 641A.288, 641B.220-641B.240,  
11 641C.330, 641C.340, 641C.350, 641C.390, 641C.420, 641C.430, 641C.440) If the  
12 Board of Psychological Examiners, the Board of Examiners for Marriage and  
13 Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors, the Board of Examiners  
14 for Social Workers or the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling  
15 Counselors requires the submission of official transcripts as proof of those  
16 educational qualifications, **sections 2, 5, 11.3 and 22.5** of this bill require those  
17 boards to provide an alternate means for an applicant to submit official transcripts  
18 if: (1) the college or university from which the applicant graduated has closed or  
19 has merged with another institution; and (2) the provision of official transcripts by  
20 ordinary means is not available or possible.

21 Existing law requires the Board of Psychological Examiners, the Board of  
22 Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional  
23 Counselors, the Board of Examiners for Social Workers and the Board of  
24 Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors to adopt regulations  
25 prescribing standards concerning the electronic supervision of persons obtaining  
26 supervised experience for licensure, including interns. (NRS 641.100, 641A.160,  
27 641B.160, 641C.200) **Sections 2.5, 5.5, 11.7 and 23.5** of this bill require those  
28 boards to adopt regulations authorizing remote supervision, including electronic  
29 supervision, and prescribing standards for such remote supervision.

30 Existing law requires the Board of Psychological Examiners, the Board of  
31 Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional  
32 Counselors, the Board of Examiners for Social Workers and the Board of  
33 Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors to report certain  
34 information concerning investigations of misconduct and applications for licensure  
35 or certification to the Legislative Committee on Health Care. (NRS 641.145,  
36 641A.183, 641B.165, 641C.230) **Sections 3, 6, 12 and 24** of this bill: (1) require  
37 those licensing boards to submit those reports to the Chair of each regional  
38 behavioral health policy board; (2) require those reports to include certain  
39 information concerning applications for licensure or certification by endorsement;  
40 and (3) authorize the submission of those reports to the Chair of each regional  
41 behavioral health policy board in a written format.

42 Existing law authorizes the issuance of a license by endorsement as a  
43 psychologist, marriage and family therapist, clinical professional counselor, social  
44 worker, clinical social worker, independent social worker, clinical alcohol and drug  
45 counselor or alcohol and drug counselor, or a certificate by endorsement as an  
46 alcohol and drug counselor or problem gambling counselor, to a person who is  
47 licensed or certified, as applicable, in another jurisdiction of the United States and  
48 meets certain other requirements. (NRS 641.195, 641A.241, 641B.271, 641C.3305,  
49 641C.355, 641C.395, 641C.432) Existing law: (1) prescribes similar requirements  
50 for the issuance of an expedited license or certificate, as applicable, by endorsement  
51 to practice in those professions to an applicant who is an active member of, or the  
52 spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or  
53 the surviving spouse of a veteran; and (2) authorizes the issuance of a provisional  
54 license to such an applicant before making a final decision. (NRS 641.196,



55 641A.242, 641B.272, 641C.3306, 641C.356, 641C.396, 641C.433) Existing law  
56 reduces certain fees for such applicants. (NRS 641.228, 641A.290, 641B.300,  
57 641C.470) **Sections 3.6, 6.8, 17.5, 25.2-25.8 and 33.5** of this bill combine sections  
58 governing expedited licensure or certification by endorsement for a general  
59 applicant with sections governing licensure or certification by endorsement for an  
60 active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the  
61 United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran. The combined  
62 provisions: (1) authorize the issuance of a license or certificate by endorsement  
63 when the statutory requirements are met; (2) revise various requirements for the  
64 issuance of licenses and certificates by endorsement; and (3) authorize the issuance  
65 of a provisional license or certificate for any reason. **Sections 3.3, 6.2-6.6 and 24.5**  
66 of this bill make conforming changes which remove references to repealed sections.  
67 **Sections 4.5, 7.5, 20 and 25.9** of this bill make conforming changes so that active  
68 members of, or the spouses of active members of, the Armed Forces of the United  
69 States, veterans and the surviving spouses of veterans continue to receive  
70 reductions in fees.

71 Existing law authorizes the Board of Examiners for Social Workers to issue a  
72 license as: (1) a social worker to an applicant who possesses a baccalaureate degree  
73 or master's degree in social work and passes an examination; (2) an independent  
74 social worker to an applicant who possesses a master's or doctoral degree in social  
75 work, completes at least 3,000 hours of supervised, postgraduate social work and  
76 passes an examination; and (3) a clinical social worker to an applicant who  
77 possesses a master's or doctoral degree in social work, completes at least 3,000  
78 hours of supervised, postgraduate clinical social work and passes an examination.  
79 (NRS 641B.220, 641B.230, 641B.240) **Section 9** of this bill additionally authorizes  
80 the Board to issue a license as a master social worker to an applicant who possesses  
81 a master's or doctoral degree in social work and passes an examination. **Sections 9**  
82 **and 22** of this bill authorize a master social worker to engage in independent social  
83 work or clinical social work as part of an approved internship program to complete  
84 the requirements for licensure as an independent or clinical social worker, as  
85 applicable. **Section 9** additionally authorizes a master social worker to supervise  
86 other persons engaging in the practice of social work. **Section 20** of this bill  
87 establishes the maximum fees that the Board is authorized to charge and collect for  
88 the issuance and renewal of a license as a master social worker. **Sections 1, 13, 26**  
89 **and 28-31** of this bill make conforming changes to ensure that a master social  
90 worker is treated similarly to other types of social worker in various circumstances.

91 **Sections 9, 10, 14-16 and 18** of this bill authorize the Board of Examiners for  
92 Social Workers to issue a license as a social worker, master social worker,  
93 independent social worker, or clinical social worker, or a provisional license as a  
94 social worker to an applicant who has graduated from a foreign college or  
95 university if the applicant submits certain documentation concerning his or her  
96 degree and meets the other requirements for licensure. **Section 11** of this bill  
97 authorizes the Board to put a license on inactive status for not more than 5 years  
98 upon the application of a licensee who is in good standing. **Sections 11 and 19** of  
99 this bill exempt a licensee who holds an inactive license from the requirement to  
100 complete continuing education, and **sections 11 and 22** of this bill prohibit an  
101 inactive licensee from engaging in the practice of social work. **Section 17** of this  
102 bill revises the conditions under which the Board is authorized to refuse to issue a  
103 license. **Section 21** of this bill requires an employee of the Board who is aware that  
104 grounds for disciplinary action may exist against a person practicing social work to  
105 submit a complaint to the Board.

106 Existing law makes it a misdemeanor for a person to engage in: (1) the  
107 independent practice of social work unless he or she is licensed as an independent  
108 social worker or a clinical social worker; or (2) the clinical practice of social work  
109 unless he or she is licensed as a clinical social worker. (NRS 641B.505) **Section 22**



110 of this bill additionally makes it a misdemeanor to engage in the practice of social  
111 work unless a person is licensed as an associate in social work, social worker,  
112 master social worker, independent social worker or clinical social worker. **Sections**  
113 **15 and 22** of this bill authorize an independent social worker to engage in clinical  
114 social work as part of an approved internship program to complete the requirements  
115 for licensure as a clinical social worker.

116 Existing law authorizes a clinical social worker to engage in the practice of  
117 counseling persons with alcohol or other substance use disorders and counseling  
118 persons with an addictive disorder related to gambling with the authorization of the  
119 Board of Examiners for Social Workers. (NRS 641C.130) **Section 23** of this bill  
120 additionally authorizes a person who is licensed as a master social worker or  
121 independent social worker and engaging in clinical social work as part of an  
122 approved internship program to engage in such counseling with the authorization of  
123 the Board.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 629.031 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 629.031 Except as otherwise provided by a specific statute:

3 1. "Provider of health care" means:

4 (a) A physician licensed pursuant to chapter 630, 630A or 633  
5 of NRS;

6 (b) A physician assistant;

7 (c) A dentist;

8 (d) A licensed nurse;

9 (e) A person who holds a license as an attendant or who is  
10 certified as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency  
11 medical technician or paramedic pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS;

12 (f) A dispensing optician;

13 (g) An optometrist;

14 (h) A speech-language pathologist;

15 (i) An audiologist;

16 (j) A practitioner of respiratory care;

17 (k) A licensed physical therapist;

18 (l) An occupational therapist;

19 (m) A podiatric physician;

20 (n) A licensed psychologist;

21 (o) A licensed marriage and family therapist;

22 (p) A licensed clinical professional counselor;

23 (q) A music therapist;

24 (r) A chiropractor;

25 (s) An athletic trainer;

26 (t) A perfusionist;

27 (u) A doctor of Oriental medicine in any form;

28 (v) A medical laboratory director or technician;

29 (w) A pharmacist;



1 (x) A licensed dietitian;  
2 (y) An associate in social work, a social worker, *a master social*  
3 *worker*, an independent social worker or a clinical social worker  
4 licensed pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS;

5 (z) An alcohol and drug counselor or a problem gambling  
6 counselor who is certified pursuant to chapter 641C of NRS;

7 (aa) An alcohol and drug counselor or a clinical alcohol and  
8 drug counselor who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641C of NRS; or

9 (bb) A medical facility as the employer of any person specified  
10 in this subsection.

