

SENATE FILE NO. SF0013

Mental Health Professions Practice Act-amendments.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Mental Health and  
Substance Abuse Services

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Mental Health Professions Practice  
2 Act; modifying certification and provisional licensing  
3 requirements; clarifying licensure and certification  
4 reciprocity; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8       **Section 1.**       W.S. 33-38-106(b)(intro), (c)(intro),  
9 (d)(i), by creating a new paragraph (iii), by renumbering  
10 (iii) as (iv), by amending and renumbering (iv) as (v), by  
11 renumbering (v) as (vi) and (n)(intro) and 33-38-108 are  
12 amended to read:

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14       **33-38-106. Requirements for licensure and**  
15 **certification.**

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1           (b) Certification under this subsection shall allow  
2 practice as a certified social worker only under the  
3 supervision of a qualified clinical supervisor and subject  
4 to any other restrictions which may be specified by the  
5 board. The board shall grant certification as a certified  
6 social worker to any applicant who files an application  
7 upon a form and in the manner prescribed by the board,  
8 accompanied by the appropriate fee and who furnishes  
9 satisfactory evidence to the board of the following:

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11           (c) Certification under this subsection shall allow  
12 practice as a certified addictions practitioner only under  
13 the supervision of a qualified clinical supervisor and  
14 subject to any other restrictions which may be specified by  
15 the board. The board shall grant certification as a  
16 certified addictions practitioner to any applicant who  
17 files an application upon a form and in the manner  
18 prescribed by the board, accompanied by the appropriate fee  
19 and who furnishes satisfactory evidence to the board of the  
20 following:

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22           (d) Provisional licensure is a means to continue  
23 progress towards satisfactory completion of all licensure  
24 requirements under this act. Upon review and approval by

1 the designated board member or board, the board shall issue  
2 a provisional license to any applicant who files an  
3 application upon a form and in the manner prescribed by the  
4 board, accompanied by the appropriate fee and who furnishes  
5 satisfactory evidence to the board of the following:

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7 (i) The applicant has ~~satisfied all requirements~~  
8 ~~for licensure other than the requirements for examination~~  
9 ~~and completion of the required hours of supervised clinical~~  
10 ~~experience~~ reached the age of majority;

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12 (iii) The applicant meets one (1) of the  
13 following educational requirements:

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15 (A) Holds a master's or doctorate degree in  
16 one (1) of the disciplines identified from an accredited  
17 program and institution of higher education which is  
18 professional in content and which meets the academic and  
19 training content standards established by the board; or

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21 (B) Holds a master's or doctorate degree  
22 which is clinical in content from a regionally accredited  
23 institution of higher education in one (1) of the  
24 disciplines identified. During the term of provisional

1 licensure under this subsection, the applicant shall  
2 complete any program deficiencies required to meet the  
3 academic and training content standards established by the  
4 board; or

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6 (C) Holds a license for independent  
7 clinical practice in good standing in the identified  
8 discipline for another licensing jurisdiction which does  
9 not meet the criteria for reciprocal licensure under this  
10 act. During the term of provisional licensure under this  
11 subsection, the applicant shall complete any program  
12 deficiencies required to meet the academic and training  
13 content standards established by the board.

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15 ~~(iii)~~ (iv) The provisional licensed professional  
16 counselor, clinical social worker, marriage and family  
17 therapist and addictions therapist shall be allowed to  
18 practice only under the supervision of a qualified clinical  
19 supervisor and in accordance with any other restrictions  
20 specified by the board;

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22 ~~(iv)~~ (v) Unless extended, the provisional license  
23 shall expire thirty-six (36) months after issuance or upon  
24 ~~receipt by the board of the applicant's passing examination~~

1 ~~results, and completion of the required hours of~~  
2 ~~supervision~~ issuance of a license by the board under this  
3 act, whichever occurs first;

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5 ~~(v)~~ (vi) The board may, for good cause shown,  
6 grant an extension of a provisional license subject to any  
7 additional restrictions specified by the board.

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9 (n) Certification under this subsection shall allow  
10 practice as a certified addictions practitioner assistant  
11 only under the supervision of a qualified clinical  
12 supervisor and subject to any other restrictions which may  
13 be specified by the board. Unless extended, an applicant  
14 has six (6) months from the date of employment to become  
15 certified. The board may for good cause grant an extension  
16 of this period. The board shall grant certification as a  
17 certified addictions practitioner assistant to any  
18 applicant who files an application upon a form and in the  
19 manner prescribed by the board, accompanied by the  
20 appropriate fee and who furnishes satisfactory evidence to  
21 the board of the following:

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23 **33-38-108. Reciprocity.**  
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1       ~~(a) The board may issue a license or certification by~~  
2 ~~endorsement~~ Any individual holding a license in good  
3 standing to engage in the practice of professional  
4 counseling, clinical social work, ~~social work~~, marriage and  
5 family therapy ~~and or~~ addictions therapy ~~and treatment to~~  
6 ~~any applicant who has a license or certificate in good~~  
7 ~~standing with no formal complaints or sanctions as a~~  
8 ~~professional counselor, a marriage and family therapist, a~~  
9 ~~clinical social worker, under the laws of another state~~  
10 having licensure requirements substantially similar to  
11 those required by this act may, upon approval of the board,  
12 be issued a license to practice in this state.

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14       ~~(b) Any individual holding a certification in good~~  
15 standing to engage in the practice of social ~~worker, mental~~  
16 ~~health worker, addictions practitioner~~ work or an  
17 addictions ~~therapist~~ therapy under the laws of another  
18 ~~jurisdiction if the applicant presents proof satisfactory~~  
19 ~~to the board that, at the time of application for a Wyoming~~  
20 ~~license or~~ state having certification ~~by endorsement, the~~  
21 ~~applicant possesses credentials and qualifications~~  
22 requirements substantially ~~comparable~~ similar to those  
23 required by this act ~~as determined by~~ may, upon approval of

1 the board, be issued certification to practice in this  
2 state.

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4 (c) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations  
5 setting forth the manner in which credentials ~~will~~ shall be  
6 reviewed by the board.

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8 **Section 2.** W.S. 33-38-106(b)(iv), (c)(iv) and (n)(iv)  
9 is repealed.

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11 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2008.

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13 (END)