

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF A MEETING FOR
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS'
APPLICATION TRACKING EQUIVALENCY AND MOBILITY
"ATEAM" COMMITTEE**

DATE OF MEETING: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 Time: 5:05 p.m.

The physical meeting location is the Office of the Board of Psychological Examiners, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Suite B116, Reno, Nevada, 89502. Videoconferencing through Zoom is also available. To participate remotely, individuals are invited to participate in the meeting remotely. On the scheduled day and time, enter the meeting from the Zoom website at: <https://zoom.us/j/95151640830>. To access the meeting via audio only, dial 1-669-900-6833 and enter the meeting ID: 951 5164 0830.

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The Committee will receive public comment via email. Those wishing to make public comment should email their public comments to the Board office at nbop@govmail.state.nv.us. Public comments received before and during the meeting will be forwarded to the Board for their consideration. All public comments will be included in the public record (meeting minutes) but will not necessarily be read aloud during the meeting. In compliance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 241 (Open Meeting Law), the Committee is precluded from taking action on items raised by public comment which are not already on the agenda.

PLEASE NOTE: The Committee may take items out of order, combine items for consideration, and items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time. Public comment will be taken at the beginning and end of the meeting. The public may provide comment on any matter whether or not that matter is a specific topic on the agenda. However, prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or quasi-judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual, the Committee may refuse to consider public comment on that item. (NRS 233B.126) Public comment that is willfully disruptive is prohibited, and individuals who willfully disrupt the meeting may be removed from the meeting. (NRS 241.030(5)(b)) The Committee may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person (NRS 241.030). Once all items on the agenda are completed, the meeting will adjourn.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT. NOTE: Public comment is welcomed by the Board and may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the Board President. Public comment will be allowed at the beginning and end of the meeting, as noted on the agenda. The Board President may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in their sole discretion. Comments will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been

specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken (NRS 241.020)

3. (For Possible Action) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 20, 2021 MEETING OF THE APPLICATION TRACKING EQUIVALENCY AND MOBILITY (ATEAM) COMMITTEE.
4. (For Possible Action) DISCUSSION OF APPLICANTS WHO ATTENDED NON-APA ACCREDITED PROGRAMS; AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO AN APPLICANT(S) OR MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS.
 - A. Michael Hobbs, Psychological Intern
 - B. Nats Babel, Psychologist applicant
 - C. Mavis Major, Psychologist applicant
 - D. Shweta Sharma, Psychologist applicant
5. (For Possible Action) DISCUSSION OF APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT; AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO AN APPLICANT(S) OR MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS.
 - A. Leigh Lustig
6. (For Possible Action) DISCUSSION OF PROCEDURES AND/OR PROPOSED LEGISLATION RELATED TO LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT; AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROPOSE REVISIONS AND/OR MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS.
 - A. Review of Draft Regulation R158-19 related to applications for licensure by endorsement
 - B. Review of the endorsement application and procedures for the handling of endorsement applications received by the Board office
 - C. Review of the State-by-State jurisdiction comparison and the "red light/green light" language when reviewing applicants from different jurisdictions applying for licensure by endorsement.
 - D. Discussion of proposed legislation related to licensure by endorsement and provisional licenses
7. (For Possible Action) DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING MEETING DATES FOR THE ATEAM COMMITTEE
 - A. The next ATEAM Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2021.
8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION. (No discussion among the Committee members will take place on this item.)

9. PUBLIC COMMENT. NOTE: Public comment is welcomed by the Board and may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the Board President. Public comment will be allowed at the beginning and end of the meeting, as noted on the agenda. The Board President may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in his sole discretion. Comments will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken (NRS 241.020)
10. (For Possible Action) ADJOURNMENT

The Public Body is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to participate in the meeting. If such arrangements are necessary, please contact the board office at (775) 688-1268 no later than the working day prior to the meeting date. For supporting materials, please contact the board office by telephone at (775) 688-1268 or by e-mail at nbop@govmail.nv.us. In accordance with NRS 241.020, this public meeting notice has been properly posted at the following locations: the Board office located at 4600 Kietzke Lane, Bldg. B-116, Reno; the Nevada Public Notice website: notice.nv.gov; and on the Board's website at <http://psyexam.nv.gov/Board/2020/2020/>. In addition, this public meeting notice has been sent to all persons on the Board's meeting notice list, pursuant to NRS 241.020(3)(c).