11 2. For the purposes of NRS 629.400 to 629.490, inclusive, the  
12 term includes:

13 (a) A person who holds a license or certificate issued pursuant to  
14 chapter 631 of NRS; and

15 (b) A person who holds a current license or certificate to  
16 practice his or her respective discipline pursuant to the applicable  
17 provisions of law of another state or territory of the United States.

18 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 641 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
19 thereto a new section to read as follows:

20 *If the Board requires an applicant for a license or registration*  
21 *pursuant to this chapter to submit official transcripts as proof of*  
22 *his or her educational qualifications, the Board must provide an*  
23 *alternate means for the applicant to submit official transcripts if:*

24 1. *The college or university from which the applicant*  
25 *graduated has closed or has merged with another institution; and*

26 2. *The provision of official transcripts by ordinary means is*  
27 *not available or possible.*

28 **Sec. 2.5.** NRS 641.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 641.100 1. The Board shall adopt regulations : ~~{prescribing:}~~

30 (a) ~~{Uniform}~~ *Prescribing uniform* standards concerning the  
31 locations at which persons obtaining supervised experience that is  
32 required for licensure by the Board provide services;

33 (b) ~~{Standards concerning}~~ *Authorizing the remote supervision,*  
34 *including, without limitation,* electronic supervision , of persons  
35 obtaining supervised experience that is required for licensure by the  
36 Board who are working at remote sites ~~{:}~~ and *prescribing*  
37 *standards concerning such remote supervision; and*

38 (c) ~~{A}~~ *Prescribing a* manner by which the qualifications for the  
39 issuance or renewal of a license under the provisions of this chapter  
40 will be made available to the public such that those qualifications  
41 are clearly defined and easily understood.

42 2. The Board may make and promulgate any other rules and  
43 regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter  
44 governing its procedure, the examination and licensure of  
45 applicants, the granting, refusal, revocation or suspension of



1 licenses, the registration of persons as psychological assistants,  
2 psychological interns or psychological trainees and the practice of  
3 psychology.

4 3. On the date that the Board gives notice pursuant to NRS  
5 233B.060 of its intent to adopt, amend or repeal a regulation, the  
6 Board shall submit the regulation to the Commission on Behavioral  
7 Health for review. The Commission shall review the regulation and  
8 make recommendations to the Board concerning the advisability of  
9 adopting, amending or repealing the regulation and any changes that  
10 the Commission deems advisable.

11 **Sec. 3.** NRS 641.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 641.145 1. On or before February 1 of each year, the Board  
13 shall submit to the Legislative Committee on Health Care *and to the*  
14 *Chair of each regional behavioral health policy board created by*  
15 *NRS 433.429* a report which must include:

16 ~~1.]~~ (a) The number of complaints received, investigations  
17 completed, cases dismissed, cases settled and cases for which  
18 hearings were held within the immediately preceding calendar year;

19 ~~and~~

20 ~~—2.]~~ (b) The number of applications for the issuance or renewal  
21 of a license or registration received by the Board during the  
22 immediately preceding calendar year and the number of those  
23 applications for which the Board conducted additional review  
24 beyond the standard review regularly conducted by the Board ~~1.]~~ ;

25 *and*

26 (c) *The number of applications for the issuance of a license by*  
27 *endorsement received by the Board pursuant to NRS 641.196*  
28 *during the immediately preceding calendar year, the number of*  
29 *those applications that were denied and the reasons for denial.*

30 2. *The report submitted pursuant to this section to the Chair*  
31 *of each regional behavioral health policy board created by NRS*  
32 *433.429 may be submitted in a written format.*

33 **Sec. 3.3.** NRS 641.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 641.170 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS ~~641.195~~  
35 ~~and~~ 641.196, each application for licensure as a psychologist must  
36 be accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the Board that the  
37 applicant:

38 (a) Is at least 21 years of age.

39 (b) Is of good moral character as determined by the Board.

40 (c) Has earned a doctorate in psychology from an accredited  
41 educational institution approved by the Board, or has other  
42 doctorate-level training from an accredited educational institution  
43 deemed equivalent by the Board in both subject matter and extent of  
44 training.



1 (d) Has at least 2 years of experience satisfactory to the Board, 1  
2 year of which must be postdoctoral experience in accordance with  
3 the requirements established by regulations of the Board.

4 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS ~~[641.195 and]~~  
5 641.196, within 120 days after receiving an application and the  
6 accompanying evidence from an applicant, the Board shall:

7 (a) Evaluate the application and accompanying evidence and  
8 determine whether the applicant is qualified pursuant to this section  
9 for licensure; and

10 (b) Issue a written statement to the applicant of its  
11 determination.

12 3. The written statement issued to the applicant pursuant to  
13 subsection 2 must include:

14 (a) If the Board determines that the qualifications of the  
15 applicant are insufficient for licensure, a detailed explanation of the  
16 reasons for that determination.

17 (b) If the applicant for licensure as a psychologist has not earned  
18 a doctorate in psychology from an accredited educational institution  
19 approved by the Board and the Board determines that the doctorate-  
20 level training from an accredited educational institution is not  
21 equivalent in subject matter and extent of training, a detailed  
22 explanation of the reasons for that determination.

23 **Sec. 3.6.** NRS 641.196 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 641.196 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement as  
25 a psychologist to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth  
26 in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application  
27 for such a license if the applicant ~~is~~:

28 ~~—(a) Holds]~~ holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license  
29 as a psychologist in the District of Columbia or any state or territory  
30 of the United States . ~~is; and~~

31 ~~—(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member~~  
32 ~~of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving~~  
33 ~~spouse of a veteran.]~~

34 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this  
35 section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

36 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

37 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

38 (2) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the  
39 corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or  
40 the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license as a  
41 psychologist; and

42 (3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for  
43 malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of  
44 the United States;



1 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission  
2 authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner  
3 provided in NRS 641.160;

4 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the  
5 application and any accompanying material is true and correct;

6 (d) The fee prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641.228  
7 for the issuance of an initial license; and

8 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

9 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application  
10 for a license by endorsement as a psychologist pursuant to this  
11 section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of  
12 any additional information required by the Board to consider the  
13 application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause,  
14 the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by  
15 endorsement as a psychologist to the applicant not later than ~~15~~

16 ~~—(a) Forty five~~ 45 days after receiving all the additional  
17 information required by the Board to complete the application. ~~15; or~~

18 ~~—(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's~~  
19 ~~background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,~~  
20 ~~→ whichever occurs later.]~~

21 4. A license by endorsement as a psychologist may be issued at  
22 a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of  
23 the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the  
24 Board.

25 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application  
26 for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may  
27 *, for any reason,* grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant  
28 to practice as a psychologist in accordance with regulations adopted  
29 by the Board.

30 ~~16. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed~~  
31 ~~to it in NRS 417.005.]~~

32 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

33 **Sec. 4.5.** NRS 641.228 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 641.228 1. The Board shall charge and collect not more than  
35 the following fees respectively:

36		
37	For the national examination, in addition to the	
38	actual cost to the Board of the examination .....	\$100
39	For any other examination required pursuant to the	
40	provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 641.180, in	
41	addition to the actual costs to the Board of the	
42	examination .....	100
43	For the issuance of an initial license.....	25
44	For the issuance of an initial license by	
45	endorsement .....	125





1 For the biennial renewal of a license of a  
2 psychologist..... \$850  
3 For the restoration of a license suspended for the  
4 nonpayment of the biennial fee for the renewal  
5 of a license..... 200  
6 For the restoration of a license suspended for the  
7 nonsubmission of evidence to the Board of  
8 completion of the requirements for continuing  
9 education as required for the renewal of the  
10 license..... 200  
11 For the registration of a firm, partnership or  
12 corporation which engages in or offers to engage  
13 in the practice of psychology ..... 300  
14 For the registration of a nonresident to practice as a  
15 consultant ..... 100  
16 For the initial registration of a psychological  
17 assistant, psychological intern or psychological  
18 trainee..... 250  
19 For the renewal of a registration of a psychological  
20 assistant, psychological intern or psychological  
21 trainee ..... 150  
22

23 2. An applicant who passes the national examination and any  
24 other examination required pursuant to the provisions of subsection  
25 1 of NRS 641.180 and who is eligible for a license as a psychologist  
26 shall pay the biennial fee for the renewal of a license, which must be  
27 prorated for the period from the date the license is issued to the end  
28 of the biennium.

29 3. ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5 and~~  
30 ~~NRS 641.195, in~~ *In* addition to the fees set forth in subsection 1,  
31 the Board may charge and collect a fee for the expedited processing of  
32 a request or for any other incidental service it provides. The fee  
33 must not exceed the cost to provide the service.

