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By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of health shall convene a  
4 work group to develop recommendations regarding the need to regulate  
5 those individuals currently registered with the department of health as  
6 counselors. The work group membership shall include a variety of  
7 registered counselors in independent private practice, as well as other  
8 credentialed mental health professionals. The work group shall  
9 consider supervision, risk assessment and referral, continuing  
10 education, ethics, and other provisions associated with client safety.  
11 The department of health shall submit recommendations of the work group  
12 to the legislature and governor by September 15, 2007.

13 Based on the recommendations of the work group, the department of  
14 health shall draft credentialing guidelines for all registered  
15 counselors by January 1, 2008. Guidelines shall include education in  
16 risk assessment, ethics, and professional standards. The guidelines  
17 shall include deadlines for compliance."

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18 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "counselors;" strike the  
19 remainder of the title and insert "and creating a new section."

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