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
APPLICATION TRACKING EQUIVALENCY AND MOBILITY (ATEAM)
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

April 20, 2021

1. Call to order/roll call to determine the presence of a quorum.

Call to Order: The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners' Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee was called to order by President Dr. Whitney Owens at 5:08 p.m. Due to COVID-19 and Governor Sisolak's Emergency Mandate to Stay at Home for Nevada, this meeting was conducted online via Zoom.

Roll Call: Board President Whitney Owens, PsyD, and Member Stephanie Holland, PsyD, and Stephanie Woodard, PsyD, were present.

Also present were Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, and members of the public Raymond Nourmand, Nats Babel, and Michael Hobbs.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, stated that no public comment had been received in the Board office via email in advance of the meeting.

3. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the March 23, 2021 Meeting of the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee.

There was no discussion nor suggested changes to the minutes.

Member Dr. Woodard abstained from voting as she had been absent from that meeting.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Whitney Owens, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting of the ATEAM Committee. (Yea: Whitney Owens and Stephanie Holland. Abstained: Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries Unanimously: 2-0

4. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on Applicants Who Attended Non-APA Accredited Programs Requiring Education and Application Review.

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, provided updates on the following applicants:

A. Tracy Moore, Psychological Intern. There was no update on the applicant. This name will be removed from future agendas until such time as the necessary documents or information has been submitted to the Board office.

B. Sharon Simington, Psychological Intern. There was no update on the applicant. This name will be removed from future agendas until such time as the necessary documents or information has been submitted to the Board office.

C. Linda Curtis, Psychological Intern. There was no update on the applicant. This name will be removed from future agendas until such time as the necessary documents or information has been submitted to the Board office.

D. Michael Hobbs, Psychological Intern

Michael Hobbs is an applicant to register as a psychological intern. His PLUS application is still and he is seeking an internship position. As he attended a non-APA educational institution, he was invited to the meeting to potentially receive guidance from the Committee members. Mr. Hobbs was looking to ensure his program would be considered equivalent to an APA accredited program.

President Owens inquired if the school, Grand Canyon University, includes a residency program.

Mr. Hobbs responded that there is no residency or practicum component, including assistance in finding an internship.

President Owens explained that Nevada does require APA equivalency which includes residency.

Member Dr. Holland asked if Mr. Hobbs was seeking an internship or a practicum location. Mr. Hobbs responded that he was seeking a supervisor in order to gain the internship hours. Dr. Holland added that, in her experience, internship sites will look for candidates that have had a residency.

Mr. Hobbs asked if his current experience owning and operating a therapy business would be applicable. He added that he has practicum experience as a result.

President Owens stated that the experience would not be applicable and added that he may need to re-specialize or go through a Master's program at another school.

Mr. Hobbs stated that Grand Canyon does have other programs that include residency and inquired if he could take the residency portion of another program.

President Owens suggested having the Board review the program description before making the change to ensure it meets the requirements.

Member Dr. Woodard also suggested consulting with the school regarding Nevada's requirements to ensure the coursework and credits are appropriate.

There was no action taken.

E. Barbara Sommer, Psychological Intern. There was no update on the applicant. The name will be removed from future agendas until such time as the necessary documents or information has been submitted to the Board office.

F. Nats Babel, Psychologist

Member Dr. Holland presented her review of the application of Dr. Nats Babel. She questioned how the practicum hours were categorized. The PLUS application did not indicate any internship hours but, rather, 800 practicum hours. The post-doctoral training indicated 4,000 hours. The same supervisor oversaw the full post-doctoral experience with 100 individual supervision hours and 245 group supervision hours.

Under Nevada requirements, Dr. Babel would need 2,000 internship hours with 100 individual and 100 group supervision hours. For the post-doctoral experience, Dr. Babel would need 1,750 hours with 50 individual and 50 group supervision hours.

Dr. Babel explained how the training hours were accrued, explaining that he believed he was doing an internship but when the 800 hours were submitted for the PLUS application, the supervisor would only attest to them being for a practicum experience, not an internship.

Dr. Holland inquired as to when the 800 practicum hours were completed. Dr. Babel responded that it was near the middle of the program in about 2013 conducted through the California Department of Corrections. He graduated in 2016.

Dr. Holland expressed her concern that while there are sufficient hours as a post-doc, she questioned if they could count for the internship requirements. She also asked about an Analysis class on the transcript and if would count as part of the statistics requirement.

Dr. Babel stated that Analysis class was a Quantitative Statistics class.

