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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (2) For purposes of this section:

24 (a) Actively engaged in the practice of marriage and
25 family therapy may include (i) services and activities provided under

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

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

20 (c) Supervision means face-to-face contact between an
21 applicant and a qualified supervisor during which the applicant
22 apprises the supervisor of the diagnosis and treatment of each
23 client, the clients' cases are discussed, the supervisor provides the
24 applicant with oversight and guidance in treating and dealing with
25 clients, and the supervisor evaluates the applicant's performance. In

1 order for a supervised period of time to be credited toward the time
2 of supervision required by subsection (1) of this section, it shall
3 consist of the following:

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

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

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

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

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