34 4. ~~##~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, if* an  
35 applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement  
36 pursuant to NRS ~~[641.195,]~~ *641.196*, the Board shall charge and  
37 collect:

- 38 (a) Not more than the fee specified in subsection 1 for the  
39 issuance of an initial license by endorsement; and
- 40 (b) The biennial fee for the renewal of a license, which must be  
41 prorated for the period from the date the license is issued to the end  
42 of the biennium.

43 5. If an ~~applicant~~ *active member of, or the spouse of an*  
44 *active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a*  
45 *veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran* submits an application



1 for a license by endorsement pursuant to NRS 641.196, the Board  
2 shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection  
3 1 for the initial issuance of the license by endorsement.

4 6. If an applicant submits an application for initial registration  
5 as a psychological assistant, psychological intern or psychological  
6 trainee pursuant to NRS 641.226 and the applicant has previously  
7 been registered as a psychological assistant, psychological intern or  
8 psychological trainee, the Board must waive the fee set forth in  
9 subsection 1 for the initial registration.

10 7. *As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning*  
11 *ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.*

12 **Sec. 5.** Chapter 641A of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
13 thereto a new section to read as follows:

14 *If the Board requires an applicant for a license to practice as a*  
15 *marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor to*  
16 *submit official transcripts as proof of his or her educational*  
17 *qualifications, the Board must provide an alternate means for the*  
18 *applicant to submit official transcripts if:*

19 1. *The college or university from which the applicant*  
20 *graduated has closed or has merged with another institution; and*

21 2. *The provision of official transcripts by ordinary means is*  
22 *not available or possible.*

23 **Sec. 5.5.** NRS 641A.160 is hereby amended to read as  
24 follows:

25 641A.160 1. The Board shall adopt regulations not  
26 inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter governing its  
27 procedure, the examination and licensing of applicants, the granting,  
28 refusal, revocation or suspension of licenses, and the practice of  
29 marriage and family therapy and the practice of clinical professional  
30 counseling as those practices apply to this chapter.

31 2. The regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must :  
32 ~~{prescribe:}~~

33 (a) ~~{Uniform}~~ *Prescribe uniform* standards concerning the  
34 locations at which interns provide services;

35 (b) ~~{Standards concerning}~~ *Authorize* the *remote supervision,*  
36 *including, without limitation,* electronic supervision , of interns  
37 working at remote sites ~~{}~~ and *prescribe standards concerning*  
38 *such remote supervision; and*

39 (c) ~~{A}~~ *Prescribe a* manner by which the qualifications for the  
40 issuance or renewal of a license under the provisions of this chapter  
41 will be made available to the public such that those qualifications  
42 are clearly defined and easily understood.

43 3. On the date that the Board gives notice pursuant to NRS  
44 233B.060 of its intent to adopt, amend or repeal a regulation, the  
45 Board shall submit the regulation to the Commission on Behavioral



1 Health for review. The Commission shall review the regulation and  
2 make recommendations to the Board concerning the advisability of  
3 adopting, amending or repealing the regulation and any changes that  
4 the Commission deems advisable.

5 **Sec. 6.** NRS 641A.183 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 641A.183 **1.** On or before February 1 of each year, the Board  
7 shall submit to the Legislative Committee on Health Care *and to the*  
8 *Chair of each regional behavioral health policy board created by*  
9 *NRS 433.429* a report which must include:

10 ~~1.]~~ (a) The number of complaints received, investigations  
11 completed, cases dismissed, cases settled and cases for which  
12 hearings were held within the immediately preceding calendar year;

13 ~~and~~

14 ~~—2.]~~ (b) The number of applications for the issuance or renewal  
15 of a license received by the Board during the immediately preceding  
16 calendar year and the number of those applications for which the  
17 Board conducted additional review beyond the standard review  
18 regularly conducted by the Board ~~1.]~~; and

19 (c) *The number of applications for the issuance of a license by*  
20 *endorsement received by the Board pursuant to NRS 641A.242*  
21 *during the immediately preceding calendar year, the number of*  
22 *those applications that were denied and the reasons for denial.*

23 **2.** *The report submitted pursuant to this section to the Chair*  
24 *of each regional behavioral health policy board created by NRS*  
25 *433.429 may be submitted in a written format.*

26 **Sec. 6.2.** NRS 641A.220 is hereby amended to read as  
27 follows:

28 641A.220 Except as otherwise provided in NRS ~~641A.241~~  
29 ~~and~~ 641A.242, each applicant for a license to practice as a marriage  
30 and family therapist must furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board  
31 that the applicant:

- 32 1. Is at least 21 years of age;
- 33 2. Is of good moral character;
- 34 3. Has completed residency training in psychiatry from an  
35 accredited institution approved by the Board, has a graduate degree  
36 in marriage and family therapy, psychology or social work from an  
37 accredited institution approved by the Board or has completed other  
38 education and training which is deemed equivalent by the Board;

39 4. Has:

40 (a) At least 2 years of postgraduate experience in marriage and  
41 family therapy; and

42 (b) At least 3,000 hours of supervised experience in marriage  
43 and family therapy, of which at least 1,500 hours must consist of  
44 direct contact with clients; and



1 5. Holds an undergraduate degree from an accredited  
2 institution approved by the Board.

3 **Sec. 6.4.** NRS 641A.230 is hereby amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 641A.230 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2  
6 and NRS ~~641A.241 and~~ 641A.242, each qualified applicant for a  
7 license to practice as a marriage and family therapist must pass a  
8 written examination given by the Board on his or her knowledge of  
9 marriage and family therapy. Examinations must be given at a time  
10 and place and under such supervision as the Board may determine.

11 2. The Board shall accept receipt of a passing grade by a  
12 qualified applicant on the national examination sponsored by the  
13 Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards in  
14 lieu of requiring a written examination pursuant to subsection 1.

15 3. In addition to the requirements of subsections 1 and 2, the  
16 Board may require an oral examination. The Board may examine  
17 applicants in whatever applied or theoretical fields it deems  
18 appropriate.

19 **Sec. 6.6.** NRS 641A.231 is hereby amended to read as  
20 follows:

21 641A.231 Except as otherwise provided in NRS ~~641A.241~~  
22 ~~and~~ 641A.242, each applicant for a license to practice as a clinical  
23 professional counselor must furnish evidence satisfactory to the  
24 Board that the applicant:

- 25 1. Is at least 21 years of age;
- 26 2. Is of good moral character;
- 27 3. Has:

28 (a) Completed residency training in psychiatry from an  
29 accredited institution approved by the Board;

30 (b) A graduate degree from a program approved by the Council  
31 for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs  
32 as a program in mental health counseling or community counseling;  
33 or

34 (c) An acceptable degree as determined by the Board which  
35 includes the completion of a practicum and internship in mental  
36 health counseling which was taken concurrently with the degree  
37 program and was supervised by a licensed mental health  
38 professional; and

- 39 4. Has:

40 (a) At least 2 years of postgraduate experience in professional  
41 counseling;

42 (b) At least 3,000 hours of supervised experience in professional  
43 counseling which includes, without limitation:

- 44 (1) At least 1,500 hours of direct contact with clients; and



1 (2) At least 100 hours of counseling under the direct  
2 supervision of an approved supervisor of which at least 1 hour per  
3 week was completed for each work setting at which the applicant  
4 provided counseling; and

5 (c) Passed the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
6 Examination which is administered by the National Board for  
7 Certified Counselors.

8 **Sec. 6.8.** NRS 641A.242 is hereby amended to read as  
9 follows:

10 641A.242 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement  
11 to practice as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional  
12 counselor to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in  
13 this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application  
14 for such a license if the applicant ~~is~~

15 ~~—(a) Holds~~ *holds* a corresponding valid and unrestricted license  
16 as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor,  
17 as applicable, in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of  
18 the United States . ~~is~~ *and*

19 ~~—(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member~~  
20 ~~of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving~~  
21 ~~spouse of a veteran.]~~

22 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this  
23 section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

24 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

25 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

26 (2) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the  
27 corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or  
28 the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license as a  
29 marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor, as  
30 applicable; and

31 (3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for  
32 malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of  
33 the United States;

34 (b) *A complete set of fingerprints and written permission*  
35 *authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints to the Central*  
36 *Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission*  
37 *to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a report on the*  
38 *applicant's background, and to such other law enforcement*  
39 *agencies as the Board deems necessary for a report on the*  
40 *applicant's background;*

41 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the  
42 application and any accompanying material is true and correct;

43 ~~(e)]~~ (d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS  
44 641A.290 for the application for an initial license and for the initial  
45 issuance of a license; and



~~[(d)]~~ (e) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement to practice as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to practice as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor, as applicable, to the applicant not later than 45 days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application.