Lastly, Dr. Holland commented on a character reference that stated Dr. Babel should have additional practice in assessment. Dr. Babel expressed surprised by that and stated in working at a prison he had conducted many assessments.

Dr. Babel stated he was not yet licensed in California but was in the process.

President Owens reviewed the purpose of the committee was to ensure equivalency of non-APA accredited schools to ensure the standards have been met. She stated that

enough training hours have been but questioned if the supervision hours were adequate.

Member Dr. Woodard agreed and stated that the committee looks at quality of hours and not just quantity.

Member Dr. Holland stated her concern that Dr. Babel appeared to be deficient by 50 hours of individual supervision. As a result, she did not support moving the application forward.

President Owens suggested Dr. Babel could register as a psychological assistant for the purpose of gaining the additional hours of supervision. She added that the supervisor can be in California as long as he/she is also licensed in Nevada.

There was discussion about Dr. Babel's plans for employment and how additional post-doc hours could be gained.

Dr. Babel stated that he is looking to be employed by the Nevada Department of Corrections. He asked for clarification as to what is required.

Dr. Holland explained that the concern is the number of hours of supervision, not the total number of accrued hours. Based on the number of hours confirmed in the PLUS application, Dr. Babel would need an additional 50 hours of individual supervision.

Dr. Owens explained that would generally be 1 hour each week for 50 weeks or 2 hours each week for 25 weeks. She also asked that the course information for the statistics class be provided to the Board office.

The Committee recommended Dr. Babel acquire 50 hours of individual supervision during a supervised experience. No formal action was taken.

Dr. Holland left the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

G. Mavis Major, Psychologist. There was no update on the applicant as the PLUS application is pending.

5. (For Possible Action) Discussion of Applicants for Licensure by Endorsement; and Possible Action to Provide Direction to an Applicant(s) or Make Recommendation to the Board of Psychological Examiners.

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, provided updates on the following applicants:

A. Yvonne Westover. There was no update on the applicant. This name will be removed from future agendas until such time as the necessary documents or information has been submitted to the Board office.

B. Matthew Damon. here was no update on the applicant. This name will be removed from future agendas until such time as the necessary documents or information has been submitted to the Board office.

C. Raymond Nourmand

(This item was taken out of order.)

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, reviewed the application requirements of Dr. Raymond Nourmand. Dr. Nourmand has been licensed in California for the past six years. His education was with an APA-accredited institution. The PLUS application indicated 1,400 internship hours that were attested to plus another 800 hours that had not been confirmed. However, as Dr. Nourmand was licensed in California, which requires 1,500 internship hours, Ms. Scurry stated the Board could be reasonably assured he had the required number of hours for licensure. The post-doctoral hours indicated 1,512 hours. (NAC 641.080 reduces the number of internship and post-doctoral training hours for an individual who is licensed in another jurisdiction for a minimum of 5 years to 1,500 and 1,500, respectively.) Additionally, Ms. Scurry added that California requires 36 continuing education credits per biennium which Dr. Nourmand has complied with.

Member Dr. Woodard, who conducted the initial review of the application, stated that any shortages found in the application were compensated for through his employment history, continuing education, and the provisions of NAC 641.080.

Both President Owens and Member Dr. Holland agreed that Dr. Nourmand had met the requirements.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the equivalency review of Dr. Raymond Nourmand and forwarded the application to the Board of Psychological Examiners for approval, contingent upon completion of the requirements. (Yea: Whitney Owens and Stephanie Holland. Abstained: Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries Unanimously: 3-0

(Note Dr. Holland's audio was not working for the recording but did acknowledge her second of the motion and "yea" vote.)

6. (For Possible Action) Discussion of Procedures and/or Proposed Legislation Related to Licensure by Endorsement; and Possible Action to Propose Revisions and/or Make Recommendations to the Board of Psychological Examiners.

There was no discussion on this item.

- A. Review R158-19: the NAC draft language to address the applications for licensure by endorsement
- B. Review of proposed procedures for the handling of endorsement applications received in the Board office
- C. Review and discuss the red light/green light language to provide guidance to the Board when reviewing applicants from different jurisdictions applying for licensure by endorsement.
- D. Review of the Licensure by Endorsement application
- E. Review of the State-by-State Comparison
- F. Discussion of proposed legislation related to licensure by endorsement and provisional licenses

7. (For Possible Action) Discussion of Upcoming Meeting Dates for the ATEAM Committee

- A. The next ATEAM Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

The meeting was moved to May 25, 2021.

