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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1007**

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**By** House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Klippert, Slatter, Graham, and Macri)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the completion of supervised experience  
2 through distance supervision; and amending RCW 18.225.090.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.225.090 and 2013 c 73 s 3 are each amended to  
5 read 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  
13 educational program accredited by the council on social work  
14 education and approved by the secretary based upon nationally  
15 recognized standards;

16 (B) Successful completion of an approved examination;

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

18 The supervised experience requirement consists of a minimum of three  
19 thousand two hundred hours with supervision by an approved supervisor  
20 who has been licensed for at least two years. Of those supervised  
21 hours:

1 (I) At least ninety hours must include direct supervision as  
2 specified in this subsection by a licensed independent clinical  
3 social worker, a licensed advanced social worker, or an equally  
4 qualified licensed mental health professional. Of those hours of  
5 directly supervised experience:

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

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

13 ~~(II) ((Distance supervision is limited to forty supervision  
14 hours; and~~

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

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

18 (ii) Licensed independent clinical social worker:

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

23 (B) Successful completion of an approved examination;

24 (C) Successful completion of a supervised experience requirement.  
25 The supervised experience requirement consists of a minimum of four  
26 thousand hours of experience, over a period of not less than three  
27 years, with supervision by an approved supervisor who has been  
28 licensed for at least two years and, as specified in this subsection,  
29 may be either a licensed independent clinical social worker who has  
30 had at least one year of experience in supervising the clinical  
31 social work of others or an equally qualified licensed mental health  
32 practitioner. Of those supervised hours:

33 (I) At least one thousand hours must be direct client contact;  
34 and

35 (II) Hours of direct supervision must include:

36 (1) At least one hundred thirty hours by a licensed mental health  
37 practitioner;

38 (2) At least seventy hours of supervision with a licensed  
39 independent clinical social worker meeting the qualifications under  
40 this subsection (1)(a)(ii)(C); the other sixty hours may be

1 supervised by an equally qualified licensed mental health  
2 practitioner; and

3 (3) At least sixty hours must be in one-to-one supervision and  
4 seventy hours may be in one-to-one supervision or group  
5 supervision (~~and~~

6 ~~(III) Distance supervision is limited to sixty supervision~~  
7 ~~hours)); and~~

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

10 (b) Licensed mental health counselor:

11 (i) Graduation from a master's or doctoral level educational  
12 program in mental health counseling or a related discipline from a  
13 college or university approved by the secretary based upon nationally  
14 recognized standards;

15 (ii) Successful completion of an approved examination;

16 (iii) Successful completion of a supervised experience  
17 requirement. The experience requirement consists of a minimum of  
18 thirty-six months full-time counseling or three thousand hours of  
19 postgraduate mental health counseling under the supervision of a  
20 qualified licensed mental health counselor or equally qualified  
21 licensed mental health practitioner, in an approved setting. The  
22 three thousand hours of required experience includes a minimum of one  
23 hundred hours spent in immediate supervision with the qualified  
24 licensed mental health counselor, and includes a minimum of one  
25 thousand two hundred hours of direct counseling with individuals,  
26 couples, families, or groups; and

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

29 (c) Licensed marriage and family therapist:

30 (i) Graduation from a master's degree or doctoral degree  
31 educational program in marriage and family therapy or graduation from  
32 an educational program in an allied field equivalent to a master's  
33 degree or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy approved by  
34 the secretary based upon nationally recognized standards;

35 (ii) Successful passage of an approved examination;

36 (iii) Successful completion of a supervised experience  
37 requirement. The experience requirement consists of a minimum of two  
38 calendar years of full-time marriage and family therapy. Of the total  
39 supervision, one hundred hours must be with a licensed marriage and  
40 family therapist with at least five years' clinical experience; the

1 other one hundred hours may be with an equally qualified licensed  
2 mental health practitioner. Total experience requirements include:

3 (A) A minimum of three thousand hours of experience, one thousand  
4 hours of which must be direct client contact; at least five hundred  
5 hours must be gained in diagnosing and treating couples and families;  
6 plus

7 (B) At least two hundred hours of qualified supervision with a  
8 supervisor. At least one hundred of the two hundred hours must be  
9 one-on-one supervision, and the remaining hours may be in one-on-one  
10 or group supervision.

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

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

18 (2) The department shall establish by rule what constitutes  
19 adequate proof of meeting the criteria. Only rules in effect on the  
20 date of submission of a completed application of an associate for her  
21 or his license shall apply. If the rules change after a completed  
22 application is submitted but before a license is issued, the new  
23 rules shall not be reason to deny the application.

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

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