4. A license by endorsement to practice as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may, *for any reason*, grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor, as applicable, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

~~[6.—As used in this section, “veteran” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.]~~

**Sec. 7.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 7.5.** NRS 641A.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641A.290 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the Board shall establish a schedule of fees for the following items which must not exceed the following amounts:

Application for an initial license .....	\$150
Initial issuance of a license.....	60
Biennial renewal of a license to practice as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor.....	450
Fee for late payment of the biennial renewal .....	125
Placement of a license to practice as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor on inactive status.....	200
Renewal of an intern’s license.....	150
Issuance of a duplicate license .....	10
Reevaluation of an applicant’s course work.....	50
Application for approval as a supervisor.....	75



1 Approval of a course or program of continuing  
 2 education ..... \$25  
 3 Approval of a provider of continuing education ..... 150  
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 6 2. If an ~~applicant~~ *active member of, or the spouse of an*  
 7 *active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a*  
 8 *veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran* submits an application  
 9 for a license by endorsement pursuant to NRS 641A.242, the Board  
 10 shall collect not more than one-half of the fee established pursuant  
 11 to subsection 1 for the application for and initial issuance of the  
 12 license.

13 3. *As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning*  
 14 *ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.*

15 **Sec. 8.** Chapter 641B of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
 16 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 9 to 11.3, inclusive, of  
 17 this act.

18 **Sec. 9. 1.** *The Board shall grant a license to engage in*  
 19 *social work as a master social worker to any applicant who*  
 20 *possesses the preliminary qualifications set forth in NRS 641B.200*  
 21 *and who:*

22 (a) *Possesses a master's or doctoral degree in social work*  
 23 *from:*

24 (1) *A college or university accredited by the Council on*  
 25 *Social Work Education, or its successor organization, or which is*  
 26 *a candidate for such accreditation; or*

27 (2) *A college or university located in a foreign country, or*  
 28 *the equivalent of a master's or doctoral degree in social work from*  
 29 *such a college or university, if the applicant includes in his or her*  
 30 *application the documentation required by section 10 of this act;*  
 31 *and*

32 (b) *Passes an examination prescribed by the Board.*

33 2. *A person licensed as a master social worker may:*

34 (a) *Engage in social work independently as part of an*  
 35 *internship program approved by the Board to complete the*  
 36 *supervised social work required for licensure as an independent*  
 37 *social worker pursuant to NRS 641B.230;*

38 (b) *Engage in clinical social work as part of an internship*  
 39 *program approved by the Board to complete the supervised,*  
 40 *postgraduate, clinical social work required for licensure as a*  
 41 *clinical social worker pursuant to NRS 641B.240; and*

42 (c) *Supervise other persons engaging in the practice of social*  
 43 *work.*

44 **Sec. 10. 1.** *If an applicant for a license to engage in social*  
 45 *work is a graduate of a college or university located in a foreign*  
 46 *country or currently enrolled in program of study leading to a*





1 *degree in social work at such a college or university, the*  
2 *application must include:*

3 (a) *Proof that the applicant possesses the degree required by*  
4 *NRS 641B.220, 641B.230, 641B.240 or 641B.275 or section 9 of*  
5 *this act, as applicable, or is enrolled in a program of study that*  
6 *meets the requirements of NRS 641B.275, as applicable; and*

7 (b) *If applicable, a written statement or other proof from the*  
8 *Council on Social Work Education or its successor organization*  
9 *that the degree is equivalent to a degree issued by a college or*  
10 *university accredited by the Council on Social Work Education or*  
11 *its successor organization.*

12 2. *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the proof*  
13 *required by paragraph (a) of subsection 1 must be provided to the*  
14 *Board directly by the college or university that granted the degree.*  
15 *If the college or university is unable to provide such proof, the*  
16 *Board may accept proof from another source specified by the*  
17 *Board.*

18 **Sec. 11. 1.** *An associate in social work, social worker,*  
19 *master social worker, independent social worker or clinical social*  
20 *worker may apply to the Board to have his or her license placed on*  
21 *inactive status. The Board may grant the application if the license*  
22 *is in good standing and the licensee has met all requirements for*  
23 *the issuance or renewal of a license as of the date of the*  
24 *application.*

25 2. *If the application is granted:*

26 (a) *The licensee must not engage in social work in this State*  
27 *unless the license is returned to active status; and*

28 (b) *The licensee is not required to complete continuing*  
29 *education unless his or her license is returned to active status.*

30 3. *The inactive status of a license is valid for 5 years after the*  
31 *date that the inactive status is granted.*

32 4. *If a license is placed on inactive status, the Board must not*  
33 *refund any portion of the renewal fee that was paid before the*  
34 *license was placed on inactive status.*

35 5. *The Board shall adopt regulations prescribing the:*

36 (a) *Procedures for making an application pursuant to this*  
37 *section;*

38 (b) *Procedures and terms upon which a person whose license*  
39 *has been placed on inactive status may have his or her license*  
40 *returned to active status; and*

41 (c) *Fees for the renewal of the inactive status of a license.*

42 **Sec. 11.3.** *If the Board requires an applicant for a license*  
43 *pursuant to this chapter to submit official transcripts as proof of*  
44 *his or her educational qualifications, the Board must provide an*  
45 *alternate means for the applicant to submit official transcripts if:*





- 1 *1. The college or university from which the applicant*
- 2 *graduated has closed or has merged with another institution; and*
- 3 *2. The provision of the official transcripts by ordinary means*
- 4 *is not available or possible.*

5 **Sec. 11.7.** NRS 641B.160 is hereby amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 641B.160 1. The Board shall adopt:

8 (a) Such regulations as are necessary or desirable to enable it to  
9 carry out the provisions of this chapter;

10 (b) Regulations establishing reasonable standards for the  
11 psychiatric training and experience necessary for a clinical social  
12 worker to be authorized to make the certifications described in NRS  
13 433A.170, 433A.195 and 433A.200;

14 (c) Regulations prescribing uniform standards concerning the  
15 locations at which interns provide services;

16 (d) Regulations ~~[prescribing standards concerning]~~ *authorizing*  
17 *the remote supervision, including, without limitation,* electronic  
18 *supervision, of interns working at remote sites [H] and prescribing*  
19 *standards concerning such remote supervision; and*

20 (e) Regulations prescribing the manner by which the  
21 qualifications for the issuance or renewal of a license under the  
22 provisions of this chapter will be made available to the public such  
23 that those qualifications are clearly defined and easily understood.

24 2. On the date that the Board gives notice pursuant to NRS  
25 233B.060 of its intent to adopt, amend or repeal a regulation, the  
26 Board shall submit the regulation to the Commission on Behavioral  
27 Health for review. The Commission shall review the regulation and  
28 make recommendations to the Board concerning the advisability of  
29 adopting, amending or repealing the regulation and any changes that  
30 the Commission deems advisable.

31 **Sec. 12.** NRS 641B.165 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 641B.165 *1.* On or before February 1 of each year, the Board  
33 shall submit to the Legislative Committee on Health Care *and to the*  
34 *Chair of each regional behavioral health policy board created by*  
35 *NRS 433.429* a report which must include:

36 ~~[H]~~ (a) The number of complaints received, investigations  
37 completed, cases dismissed, cases settled and cases for which  
38 hearings were held within the immediately preceding calendar year;

39 ~~and~~  
40 ~~—2.]~~ (b) The number of applications for the issuance or renewal  
41 of a license received by the Board during the immediately preceding  
42 calendar year and the number of those applications for which the  
43 Board conducted additional review beyond the standard review  
44 regularly conducted by the Board ~~[H]~~; *and*



1 (c) *The number of applications for the issuance of a license by*  
2 *endorsement received by the Board pursuant to NRS 641B.272*  
3 *during the immediately preceding calendar year, the number of*  
4 *those applications that were denied and the reasons for denial.*

5 2. *The report submitted pursuant to this section to the Chair*  
6 *of each regional behavioral policy board created by NRS 433.429*  
7 *may be submitted in a written format.*

8 **Sec. 13.** NRS 641B.206 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 641B.206 1. In addition to any other requirements set forth in  
10 this chapter:

11 (a) An applicant for the issuance of a license to engage in social  
12 work as an associate in social work, a social worker, *a master social*  
13 *worker*, an independent social worker or a clinical social worker  
14 shall include the social security number of the applicant in the  
15 application submitted to the Board.

16 (b) An applicant for the renewal of a license to engage in social  
17 work as an associate in social work or the issuance or renewal of a  
18 license to engage in social work as a social worker, *a master social*  
19 *worker*, an independent social worker or a clinical social worker  
20 shall submit to the Board the statement prescribed by the Division of  
21 Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and  
22 Human Services pursuant to NRS 425.520. The statement must be  
23 completed and signed by the applicant.

24 2. The Board shall include the statement required pursuant to  
25 subsection 1 in:

26 (a) The application or any other forms that must be submitted  
27 for the issuance or renewal of the license; or

28 (b) A separate form prescribed by the Board.