8. Items for Future Discussion.

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

9. Public Comment.

There was no public comment at this time.

10. (For Possible Action) Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, President Owens adjourned the meeting at 6:09.



NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

Application for Licensure by Endorsement Procedure

Purpose

In accordance with Nevada state law (NRS 641.195), this procedure describes the process by which an individual may apply for licensure as a psychologist by endorsement through the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners ("Board").

Definitions

1. Endorsement. Licensure by endorsement refers to the licensing of an individual who is already licensed to work as a psychologist in another state or jurisdiction.

Procedure

1. Licensure by endorsement is meant to be an expedited application process which takes into account a candidate's licensure in another jurisdiction, length of time the candidate has been licensed while ensuring the provisions of Nevada laws and regulations related to such licensure have been met.
2. Application
 - a. An application for a license by endorsement as a psychologist in the State of Nevada may be submitted if the applicant:
 - i. Holds a corresponding valid, active and unrestricted license as a psychologist in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;
 - ii. Possesses qualifications that are substantially similar to the qualifications required licensure in Nevada; and
 - iii. Satisfies any other applicable requirements under Nevada laws and regulations or policies of the Board.
 - b. An applicant **must** submit, in a manner determined by the Board:
 - i. Proof that the applicant satisfies the requirements for licensure in Nevada, including, that the applicant:
 1. Holds a doctorate degree in psychology from a graduate program that is accredited by the American Psychological Association or is an equivalent program. The program must also be regionally accredited.
 2. Has at least 2 years of supervised experience satisfactory to the Board. One year shall be an internship in which the

applicant has earned 2,000 supervised training hours; and one year shall be a postdoctoral experience in which the applicant has earned 1,750 supervised training hours.

- a. If an applicant has been licensed for at least 5 years in the District of Columbia or another state or territory of the United States and has had no disciplinary action or other adverse action taken against them by the regulatory body, the 2 years of experience may be reduced to require not less than 1,500 hours in each of the internship and postdoctoral years;
3. Has obtained a score of 500 or higher on the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP).
 4. Has passed the Nevada State Examination in Jurisprudence and Ethics in a manner prescribed by the Board.
 5. Holds a license in good standing in the jurisdiction in which the applicant currently holds a license as a psychologist. Proof of such license in good standing must be sent directly to the Board by that jurisdiction and may not be provided by the applicant.
 6. Has not been disciplined or investigated, held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice, had a license to engage in the practice of psychology suspended or revoked, been refused a license to engage in the practice of psychology, and/or does not have pending any disciplinary action concerning their license to engage in the practice of psychology by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or any state or territory in which the applicant currently holds or has held a license as a psychologist.
- ii. A complete set of fingerprints for the processing of a criminal background check and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided by state law; and
 - iii. Any fees established by the Board for application, licensure, and issuance of a license.
- c. An applicant **may** be required to submit any other information required by the Board, in a manner prescribed by the Board.

3. Application and Review.

- a. The requirements for licensure in another U.S. state, territory or the District of Columbia are subject to change. As a result, the provisions below are subject to change.
- b. Substantially Similar Licensure Requirements (“Green”)
 - i. Refers to any state or territory whose qualifications are substantially similar to the qualifications required for issuance of a license in Nevada, including pre-doctoral internship with 2,000 hours; and postdoctoral fellowship with 1,750 hours for a total of 3,750 hours.
 - ii. Such applicants may utilize the Non-Standard Application Process that may include, but not be limited to, submission of:
 1. Character Reference Forms
 2. Verification of Current Licensure
 3. Transcripts (upon request)
 4. Proof of Continuing Education (upon request)
 - iii. “Green state” applications shall be processed by the Board Office and approved by the Board.
 - iv. Green states are Arkansas, Georgia, Hawaii, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Tennessee (Health Service Provider only), Texas, Washington DC.
- c. Substantially Equivalent Licensure Requirements (“Yellow”)
 - i. Refers to any state or territory whose qualifications are substantially equivalent to the qualifications required for issuance of a license in Nevada pre-doctoral internship with 1,500 hours and postdoctoral fellowship with 1,500 hours for a total of 3,000 hours.
 - ii. Such applicants may utilize the Non-Standard Application Process that may include, but not be limited to, submission of:
 1. Character Reference Forms
 2. Verification of Current Licensure
 3. Transcripts (upon request)
 4. Proof of Continuing Education (upon request)

