

SB 5054 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Health Care & Wellness

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

3 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 18.83.170 and 2004 c 262 s 12 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Upon compliance with administrative procedures,
6 administrative requirements, and fees determined under RCW 43.70.250
7 and 43.70.280, the board may grant a license, without oral
8 examination, to any applicant who has not previously failed any
9 examination held by the board of psychology of the state of
10 Washington and furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that the
11 applicant:

12 ~~((1))~~ (a) Holds a doctoral degree with primary emphasis on
13 psychology from an accredited college or university; and

14 ~~((2)(a))~~ (b)(i) Is licensed or certified to practice psychology
15 in another state or country in which the requirements for such
16 licensing or certification are, in the judgment of the board,
17 essentially equivalent to those required by this chapter and the
18 rules and regulations of the board. Such individuals must have been
19 licensed or certified in another state for a period of at least two
20 years; or

21 ~~((b))~~ (ii) Is a diplomate in good standing of the American
22 Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology; or

23 ~~((c))~~ (iii) Is a member of a professional organization and
24 holds a certificate deemed by the board to meet standards equivalent
25 to this chapter.

26 (2)(a)(i) The department shall establish a reciprocity program
27 for applicants for licensure as a psychologist in Washington.

28 (ii) The reciprocity program applies to applicants for a license
29 as a psychologist who:

30 (A) Hold or have held within the past twelve months a credential
31 in good standing from another state or territory of the United States

1 which has a scope of practice that is substantially equivalent to or
2 greater than the scope of practice for licensed psychologists as
3 established under this chapter; and

4 (B) Have no disciplinary record or disqualifying criminal
5 history.

6 (b) The department shall issue a probationary license to an
7 applicant who meets the requirements of (a)(ii) of this subsection.
8 The department must determine what deficiencies, if any, exist
9 between the education and experience requirements of the other
10 state's credential and, after consideration of the experience and
11 capabilities of the applicant, determine whether it is appropriate to
12 require the applicant to complete additional education or experience
13 requirements to maintain the probationary license and, within a
14 reasonable time period, transition to a full license. A person who
15 holds a probationary license may only practice as a psychologist in a
16 licensed or certified service provider, as defined in RCW 71.24.025.
17 The department may place a reasonable time limit on a probationary
18 license and may, if appropriate, require the applicant to pass a
19 jurisprudential examination.

20 (c) The department must maintain and publish a list of
21 credentials in other states and territories that the department has
22 determined to have a scope of practice that is substantially
23 equivalent to or greater than the scope of practice for licensed
24 psychologists as established under this chapter. The department shall
25 prioritize identifying and publishing the department's determination
26 for the five states or territories that have historically had the
27 most applicants for reciprocity under subsection (1) of this section
28 with a scope of practice that is substantially equivalent to or
29 greater than the scope of practice for licensed psychologists as
30 established under this chapter.

31 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.205.140 and 1998 c 243 s 14 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 (1) An applicant holding a credential in another state may be
34 certified to practice in this state without examination if the
35 secretary determines that the other state's credentialing standards
36 are substantially equivalent to the standards in this state.

37 (2)(a)(i) The department shall establish a reciprocity program
38 for applicants for certification as a chemical dependency
39 professional in Washington.

1 (ii) The reciprocity program applies to applicants for
2 certification as a chemical dependency professional who:

3 (A) Hold or have held within the past twelve months a credential
4 in good standing from another state or territory of the United States
5 which has a scope of practice that is substantially equivalent to or
6 greater than the scope of practice for certified chemical dependency
7 professionals as established under this chapter; and

8 (B) Have no disciplinary record or disqualifying criminal
9 history.

10 (b) The department shall issue a probationary certificate to an
11 applicant who meets the requirements of (a)(ii) of this subsection.
12 The department must determine what deficiencies, if any, exist
13 between the education and experience requirements of the other
14 state's credential and, after consideration of the experience and
15 capabilities of the applicant, determine whether it is appropriate to
16 require the applicant to complete additional education or experience
17 requirements to maintain the probationary certificate and, within a
18 reasonable time period, transition to a full certificate. A person
19 who holds a probationary certificate may only practice as a chemical
20 dependency professional in a licensed or certified service provider,
21 as defined in RCW 71.24.025. The department may place a reasonable
22 time limit on a probationary certificate and may, if appropriate,
23 require the applicant to pass a jurisprudential examination.