29 3. A license to engage in social work as an associate in social  
30 work, a social worker, *a master social worker*, an independent  
31 social worker or a clinical social worker may not be issued or  
32 renewed by the Board if the applicant:

33 (a) Fails to submit the statement required pursuant to subsection  
34 1; or

35 (b) Indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to subsection  
36 1 that the applicant is subject to a court order for the support of a  
37 child and is not in compliance with the order or a plan approved by  
38 the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order for  
39 the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the order.

40 4. If an applicant indicates on the statement submitted pursuant  
41 to subsection 1 that the applicant is subject to a court order for the  
42 support of a child and is not in compliance with the order or a plan  
43 approved by the district attorney or other public agency enforcing  
44 the order for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the  
45 order, the Board shall advise the applicant to contact the district



1 attorney or other public agency enforcing the order to determine the  
2 actions that the applicant may take to satisfy the arrearage.

3 **Sec. 14.** NRS 641B.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 641B.220 1. The Board shall grant a license to engage in  
5 social work as a social worker to any applicant who possesses the  
6 preliminary qualifications set forth in NRS 641B.200 and who:

7 (a) Possesses a baccalaureate degree or master's degree in social  
8 work from ~~§~~:

9 (1) A college or university accredited by the Council on  
10 Social Work Education, *or its successor organization*, or which is a  
11 candidate for such accreditation ~~§~~; *or*

12 (2) *A college or university located in a foreign country, or*  
13 *the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree or master's degree in*  
14 *social work from such a college or university, if the applicant*  
15 *includes in his or her application the documentation required by*  
16 *section 10 of this act; and*

17 (b) Passes an examination prescribed by the Board.

18 2. The Board shall grant a license to engage in social work as a  
19 social worker to an applicant licensed as an associate in social work  
20 who:

21 (a) Possesses the preliminary qualifications set forth in  
22 NRS 641B.200;

23 (b) Possesses a baccalaureate degree or master's degree in a  
24 related field, or has completed equivalent course work in a related  
25 field;

26 (c) Completes 3,000 hours of employment in Nevada as an  
27 associate in social work; and

28 (d) Passes an examination prescribed by the Board.

29 3. A person who is granted a license to engage in social work  
30 as a social worker pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 may supervise  
31 another person engaged in the practice of social work.

32 **Sec. 15.** NRS 641B.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 641B.230 1. The Board shall grant a license to engage in  
34 social work as an independent social worker to any applicant who  
35 possesses the preliminary qualifications set forth in NRS 641B.200  
36 and who:

37 (a) Possesses a master's or doctoral degree in social work from  
38 ~~§~~:

39 (1) A college or university accredited by the Council on  
40 Social Work Education, *or its successor organization*, or which is a  
41 candidate for such accreditation ~~§~~; *or*

42 (2) *A college or university located in a foreign country, or*  
43 *the equivalent of a master's or doctoral degree in social work from*  
44 *such a college or university, if the applicant includes in his or her*  
45 *application the documentation required by section 10 of this act.*



1 (b) Completes 3,000 hours of supervised, postgraduate social  
2 work approved by the Board.

3 (c) Passes an examination prescribed by the Board.

4 2. A person licensed as an independent social worker may:

5 (a) Engage in social work independently or within an agency;

6 ~~and~~

7 (b) *Engage in clinical social work as part of an internship*  
8 *program approved by the Board to complete the supervised clinical*  
9 *social work required for licensure as a clinical social worker*  
10 *pursuant to NRS 641B.240; and*

11 (c) Supervise other persons engaging in the practice of social  
12 work.

13 **Sec. 16.** NRS 641B.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 641B.240 1. The Board shall grant a license to engage in  
15 social work as a clinical social worker to any applicant who  
16 possesses the preliminary qualifications set forth in NRS 641B.200  
17 and who:

18 (a) Possesses a master's or doctoral degree in social work from

19 ~~an~~:

20 (1) *A college or university accredited by the Council on*  
21 *Social Work Education, or its successor organization, or which is a*  
22 *candidate for such accreditation* ~~is~~; *or*

23 (2) *A college or university located in a foreign country, or*  
24 *the equivalent of a master's or doctoral degree in social work from*  
25 *such a college or university, if the applicant includes in his or her*  
26 *application the documentation required by section 10 of this act.*

27 (b) Completes 3,000 hours of supervised, postgraduate, clinical  
28 social work approved by the Board.

29 (c) Passes an examination prescribed by the Board.

30 2. A person licensed as a clinical social worker may:

31 (a) Engage in social work independently or within an agency;

32 ~~and~~

33 (b) *Engage in clinical social work; and*

34 (c) Supervise other persons engaging in the practice of social  
35 work.

36 **Sec. 17.** NRS 641B.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 641B.260 1. The Board may hold hearings and conduct  
38 investigations into any matter related to an application for licensure.  
39 The Board may require the presentation of evidence.

40 2. The Board may refuse to issue a license to an applicant if the  
41 applicant:

42 (a) Is not of good moral character as it relates to the practice of  
43 social work;

44 (b) Has submitted any false credential to the Board;



1 (c) Has been disciplined in another state in connection with the  
2 practice of social work *or a related profession* or has committed any  
3 act in another state which is a violation of this chapter; ~~for~~

4 (d) *Has committed an act that constitutes grounds for*  
5 *initiating disciplinary action pursuant to NRS 641B.400;*

6 (e) *Has entered a plea of guilty, guilty but mentally ill or nolo*  
7 *contendere to, been found guilty or guilty but mentally ill of, or*  
8 *been convicted, in this State or any other jurisdiction, of a crime*  
9 *arising out of, in connection with or related to the activities of*  
10 *such a person in such a manner as to demonstrate his or her*  
11 *unfitness to engage in social work, and the time for appeal has*  
12 *elapsed or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on*  
13 *appeal; or*

14 (f) Fails to comply with any other requirements for licensure.

15 **Sec. 17.5.** NRS 641B.272 is hereby amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 641B.272 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement  
18 to engage in social work to an applicant who meets the requirements  
19 set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an  
20 application for such a license if the applicant ~~is~~

21 ~~—(a) Holds~~ *holds* a corresponding valid and unrestricted license  
22 to engage in social work in the District of Columbia or any state or  
23 territory of the United States . ~~is; and~~

24 ~~—(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member~~  
25 ~~of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving~~  
26 ~~spouse of a veteran.]~~

27 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this  
28 section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

29 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

30 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

31 (2) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the  
32 corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or  
33 the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license to engage  
34 in social work; *and*

35 (3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for  
36 malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of  
37 the United States; ~~and~~

38 ~~—(4) Is currently engaged in social work under the license held~~  
39 ~~required by paragraph (a) of subsection 1;]~~

40 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission  
41 authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner  
42 provided in NRS 641B.202;

43 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the  
44 application and any accompanying material is true and correct; ~~and]~~



1 (d) *The fee prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641B.300*  
2 *for the initial application; and*

3 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

4 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application  
5 for a license by endorsement to engage in social work pursuant to  
6 this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant  
7 of any additional information required by the Board to consider the  
8 application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause,  
9 the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by  
10 endorsement to engage in social work to the applicant not later than

11 ~~f:~~

12 ~~—(a) Forty five]~~ 45 days after receiving all the additional  
13 information required by the Board to complete the application . ~~f; or~~

14 ~~—(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's~~  
15 ~~background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,~~  
16 ~~↪ whichever occurs later.]~~

17 4. A license by endorsement to engage in social work may be  
18 issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the  
19 President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an  
20 action of the Board.

21 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application  
22 for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may  
23 *, for any reason,* grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant  
24 to engage in social work in accordance with regulations adopted by  
25 the Board.

26 ~~[6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed~~  
27 ~~to it in NRS 417.005.]~~

28 **Sec. 18.** NRS 641B.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 641B.275 1. The Board shall grant a provisional license to  
30 engage in social work as a social worker to a person:

31 (a) Who applies to take the next available examination and who  
32 is otherwise eligible to be a social worker pursuant to subsection 1  
33 of NRS 641B.220; or

34 (b) Who:

35 (1) Possesses a baccalaureate degree or a master's degree in a  
36 related field of study from ~~[an]~~ :

37 (I) *An* accredited college or university recognized by the  
38 Board; *or*

39 (II) *A college or university located in a foreign country,*  
40 *or the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree or a master's degree in*  
41 *a related field from such a college or university, if the applicant*  
42 *includes in his or her application the documentation required by*  
43 *section 10 of this act; and*

44 (2) Presents evidence of enrollment in a program of study  
45 leading to a degree in social work at ~~[a]~~ :



1 (I) A college or university accredited by the Council on  
2 Social Work Education or which is a candidate for such  
3 accreditation and which is approved by the Board ~~[ ]~~; or

4 (II) A college or university located in a foreign country,  
5 or a program of study leading to the equivalent of a degree in  
6 social work from such a college or university, if the applicant  
7 includes in his or her application the documentation required by  
8 section 10 of this act.