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- iii. “Yellow state” applications may be subject to the review and recommendations of the Board’s Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee. The ATEAM Committee shall ensure the requirements for licensure in the State of Nevada have been met. Referral to the ATEAM shall occur if the applicant’s doctoral program was not APA-accredited or an appropriate number of supervised internship or postdoctoral hours were not achieved. (see #2(b)(i)(2) above)
 - iv. Yellow states are Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma (Health Service Psychologists only), Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming
 - d. Not Substantially Equivalent Licensure Requirements (“Red”)
 - i. Refers to any state or territory whose qualifications are NOT substantially equivalent to the qualifications required for issuance of a license in Nevada.
 - ii. Such applicants must complete all application requirements and apply through the Psychology Licensure Universal System (PLUS) system of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB).
 - iii. “Red state” applications may be subject to the review and recommendations of the Board’s Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee. The ATEAM Committee shall ensure the requirements for licensure in the State of Nevada have been met. Referral to the ATEAM shall occur if the applicant’s doctoral program was not APA-accredited or an appropriate number of supervised internship or postdoctoral hours were not achieved. (see #2(b)(i)(2) above)
 - iv. Red states are Alabama, Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Puerto Rico, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia
 4. Application by an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran, or the surviving spouse of a veteran. The Board may issue a license by endorsement as a psychologist to an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran, or the surviving spouse of a veteran applicant who meets the following requirements:

- a. Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as a psychologist in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States.
- b. Submits, in a manner prescribed by the Board:
 - i. Proof that the applicant has not been disciplined or investigated, or been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice, by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory of the United States;
 - ii. A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided by state law; and
 - iii. Any fees established by the Board for application, licensure, and issuance of a license.
- c. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement for an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran, or the surviving spouse of a veteran applicant, the Board may grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice as a psychologist in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

5. Approval of Application

- a. Approval of a license by endorsement as a psychologist shall only be issued pursuant to action of the Board.
- b. The Board shall delegate to the Office of the Board administrative tasks including receipt and review of the application and associated documents.

6. Denial of Application

- a. The Board may deny an application for licensure by endorsement if:
 - i. The applicant does not meet requirements for licensure in the State of Nevada (NRS 641.195) and the deficiencies fall outside of what can be reasonably remediated;
 - ii. The applicant completed an exclusively online program;
 - iii. The applicant failed to complete any required portion of the application process following appropriate notification to the applicant of one or more deficiencies;
 - iv. There is evidence of fraud or misrepresentation of qualifications; and/or

- v. The applicant fails to comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory rules related to the practice of psychology in Nevada.
7. Special Accommodations, if any, should be requested of the Board at the time of application. Application for disability accommodations is available from the Board office.
 8. This policy and the provisions within shall be reviewed on an annual basis.

Amendment No. 637

Assembly Amendment to Senate Bill No. 44	(BDR 54-428)
Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor	
Amends: Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

Adoption of this amendment will MAINTAIN the 2/3s majority vote requirement for final passage of S.B. 44 (§§ 11, 20).

ASSEMBLY ACTION			Initial and Date	SENATE ACTION			Initial and Date		
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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

SJQ/EWR



Date: 5/18/2021

S.B. No. 44—Revises provisions governing behavioral health professionals.
(BDR 54-428)



SENATE BILL NO. 44—COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

(ON BEHALF OF THE RURAL REGIONAL
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 18, 2020

