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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2474** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

Chief Clerk

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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by
Representatives Cody, Wood, Morrell, Barlow, and Green)

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1 AN ACT Relating to supervised experience requirements for social
2 worker licenses; amending RCW 18.225.090; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.225.090 and 2006 c 69 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The secretary shall issue a license to any applicant who
7 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the secretary that the applicant
8 meets the following education and experience requirements for the
9 applicant's practice area.

10 (a) Licensed social work classifications:

11 (i) Licensed advanced social worker:

12 (A) Graduation from a master's or doctorate social work educational
13 program accredited by the council on social work education and approved
14 by the secretary based upon nationally recognized standards;

15 (B) Successful completion of an approved examination;

16 (C) Successful completion of a supervised experience requirement.

17 The supervised experience requirement consists of a minimum of three
18 thousand two hundred hours with supervision by an approved supervisor

1 who has been licensed for at least two years. Of those supervised
2 hours:

3 (I) At least ninety hours ((of supervision)) must include direct
4 supervision as specified in this subsection by a licensed independent
5 clinical social worker ((or)), a licensed advanced social worker ((who
6 has been licensed or certified for at least two years)), or an equally
7 qualified licensed mental health professional. Of those hours(()) of
8 directly supervised experience:

9 (1) At least fifty hours must include ((direct)) supervision by a
10 licensed advanced social worker or licensed independent clinical social
11 worker; the other forty hours may be ((with)) supervised by an equally
12 qualified licensed mental health practitioner(()); and

13 (2) At least forty hours must be in one-to-one supervision and
14 fifty hours may be in one-to-one supervision or group supervision(());

15 (II) Distance supervision is limited to forty supervision
16 hours(()); and

17 (III) Eight hundred hours must be in direct client contact; and

18 (D) Successful completion of continuing education requirements of
19 thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.

20 (ii) Licensed independent clinical social worker:

21 (A) Graduation from a master's or doctorate level social work
22 educational program accredited by the council on social work education
23 and approved by the secretary based upon nationally recognized
24 standards;

25 (B) Successful completion of an approved examination;

26 (C) Successful completion of a supervised experience requirement.

27 The supervised experience requirement consists of a minimum of four
28 thousand hours of experience, ((of which)) over a three-year period,
29 with supervision by an approved supervisor who has been licensed for at
30 least two years and, as specified in this subsection, may be either a
31 licensed independent clinical social worker who has had at least one
32 year of experience in supervising the clinical social work of others or
33 an equally qualified licensed mental health practitioner. Of those
34 supervised hours:

35 (I) At least one thousand hours must be direct client contact((
36 over a three-year period supervised by a licensed independent clinical
37 social worker who has been licensed or certified for at least five

1 ~~years and who has had at least one year of experience in supervising~~
2 ~~the clinical social work practice of others, with supervision of~~);
3 (II) Hours of direct supervision must include:
4 (1) At least one hundred thirty hours by a licensed mental health
5 practitioner(~~(. Of the total supervision,~~));
6 (2) At least seventy hours (~~(must be)) of supervision~~ with ((an))
7 a licensed independent clinical social worker meeting the
8 qualifications under this subsection (1)(a)(ii)(C); the other sixty
9 hours may be (~~(with)) supervised by~~ an equally qualified licensed
10 mental health practitioner(~~(-))~~); and
11 (3) At least sixty hours must be in one-to-one supervision and
12 seventy hours may be in one-to-one supervision or group
13 supervision(~~(-))~~); and
14 (III) Distance supervision is limited to sixty supervision hours;
15 and
16 (D) Successful completion of continuing education requirements of
17 thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.
18 (b) Licensed mental health counselor:
19 (i) Graduation from a master's or doctoral level educational
20 program in mental health counseling or a related discipline from a
21 college or university approved by the secretary based upon nationally
22 recognized standards;
23 (ii) Successful completion of an approved examination;
24 (iii) Successful completion of a supervised experience requirement.
25 The experience requirement consists of a minimum of thirty-six months
26 full-time counseling or three thousand hours of postgraduate mental
27 health counseling under the supervision of a qualified licensed mental
28 health counselor or equally qualified licensed mental health
29 practitioner, in an approved setting. The three thousand hours of
30 required experience includes a minimum of one hundred hours spent in
31 immediate supervision with the qualified licensed mental health
32 counselor, and includes a minimum of one thousand two hundred hours of
33 direct counseling with individuals, couples, families, or groups; and
34 (iv) Successful completion of continuing education requirements of
35 thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.
36 (c) Licensed marriage and family therapist:
37 (i) Graduation from a master's degree or doctoral degree
38 educational program in marriage and family therapy or graduation from

1 an educational program in an allied field equivalent to a master's
2 degree or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy approved by
3 the secretary based upon nationally recognized standards;

4 (ii) Successful passage of an approved examination;

5 (iii) Successful completion of a supervised experience requirement.

6 The experience requirement consists of a minimum of two calendar years
7 of full-time marriage and family therapy. Of the total supervision,
8 one hundred hours must be with a licensed marriage and family therapist
9 with at least five years' clinical experience; the other one hundred
10 hours may be with an equally qualified licensed mental health
11 practitioner. Total experience requirements include:

12 (A) A minimum of three thousand hours of experience, one thousand
13 hours of which must be direct client contact; at least five hundred
14 hours must be gained in diagnosing and treating couples and families;
15 plus

16 (B) At least two hundred hours of qualified supervision with a
17 supervisor. At least one hundred of the two hundred hours must be one-
18 on-one supervision, and the remaining hours may be in one-on-one or
19 group supervision.

20 Applicants who have completed a master's program accredited by the
21 commission on accreditation for marriage and family therapy education
22 of the American association for marriage and family therapy may be
23 credited with five hundred hours of direct client contact and one
24 hundred hours of formal meetings with an approved supervisor; and

25 (iv) Successful completion of continuing education requirements of
26 thirty-six hours, with six in professional ethics.

27 (2) The department shall establish by rule what constitutes
28 adequate proof of meeting the criteria.

29 (3) In addition, applicants shall be subject to the grounds for
30 denial of a license or issuance of a conditional license under chapter
31 18.130 RCW.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is remedial and curative in nature
33 and applies retroactively to July 22, 2003.

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