9 2. The Board shall grant a provisional license to engage in  
10 social work as an independent social worker to a person who applies  
11 to take the next available examination and who is otherwise eligible  
12 to be an independent social worker pursuant to subsection 1 of  
13 NRS 641B.230.

14 3. The Board shall grant a provisional license to engage in  
15 social work as a clinical social worker to a person who applies to  
16 take the next available examination and who is otherwise eligible to  
17 be a clinical social worker pursuant to subsection 1 of  
18 NRS 641B.240.

19 4. The Board shall establish by regulation the period during  
20 which a provisional license issued pursuant to this section will be  
21 valid. The period must be:

22 (a) No longer than 9 months for a person who is granted a  
23 provisional license to engage in social work pursuant to paragraph  
24 (a) of subsection 1 or subsection 2 or 3; and

25 (b) No longer than 3 years for a person who is granted a  
26 provisional license to engage in social work pursuant to paragraph  
27 (b) of subsection 1.

28 **Sec. 19.** NRS 641B.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 641B.280 1. Every holder of a license issued pursuant to this  
30 chapter may renew his or her license annually by:

31 (a) Applying to the Board for renewal;

32 (b) Paying the annual renewal fee set by the Board;

33 (c) ~~[Submitting]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 11 of*  
34 *this act, submitting* evidence to the Board of completion of the  
35 required continuing education as set forth in regulations adopted by  
36 the Board; and

37 (d) Submitting all information required to complete the renewal.

38 2. ~~[The]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this*  
39 *act, the* Board shall, as a prerequisite for the renewal of a license,  
40 require the holder to comply with the requirements for continuing  
41 education adopted by the Board, which must include, without  
42 limitation, a requirement that every 2 years the holder receive at  
43 least 2 hours of instruction on evidence-based suicide prevention  
44 and awareness or another course of instruction on suicide prevention





1 and awareness that is approved by the Board which the Board has  
2 determined to be effective and appropriate.

3 **Sec. 20.** NRS 641B.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 641B.300 1. The Board shall charge and collect fees not to  
5 exceed the following amounts for:

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7	Initial application.....	\$200
8	Provisional license.....	150
9	Initial issuance of a license as a social worker <i>or</i>	
10	<i>master social worker</i> .....	250
11	Initial issuance of a license as a clinical social	
12	worker or an independent social worker .....	350
13	Initial issuance of a license by endorsement .....	200
14	Annual renewal of a license as a social worker ,	
15	<i>master social worker</i> or an associate in social	
16	work.....	175
17	Annual renewal of a license as a clinical social	
18	worker or an independent social worker .....	225
19	Restoration of a suspended license or reinstatement	
20	of a revoked license.....	150
21	Restoration of an expired license .....	200
22	Renewal of a delinquent license .....	100

23  
24 2. If an ~~applicant~~ *active member of, or the spouse of an*  
25 *active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a*  
26 *veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran* submits an application  
27 for a license by endorsement pursuant to NRS 641B.272, the Board  
28 shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection  
29 1 for the initial issuance of the license.

30 3. *As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning*  
31 *ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.*

32 **Sec. 21.** NRS 641B.410 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 641B.410 1. The Board, any ~~of its members~~ *member or*  
34 *employee of the Board* or any member of a review panel of social  
35 workers who becomes aware that any one or combination of the  
36 grounds for initiating disciplinary action may exist as to a person  
37 practicing social work in this State shall, and any other person who  
38 is so aware may, file a written complaint specifying the relevant  
39 facts with the Board. The complaint must specifically charge one or  
40 more of the grounds for initiating disciplinary action.

41 2. The Board shall retain all complaints filed with the Board  
42 pursuant to this section for at least 10 years, including, without  
43 limitation, any complaints not acted upon.





1       **Sec. 22.** NRS 641B.505 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2       641B.505 1. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it  
3 is unlawful for a person to engage in:

4       (a) The independent practice of social work unless he or she ~~is~~  
5 ~~licensed~~:

6           (1) *Holds an active license* as a clinical social worker or an  
7 independent social worker pursuant to this chapter ~~is~~; or

8           (2) *Holds an active license as a master social worker*  
9 *pursuant to this chapter and is engaging in the independent*  
10 *practice of social work under the conditions prescribed in section*  
11 *9 of this act.*

12       (b) The clinical practice of social work unless he or she ~~is~~  
13 ~~licensed~~:

14           (1) *Holds an active license* as a clinical social worker *issued*  
15 *pursuant to this chapter* ~~is~~; or

16           (2) *Holds an active license as an independent social worker*  
17 *or master social worker issued pursuant to this chapter and is*  
18 *engaging in clinical social work under the conditions prescribed*  
19 *in NRS 641B.230 or section 9 of this act, as applicable.*

20       (c) *The practice of social work unless he or she holds an active*  
21 *license as an associate in social work, a social worker, a master*  
22 *social worker, an independent social worker or a clinical social*  
23 *worker issued pursuant to this chapter.*

24       2. As used in this section, “independent practice of social  
25 work” means the unsupervised practice of social work, other than  
26 for a public employer, for compensation.

27       **Sec. 22.5.** Chapter 641C of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
28 thereto a new section to read as follows:

29       *If the Board requires an applicant for a license or certificate*  
30 *pursuant to this chapter to submit official transcripts as proof of*  
31 *his or her educational qualifications, the Board must provide an*  
32 *alternate means for the applicant to submit official transcripts if:*

33           1. *The college or university from which the applicant has*  
34 *graduated has closed or has merged with another institution; and*

35           2. *The provision of official transcripts by ordinary means is*  
36 *not available or possible.*

37       **Sec. 23.** NRS 641C.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38       641C.130 The provisions of this chapter do not apply to:

39       1. A physician who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of  
40 chapter 630 or 633 of NRS;

41       2. A nurse who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter  
42 632 of NRS and is authorized by the State Board of Nursing to  
43 engage in the practice of counseling persons with alcohol and other  
44 substance use disorders or the practice of counseling persons with  
45 an addictive disorder related to gambling;



1 3. A psychologist who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of  
2 chapter 641 of NRS or authorized to practice psychology in this  
3 State pursuant to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact  
4 enacted in NRS 641.227;

5 4. A clinical professional counselor or clinical professional  
6 counselor intern who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641A of NRS;

7 5. A marriage and family therapist or marriage and family  
8 therapist intern who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter  
9 641A of NRS and is authorized by the Board of Examiners for  
10 Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional  
11 Counselors to engage in the practice of counseling persons with  
12 alcohol and other substance use disorders or the practice of  
13 counseling persons with an addictive disorder related to gambling;  
14 or

15 6. A person who is ~~licensed as a~~ :

16 (a) *Licensed as:*

17 (1) *A clinical social worker pursuant to the provisions of*  
18 *chapter 641B of NRS ; or*

19 (2) *A master social worker or independent social worker*  
20 *pursuant to the provisions of chapter 641B of NRS and is*  
21 *engaging in clinical social work as part of an internship program*  
22 *approved by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers; and ~~is~~*  
23 *authorized*

24 (b) *Authorized* by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers to  
25 engage in the practice of counseling persons with alcohol and other  
26 substance use disorders or the practice of counseling persons with  
27 an addictive disorder related to gambling.

28 **Sec. 23.5.** NRS 641C.200 is hereby amended to read as  
29 follows:

30 641C.200 1. The Board shall adopt such regulations as are  
31 necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, including,  
32 without limitation, regulations that : ~~prescribe;~~

33 (a) ~~The~~ *Prescribe the* ethical standards for licensed and  
34 certified counselors and certified interns;

35 (b) ~~The~~ *Prescribe the* requirements for continuing education  
36 for the renewal, restoration or reinstatement of a license or  
37 certificate;

38 (c) ~~Uniform~~ *Prescribe uniform* standards concerning the  
39 locations at which interns provide services;

40 (d) ~~Standards concerning~~ *Authorize* the *remote supervision,*  
41 *including, without limitation,* electronic supervision , of interns  
42 *working at remote sites ~~;~~* and *prescribe standards concerning*  
43 *such remote supervision; and*

44 (e) ~~The~~ *Prescribe the* manner by which the qualifications for  
45 the issuance or renewal of a license or certificate under the



1 provisions of this chapter will be made available to the public such  
2 that those qualifications are clearly defined and easily understood.

3 2. The Board may adopt regulations that prescribe:

4 (a) The contents of a written and oral examination concerning  
5 the practice of counseling persons with an addictive disorder related  
6 to gambling;

7 (b) The grounds for initiating disciplinary action against a  
8 certified problem gambling counselor or certified problem gambling  
9 counselor intern; and

10 (c) Disciplinary procedures for certified problem gambling  
11 counselors and certified problem gambling counselor interns,  
12 including the suspension, revocation and reinstatement of a  
13 certificate as a problem gambling counselor or problem gambling  
14 counselor intern.