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing behavioral health professionals.
(BDR 54-428)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for
Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention
Facility.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to behavioral health; ~~authorizing the issuance of a provisional license or certificate to engage in various professions relating to behavioral health to~~ **requiring an alternate means for** an applicant ~~who meets~~ **for** certain ~~requirements;~~ **licenses and certificates to submit official transcripts if certain conditions are satisfied; requiring the adoption of regulations that authorize the remote supervision of certain persons;** requiring licensing boards that regulate ~~such~~ **various professions relating to behavioral health** to report certain information; **revising provisions governing certain licenses by endorsement;** providing for the issuance of a license as a master social worker to an applicant who meets certain qualifications; authorizing a master social worker or independent social worker to engage in certain activities; prescribing required documentation for an applicant for a license to engage in social work who is the graduate of a foreign college or university; authorizing the Board of Examiners for Social Workers to place a license to engage in social work on inactive status and refuse to issue a license under certain circumstances; requiring an employee of the Board to submit a complaint against a licensee to the Board under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from engaging in the unlicensed practice of social work; ~~providing for a study of certain licensing and certification procedures;~~ providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law ~~authorizes~~ **establishes educational requirements** for the issuance of **(1) a ~~provisional~~ license as a psychologist, clinical professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, marriage and family therapist intern, clinical professional counselor intern, social worker, clinical social worker, independent social worker, clinical alcohol and drug counselor, ~~or~~ clinical alcohol and drug counselor intern or alcohol and drug counselor ~~(1) ; (2) a registration as a psychological intern, psychological assistant or psychological trainee; or (3) a ~~provisional~~ certificate as ~~an~~ a clinical alcohol and drug counselor ~~or~~ intern, alcohol and drug counselor, alcohol and drug counselor intern, problem gambling counselor ~~under certain circumstances. (NRS 641.196, 641A.242, 641B.272, 641B.275, 641C.320, 641C.3306, 641C.356, 641C.396, 641C.433) Sections 2, 5, 18 and 25 of this bill additionally provide for the issuance of a nonrenewable provisional license or certificate, as applicable, in those professions to a person who has: (1) met all of the requirements for licensure or certification except for the submission of an official transcript; and (2) submitted an unofficial transcript. Sections 4, 7 and 19 of this bill make conforming changes to clarify that such a provisional license is nonrenewable.~~~~**

~~Existing law requires the issuance of a license by endorsement as a psychologist, marriage and family therapist, clinical professional counselor, social worker, clinical social worker, independent social worker, clinical alcohol and drug counselor, or alcohol and drug counselor, or a certificate by endorsement as an alcohol and drug counselor or problem gambling counselor to a person who is licensed or certified, as applicable, in another jurisdiction of the United States and meets certain other requirements. (NRS 641.195, 641.196, 641A.241, 641A.242, 641B.271, 641B.272, 641C.3305, 641C.3306, 641C.355, 641C.356, 641C.395, 641C.396, 641C.432, 641C.433) or problem gambling counselor intern. (NRS 641.170, 641.226, 641A.220, 641A.231, 641A.287, 641A.288, 641B.220-641B.240, 641C.330, 641C.340, 641C.350, 641C.390, 641C.420, 641C.430, 641C.440) If the Board of Psychological Examiners, the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors, the Board of Examiners for Social Workers or the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors requires the submission of official transcripts as proof of those educational qualifications, sections 2, 5, 11.3 and 22.5 of this bill require those boards to provide an alternate means for an applicant to submit official transcripts if: (1) the college or university from which the applicant graduated has closed or has merged with another institution; and (2) the provision of official transcripts by ordinary means is not available or possible.~~

~~Existing law requires the Board of Psychological Examiners, the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors, the Board of Examiners for Social Workers and the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors to adopt regulations prescribing standards concerning the electronic supervision of persons obtaining supervised experience for licensure, including interns. (NRS 641.100, 641A.160, 641B.160, 641C.200) Sections 2.5, 5.5, 11.7 and 23.5 of this bill require those boards to adopt regulations authorizing remote supervision, including electronic supervision, and prescribing standards for such remote supervision.~~

~~Existing law requires the Board of Psychological Examiners, the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors, the Board of Examiners for Social Workers and the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors to report certain information concerning investigations of misconduct and applications for licensure or certification to the Legislative Committee on Health Care. (NRS 641.145, 641A.183, 641B.165, 641C.230) Sections 3, 6, 12 and 24 of this bill: (1) require those licensing boards to ~~(1)~~ submit those reports to **the Chair** of each regional behavioral health policy board; ~~and~~ (2) **require those reports** to include ~~in those reports~~ certain information concerning applications for licensure or certification by endorsement. ~~Section 32 of this bill requires the Legislative Committee on Health Care to study the processes for licensure or certification in professions regulated by those licensing boards and identify barriers to licensure or certification. Section 32 also requires those licensing boards to implement strategies to eliminate each barrier to licensure or certification identified by the Legislative Committee on Health Care unless the licensing board to which the barrier applies concludes that the barrier is necessary to maintain the quality of services provided by the~~~~

holders of licenses or certificates, as applicable.]; and (3) authorize the submission of those reports to the Chair of each regional behavioral health policy board in a written format.