24 (c) The department must maintain and publish a list of
25 credentials in other states and territories that the department has
26 determined to have a scope of practice that is substantially
27 equivalent to or greater than the scope of practice for certified
28 chemical dependency professionals as established under this chapter.
29 The department shall prioritize identifying and publishing the
30 department's determination for the five states or territories that
31 have historically had the most applicants for reciprocity under
32 subsection (1) of this section with a scope of practice that is
33 substantially equivalent to or greater than the scope of practice for
34 certified chemical dependency professionals as established under this
35 chapter.

36 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.225.140 and 2001 c 251 s 14 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

38 (1) An applicant holding a credential in another state may be
39 licensed to practice in this state without examination if the

1 secretary determines that the other state's credentialing standards
2 are substantially equivalent to the licensing standards in this
3 state.

4 (2)(a)(i) The department shall establish a reciprocity program
5 for applicants for licensure as an advanced social worker, an
6 independent clinical social worker, a mental health counselor, or a
7 marriage and family therapist in Washington.

8 (ii) The reciprocity program applies to applicants for a license
9 as an advanced social worker, an independent clinical social worker,
10 a mental health counselor, or a marriage and family therapist who:

11 (A) Hold or have held within the past twelve months a credential
12 in good standing from another state or territory of the United States
13 which has a scope of practice that is substantially equivalent to or
14 greater than the scope of practice for the corresponding license as
15 established under this chapter; and

16 (B) Have no disciplinary record or disqualifying criminal
17 history.

18 (b) The department shall issue a probationary license to an
19 applicant who meets the requirements of (a)(ii) of this subsection.
20 The department must determine what deficiencies, if any, exist
21 between the education and experience requirements of the other
22 state's credential and, after consideration of the experience and
23 capabilities of the applicant, determine whether it is appropriate to
24 require the applicant to complete additional education or experience
25 requirements to maintain the probationary license and, within a
26 reasonable time period, transition to a full license. A person who
27 holds a probationary license may only practice in the relevant
28 profession in a licensed or certified service provider, as defined in
29 RCW 71.24.025. The department may place a reasonable time limit on a
30 probationary license and may, if appropriate, require the applicant
31 to pass a jurisprudential examination.

32 (c) The department must maintain and publish a list of
33 credentials in other states and territories that the department has
34 determined to have a scope of practice that is substantially
35 equivalent to or greater than the scope of practice for licensed
36 advanced social workers, independent clinical social workers, mental
37 health counselors, or marriage and family therapists as established
38 under this chapter. The department shall prioritize identifying and
39 publishing the department's determination for the five states or
40 territories that have historically had the most applicants for

1 reciprocity under subsection (1) of this section with a scope of
2 practice that is substantially equivalent to or greater than the
3 scope of practice for licensed advanced social workers, independent
4 clinical social workers, mental health counselors, and marriage and
5 family therapists under this chapter.

6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 18.83
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) The department must explore options for adoption of an
9 interstate compact or compacts supporting license portability for
10 professionals licensed under this chapter and report recommendations
11 to the governor and legislature by November 1, 2020.

12 (2) This section expires June 30, 2022.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 18.205
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) The department must explore options for adoption of an
16 interstate compact or compacts supporting license portability for
17 professionals certified under this chapter and report recommendations
18 to the governor and legislature by November 1, 2020.

19 (2) This section expires June 30, 2022.

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 18.225
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 (1) The department must explore options for adoption of an
23 interstate compact or compacts supporting license portability for
24 professionals licensed under this chapter and report recommendations
25 to the governor and legislature by November 1, 2020.

26 (2) This section expires June 30, 2022."

27 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Adds psychologists to the reciprocity program. Adds psychologists and chemical dependency professionals to the provisions directing the Department of Health to explore options related to interstate compacts.

Applies the reciprocity program to applicants from other states or territories with substantially equivalent or greater scope of practice to Washington's, rather than an equivalent scope of practice or greater. Limits persons with a probationary credential to only practicing in licensed or certified behavioral health service providers. Requires the Department of Health to prioritize identifying the five states or territories that have historically had

the most applicants for reciprocity with a scope of practice that is substantially equivalent to or greater than the scope in Washington.

Relocates the reciprocity program to the chapters for the respective professions.

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