15 3. Any regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to this  
16 section must be consistent with the provisions of chapter 622A of  
17 NRS.

18 4. On the date that the Board gives notice pursuant to NRS  
19 233B.060 of its intent to adopt, amend or repeal a regulation, the  
20 Board shall submit the regulation to the Commission on Behavioral  
21 Health for review. The Commission shall review the regulation and  
22 make recommendations to the Board concerning the advisability of  
23 adopting, amending or repealing the regulation and any changes that  
24 the Commission deems advisable.

25 **Sec. 24.** NRS 641C.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 641C.230 **1.** On or before February 1 of each year, the Board  
27 shall submit to the Legislative Committee on Health Care *and to the*  
28 *Chair of each regional behavioral health policy board created by*  
29 *NRS 433.429* a report which must include:

30 ~~{1.}~~ (a) The number of complaints received, investigations  
31 completed, cases dismissed, cases settled and cases for which  
32 hearings were held within the immediately preceding calendar year;

33 ~~{and~~

34 ~~—2.}~~ (b) The number of applications for the issuance or renewal  
35 of a license or certificate received by the Board during the  
36 immediately preceding calendar year and the number of those  
37 applications for which the Board conducted additional review  
38 beyond the standard review regularly conducted by the Board ~~{1.}~~ ;  
39 *and*

40 (c) *The number of applications for the issuance of a license or*  
41 *certificate by endorsement received by the Board pursuant to*  
42 *NRS 641C.3306, 641C.356, 641C.396 and 641C.433 during the*  
43 *immediately preceding calendar year, the number of those*  
44 *applications that were denied and the reasons for denial.*



1       **2. The report submitted pursuant to this section to the Chair**  
2 **of each regional behavioral health policy board created by NRS**  
3 **433.429 may be submitted in a written format.**

4       **Sec. 24.5.** NRS 641C.290 is hereby amended to read as  
5 follows:

6       641C.290 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 641C.300  
7 ~~641C.3305~~ and 641C.3306, each applicant for a license as a  
8 clinical alcohol and drug counselor must pass a written and oral  
9 examination concerning his or her knowledge of the clinical practice  
10 of counseling persons with alcohol and other substance use  
11 disorders, the applicable provisions of this chapter and any  
12 applicable regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to the  
13 provisions of this chapter.

14       2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 641C.300,  
15 ~~641C.355~~ 641C.356 ~~641C.395~~ and 641C.396, each applicant  
16 for a license or certificate as an alcohol and drug counselor must  
17 pass a written and oral examination concerning his or her  
18 knowledge of the practice of counseling persons with alcohol and  
19 other substance use disorders, the applicable provisions of this  
20 chapter and any applicable regulations adopted by the Board  
21 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

22       3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS ~~641C.432 and~~  
23 641C.433, each applicant for a certificate as a problem gambling  
24 counselor must pass a written and oral examination concerning his  
25 or her knowledge of the practice of counseling persons with an  
26 addictive disorder related to gambling, the applicable provisions of  
27 this chapter and any applicable regulations adopted by the Board  
28 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

29       4. The Board shall:

30       (a) Examine applicants at least two times each year.

31       (b) Establish the time and place for the examinations.

32       (c) Provide such books and forms as may be necessary to  
33 conduct the examinations.

34       (d) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 622.090, establish, by  
35 regulation, the requirements for passing the examination.

36       5. The Board may employ other persons to conduct the  
37 examinations.

38       **Sec. 25.** (Deleted by amendment.)

39       **Sec. 25.2.** NRS 641C.3306 is hereby amended to read as  
40 follows:

41       641C.3306 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement  
42 as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor to an applicant who meets  
43 the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit  
44 to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant ~~is~~



1 ~~—(a) Holds]~~ **holds** a corresponding valid and unrestricted license  
2 as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor in the District of Columbia  
3 or any state or territory of the United States . ~~]; and~~

4 ~~—(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member~~  
5 ~~of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving~~  
6 ~~spouse of a veteran.]~~

7 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this  
8 section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

9 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

10 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

11 (2) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the  
12 corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or  
13 the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license as a  
14 clinical alcohol and drug counselor; and

15 (3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for  
16 malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of  
17 the United States;

18 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission  
19 authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner  
20 provided in NRS 641C.260;

21 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the  
22 application and any accompanying material is true and correct;

23 (d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.470  
24 for the initial application for and issuance of an initial license; and

25 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

26 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application  
27 for a license by endorsement as a clinical alcohol and drug  
28 counselor pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written  
29 notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the  
30 Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the  
31 application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application  
32 and issue a license by endorsement as a clinical alcohol and drug  
33 counselor to the applicant not later than ~~];~~

34 ~~—(a) Forty five]~~ **45** days after receiving all the additional  
35 information required by the Board to complete the application . ~~]; or~~

36 ~~—(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's~~  
37 ~~background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,~~  
38 ~~→ whichever occurs later.]~~

39 4. A license by endorsement as a clinical alcohol and drug  
40 counselor may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its  
41 meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be  
42 deemed to be an action of the Board.

43 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application  
44 for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may  
45 **, for any reason,** grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant



1 to practice as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor in accordance  
2 with regulations adopted by the Board.

3 ~~6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed~~  
4 ~~to it in NRS 417.005.]~~

5 **Sec. 25.4.** NRS 641C.356 is hereby amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 641C.356 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement  
8 as an alcohol and drug counselor to an applicant who meets the  
9 requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to  
10 the Board an application for such a license if the applicant ~~is~~

11 ~~—(a) Holds]~~ holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license  
12 as an alcohol and drug counselor in the District of Columbia or any  
13 state or territory of the United States . ~~is; and~~

14 ~~—(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member~~  
15 ~~of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving~~  
16 ~~spouse of a veteran.]~~

17 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this  
18 section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

19 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

20 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

21 (2) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the  
22 corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or  
23 the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license as an  
24 alcohol and drug counselor; and

25 (3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for  
26 malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of  
27 the United States;

28 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission  
29 authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner  
30 provided in NRS 641C.260;

31 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the  
32 application and any accompanying material is true and correct;

33 (d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.470  
34 for the initial application for and issuance of an initial license; and

35 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

36 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application  
37 for a license by endorsement as an alcohol and drug counselor  
38 pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the  
39 applicant of any additional information required by the Board to  
40 consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for  
41 good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a  
42 license by endorsement as an alcohol and drug counselor to the  
43 applicant not later than ~~is~~

44 ~~—(a) Forty-five]~~ 45 days after receiving all the additional  
45 information required by the Board to complete the application . ~~is; or~~



1 ~~—(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's~~  
2 ~~background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,~~  
3 ~~→ whichever occurs later.]~~

4 4. A license by endorsement as an alcohol and drug counselor  
5 may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by  
6 the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an  
7 action of the Board.

8 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application  
9 for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may  
10 *, for any reason,* grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant  
11 to practice as an alcohol and drug counselor in accordance with  
12 regulations adopted by the Board.

13 ~~[6. — As used in this section, “veteran” has the meaning ascribed~~  
14 ~~to it in NRS 417.005.]~~

15 **Sec. 25.6.** NRS 641C.396 is hereby amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 641C.396 1. The Board may issue a certificate by  
18 endorsement as an alcohol and drug counselor to an applicant who  
19 meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may  
20 submit to the Board an application for such a certificate if the  
21 applicant ~~is~~

22 ~~—(a) Holds]~~ *holds* a corresponding valid and unrestricted  
23 certificate as an alcohol and drug counselor in the District of  
24 Columbia or any state or territory of the United States. ~~;~~ *and*

25 ~~—(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member~~  
26 ~~of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving~~  
27 ~~spouse of a veteran.]~~

28 2. An applicant for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to  
29 this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

30 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

31 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

32 (2) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the  
33 corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or  
34 the state or territory in which the applicant holds a certificate as an  
35 alcohol and drug counselor; and

36 (3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for  
37 malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of  
38 the United States;

39 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission  
40 authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner  
41 provided in NRS 641C.260;

42 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the  
43 application and any accompanying material is true and correct;





1 (d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.470  
2 for the initial application for and issuance of an initial certificate;  
3 and

4 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

5 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application  
6 for a certificate by endorsement as an alcohol and drug counselor  
7 pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the  
8 applicant of any additional information required by the Board to  
9 consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for  
10 good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a  
11 certificate by endorsement as an alcohol and drug counselor to the  
12 applicant not later than ~~;~~

13 ~~—(a) Forty five] 45~~ days after receiving all additional information  
14 required by the Board to complete the application. ~~;~~ ~~or~~

15 ~~—(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's~~  
16 ~~background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,~~  
17 ~~↪ whichever occurs later.]~~

18 4. A certificate by endorsement as an alcohol and drug  
19 counselor may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its  
20 meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be  
21 deemed to be an action of the Board.

22 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application  
23 for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board  
24 may, *for any reason*, grant a provisional certificate authorizing an  
25 applicant to practice as an alcohol and drug counselor in accordance  
26 with regulations adopted by the Board.