Existing law authorizes the issuance of a license by endorsement as a psychologist, marriage and family therapist, clinical professional counselor, social worker, clinical social worker, independent social worker, clinical alcohol and drug counselor or alcohol and drug counselor, or a certificate by endorsement as an alcohol and drug counselor or problem gambling counselor, to a person who is licensed or certified, as applicable, in another jurisdiction of the United States and meets certain other requirements. (NRS 641.195, 641A.241, 641B.271, 641C.3305, 641C.355, 641C.395, 641C.432) Existing law: (1) prescribes similar requirements for the issuance of an expedited license or certificate, as applicable, by endorsement to practice in those professions to an applicant who is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran; and (2) authorizes the issuance of a provisional license to such an applicant before making a final decision. (NRS 641.196, 641A.242, 641B.272, 641C.3306, 641C.356, 641C.396, 641C.433) Existing law reduces certain fees for such applicants. (NRS 641.228, 641A.290, 641B.300, 641C.470) Sections 3.6, 6.8, 17.5, 25.2-25.8 and 33.5 of this bill combine sections governing expedited licensure or certification by endorsement for a general applicant with sections governing licensure or certification by endorsement for an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran. The combined provisions: (1) authorize the issuance of a license or certificate by endorsement when the statutory requirements are met; (2) revise various requirements for the issuance of licenses and certificates by endorsement; and (3) authorize the issuance of a provisional license or certificate for any reason. Sections 3.3, 6.2-6.6 and 24.5 of this bill make conforming changes which remove references to repealed sections. Sections 4.5, 7.5, 20 and 25.9 of this bill make conforming changes so that active members of, or the spouses of active members of, the Armed Forces of the United States, veterans and the surviving spouses of veterans continue to receive reductions in fees.

Existing law authorizes the Board of Examiners for Social Workers to issue a license as: (1) a social worker to an applicant who possesses a baccalaureate degree or master's degree in social work and passes an examination; (2) an independent social worker to an applicant who possesses a master's or doctoral degree in social work, completes at least 3,000 hours of supervised, postgraduate social work and passes an examination; and (3) a clinical social worker to an applicant who possesses a master's or doctoral degree in social work, completes at least 3,000 hours of supervised, postgraduate clinical social work and passes an examination. (NRS 641B.220, 641B.230, 641B.240) **Section 9** of this bill additionally authorizes the Board to issue a license as a master social worker to an applicant who possesses a master's or doctoral degree in social work and passes an examination. **Sections 9 and 22** of this bill authorize a master social worker to engage in independent social work or clinical social work as part of an approved internship program to complete the requirements for licensure as an independent or clinical social worker, as applicable. **Section 9** additionally authorizes a master social worker to supervise other persons engaging in the practice of social work. **Section 20** of this bill establishes the maximum fees that the Board is authorized to charge and collect for the issuance and renewal of a license as a master social worker. **Sections 1, 13, 26 and 28-31** of this bill make conforming changes to ensure that a master social worker is treated similarly to other types of social worker in various circumstances.

Sections 9, 10, 14-16 and 18 of this bill authorize the Board of Examiners for Social Workers to issue a license as a social worker, master social worker, independent social worker, or clinical social worker, or a provisional license as a social worker to an applicant who has graduated from a foreign college or university if the applicant submits certain documentation concerning his or her degree and meets the other requirements for licensure. **Section 11** of this bill authorizes the Board to put a license on inactive status for not more than 5 years upon the application of a licensee who is in good standing. **Sections 11 and 19** of this bill exempt a licensee who holds an inactive license from the requirement to complete continuing education, and **sections 11 and 22** of this bill prohibit an inactive licensee from engaging in the practice of social work. **Section 17** of this bill revises the conditions under which the Board is authorized to refuse to issue a license. **Section 21** of this bill requires an

117 employee of the Board who is aware that grounds for disciplinary action may exist against a
 118 person practicing social work to submit a complaint to the Board.

119 Existing law makes it a misdemeanor for a person to engage in: (1) the independent
 120 practice of social work unless he or she is licensed as an independent social worker or a
 121 clinical social worker; or (2) the clinical practice of social work unless he or she is licensed as
 122 a clinical social worker. (NRS 641B.505) **Section 22** of this bill additionally makes it a
 123 misdemeanor to engage in the practice of social work unless a person is licensed as an
 124 associate in social work, social worker, master social worker, independent social worker or
 125 clinical social worker. **Sections 15 and 22** of this bill authorize an independent social worker
 126 to engage in clinical social work as part of an approved internship program to complete the
 127 requirements for licensure as a clinical social worker.