27 ~~[6. — As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed~~  
28 ~~to it in NRS 417.005.]~~

29 **Sec. 25.8.** NRS 641C.433 is hereby amended to read as  
30 follows:

31 641C.433 1. The Board may issue a certificate by  
32 endorsement as a problem gambling counselor to an applicant who  
33 meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may  
34 submit to the Board an application for such a certificate if the  
35 applicant ~~;~~

36 ~~—(a) Holds]~~ *holds* a corresponding valid and unrestricted  
37 certificate as a problem gambling counselor in the District of  
38 Columbia or any state or territory of the United States. ~~;~~ ~~and~~

39 ~~—(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member~~  
40 ~~of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving~~  
41 ~~spouse of a veteran.]~~

42 2. An applicant for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to  
43 this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

44 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

45 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;





1 (2) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the  
2 corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or  
3 the state or territory in which the applicant holds a certificate as a  
4 problem gambling counselor; and

5 (3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for  
6 malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of  
7 the United States;

8 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission  
9 authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner  
10 provided in NRS 641C.260;

11 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the  
12 application and any accompanying material is true and correct;

13 (d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.470  
14 for the initial application for and issuance of an initial certificate;  
15 and

16 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

17 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application  
18 for a certificate by endorsement as a problem gambling counselor  
19 pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the  
20 applicant of any additional information required by the Board to  
21 consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for  
22 good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a  
23 certificate by endorsement as a problem gambling counselor to the  
24 applicant not later than ~~15~~

25 ~~—(a) Forty five]~~ 45 days after receiving all the additional  
26 information required by the Board to complete the application. ~~]; or~~

27 ~~—(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's~~  
28 ~~background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,~~  
29 ~~→ whichever occurs later.]~~

30 4. A certificate by endorsement as a problem gambling  
31 counselor may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its  
32 meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be  
33 deemed to be an action of the Board.

34 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application  
35 for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board  
36 may, *for any reason*, grant a provisional certificate authorizing an  
37 applicant to practice as a problem gambling counselor in accordance  
38 with regulations adopted by the Board.

39 ~~[6. — As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed~~  
40 ~~to it in NRS 417.005.]~~

41 **Sec. 25.9.** NRS 641C.470 is hereby amended to read as  
42 follows:

43 641C.470 1. The Board shall charge and collect not more  
44 than the following fees:



1 For the initial application for a license or certificate,  
2 including a license or certificate by endorsement ..... \$150  
3 For the issuance of a provisional license or  
4 certificate..... 125  
5 For the issuance of an initial license or certificate,  
6 including a license or certificate by endorsement ..... 60  
7 For the renewal of a license or certificate as an  
8 alcohol and drug counselor, a license as a  
9 clinical alcohol and drug counselor or a  
10 certificate as a problem gambling counselor ..... 300  
11 For the renewal of a certificate as a clinical alcohol  
12 and drug counselor intern, an alcohol and drug  
13 counselor intern or a problem gambling  
14 counselor intern ..... 75  
15 For the renewal of a delinquent license or certificate ..... 75  
16 For the restoration of an expired license or  
17 certificate..... 150  
18 For the restoration or reinstatement of a suspended  
19 or revoked license or certificate ..... 300  
20 For the issuance of a license or certificate without  
21 examination ..... 150  
22 For an examination ..... 150  
23 For the approval of a course of continuing  
24 education ..... 150

26 2. ~~##~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if* an  
27 applicant submits an application for a license or certificate by  
28 endorsement pursuant to NRS ~~641C.3305, 641C.355, 641C.395 or~~  
29 ~~641C.432,~~ *641C.3306, 641C.356, 641C.396 or 641C.433,* the  
30 Board shall charge and collect not more than the fees specified in  
31 subsection 1 for the initial application for and issuance of an initial  
32 license or certificate, as applicable.

33 3. If an ~~applicant~~ *active member of, or the spouse of an*  
34 *active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a*  
35 *veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran* submits an application  
36 for a license or certificate by endorsement pursuant to NRS  
37 641C.3306, 641C.356, 641C.396 or 641C.433, as applicable, the  
38 Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee specified in  
39 subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.

40 4. The fees charged and collected pursuant to this section are  
41 not refundable.

42 5. *As used in this section, “veteran” has the meaning*  
43 *ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.*

44 **Sec. 26.** NRS 62A.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
45 62A.270 “Qualified professional” means:



1 1. A psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine in this State and  
2 certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.;

3 2. A psychologist licensed to practice in this State;

4 3. A social worker holding a master's degree in social work  
5 and licensed in this State as a *master social worker* or clinical social  
6 worker;

7 4. A registered nurse holding a master's degree in the field of  
8 psychiatric nursing and licensed to practice professional nursing in  
9 this State;

10 5. A marriage and family therapist licensed in this State  
11 pursuant to chapter 641A of NRS; or

12 6. A clinical professional counselor licensed in this State  
13 pursuant to chapter 641A of NRS.

14 **Sec. 27.** (Deleted by amendment.)

15 **Sec. 28.** NRS 689A.0485 is hereby amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 689A.0485 If any policy of health insurance provides coverage  
18 for treatment of an illness which is within the authorized scope of  
19 the practice of a licensed associate in social work, social worker,  
20 *master social worker*, independent social worker or clinical social  
21 worker, the insured is entitled to reimbursement for treatment by an  
22 associate in social work, social worker, *master social worker*,  
23 independent social worker or clinical social worker who is licensed  
24 pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS.

25 **Sec. 29.** NRS 689B.0385 is hereby amended to read as  
26 follows:

27 689B.0385 If any policy of group health insurance provides  
28 coverage for treatment of an illness which is within the authorized  
29 scope of the practice of a licensed associate in social work, social  
30 worker, *master social worker*, independent social worker or clinical  
31 social worker, the insured is entitled to reimbursement for treatment  
32 by an associate in social work, social worker, *master social worker*,  
33 independent social worker or clinical social worker who is licensed  
34 pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS.

35 **Sec. 30.** NRS 695B.1975 is hereby amended to read as  
36 follows:

37 695B.1975 If any contract for hospital or medical service  
38 provides coverage for treatment of an illness which is within the  
39 authorized scope of the practice of a licensed associate in social  
40 work, social worker, *master social worker*, independent social  
41 worker or clinical social worker, the insured is entitled to  
42 reimbursement for treatment by an associate in social work, social  
43 worker, *master social worker*, independent social worker or clinical  
44 social worker who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS.



1     **Sec. 31.** NRS 695C.1775 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3     695C.1775 If any evidence of coverage provides coverage for  
4 treatment of an illness which is within the authorized scope of the  
5 practice of a licensed associate in social work, social worker, *master*  
6 *social worker*, independent social worker or clinical social worker,  
7 the insured is entitled to reimbursement for treatment by an  
8 associate in social work, social worker, *master social worker*,  
9 independent social worker or clinical social worker who is licensed  
10 pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS.

11     **Sec. 32.** (Deleted by amendment.)

12     **Sec. 33.** Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of section  
13 22 of this act, the holder of a license to engage in the practice of  
14 social work as a social worker issued pursuant to NRS 641B.220  
15 who:

16     1. Possesses a master's or doctoral degree in social work from  
17 a college or university which is accredited by the Council on Social  
18 Work Education, or its successor organization, or which is a  
19 candidate for such accreditation; and

20     2. Is engaging in the independent practice of social work or the  
21 practice of clinical social work as part of an internship program  
22 described in subsection 2 of section 9 of this act on July 1, 2021,  
23 ↪ may continue to do so for the current term of his or her license.

24     **Sec. 33.5.** NRS 641.195, 641A.241, 641B.271, 641C.3305,  
25 641C.355, 641C.395 and 641C.432 are hereby repealed.

26     **Sec. 34.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and  
27 approval.

28     2. Sections 1 to 33.5, inclusive, of this act become effective:

29     (a) Upon passage and approval for the purposes of adopting  
30 regulations and performing any preparatory administrative tasks that  
31 are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

32     (b) On July 1, 2021, for all other purposes.

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## LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

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**641.195 Expedited license by endorsement as psychologist:  
Requirements; procedure for issuance; grounds for denial;  
regulations.**

**641A.241 Expedited license by endorsement:  
Requirements; procedure for issuance.**

**641B.271 Expedited license by endorsement:  
Requirements; procedure for issuance.**



<b>641C.3305 Expedited license Requirements; procedure for issuance.</b>	<b>by</b>	<b>endorsement:</b>
<b>641C.355 Expedited license Requirements; procedure for issuance.</b>	<b>by</b>	<b>endorsement:</b>
<b>641C.395 Expedited certificate Requirements; procedure for issuance.</b>	<b>by</b>	<b>endorsement:</b>
<b>641C.432 Expedited certificate Requirements; procedure for issuance.</b>	<b>by</b>	<b>endorsement:</b>