128 Existing law authorizes a clinical social worker to engage in the practice of counseling
 129 persons with alcohol or other substance use disorders and counseling persons with an
 130 addictive disorder related to gambling with the authorization of the Board of Examiners for
 131 Social Workers. (NRS ~~458A.057, 458A.200, 458A.220, 458A.230, 458A.240,~~ 641C.130)
 132 ~~[Sections]~~ **Section 23** ~~[and 27]~~ of this bill additionally ~~[authorize]~~ **authorizes** a person who is
 133 licensed as a master social worker or independent social worker and engaging in clinical
 134 social work as part of an approved internship program to engage in such counseling with the
 135 authorization of the Board.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 629.031 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 629.031 Except as otherwise provided by a specific statute:
 3 1. "Provider of health care" means:
 4 (a) A physician licensed pursuant to chapter 630, 630A or 633 of NRS;
 5 (b) A physician assistant;
 6 (c) A dentist;
 7 (d) A licensed nurse;
 8 (e) A person who holds a license as an attendant or who is certified as an
 9 emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or
 10 paramedic pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS;
 11 (f) A dispensing optician;
 12 (g) An optometrist;
 13 (h) A speech-language pathologist;
 14 (i) An audiologist;
 15 (j) A practitioner of respiratory care;
 16 (k) A licensed physical therapist;
 17 (l) An occupational therapist;
 18 (m) A podiatric physician;
 19 (n) A licensed psychologist;
 20 (o) A licensed marriage and family therapist;
 21 (p) A licensed clinical professional counselor;
 22 (q) A music therapist;
 23 (r) A chiropractor;
 24 (s) An athletic trainer;
 25 (t) A perfusionist;
 26 (u) A doctor of Oriental medicine in any form;
 27 (v) A medical laboratory director or technician;
 28 (w) A pharmacist;
 29 (x) A licensed dietitian;

1 (y) An associate in social work, a social worker, *a master social worker*, an
 2 independent social worker or a clinical social worker licensed pursuant to chapter
 3 641B of NRS;

4 (z) An alcohol and drug counselor or a problem gambling counselor who is
 5 certified pursuant to chapter 641C of NRS;

6 (aa) An alcohol and drug counselor or a clinical alcohol and drug counselor
 7 who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641C of NRS; or

8 (bb) A medical facility as the employer of any person specified in this
 9 subsection.

10 2. For the purposes of NRS 629.400 to 629.490, inclusive, the term includes:

11 (a) A person who holds a license or certificate issued pursuant to chapter 631
 12 of NRS; and

13 (b) A person who holds a current license or certificate to practice his or her
 14 respective discipline pursuant to the applicable provisions of law of another state or
 15 territory of the United States.

16 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 641 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new
 17 section to read as follows:

18 ~~[[~~ *If the Board requires an applicant for a license ~~[as a psychologist] or~~*
 19 *registration pursuant to this chapter to submit official transcripts as proof of his*
 20 *or her educational qualifications, the Board ~~[may issue a provisional license as a~~*
 21 *psychologist to] must provide an alternate means for the applicant ~~[who has~~*

22 ~~— (a) Met all requirements for licensure except for the submission of] to submit~~
 23 *official transcripts ~~], and~~*

24 ~~— (b) Submitted a copy of his or her unofficial transcripts to the Board.~~

25 ~~— 2. A provisional license issued pursuant to this section expires 6 months~~
 26 ~~after the date of issuance and may not be renewed.] if:~~

27 1. The college or university from which the applicant graduated has closed
 28 or has merged with another institution; and

29 2. The provision of official transcripts by ordinary means is not available or
 30 possible.

31 **Sec. 2.5.** NRS 641.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 641.100 1. The Board shall adopt regulations: ~~[prescribing.]~~

33 (a) ~~[[Uniform]]~~ Prescribing uniform standards concerning the locations at
 34 which persons obtaining supervised experience that is required for licensure by the
 35 Board provide services;

36 (b) ~~[Standards concerning]~~ Authorizing the remote supervision, including,
 37 without limitation, electronic supervision, of persons obtaining supervised
 38 experience that is required for licensure by the Board who are working at remote
 39 sites ~~[[~~ and prescribing standards concerning such remote supervision; and

40 (c) ~~[[A]]~~ Prescribing a manner by which the qualifications for the issuance or
 41 renewal of a license under the provisions of this chapter will be made available to
 42 the public such that those qualifications are clearly defined and easily understood.

43 2. The Board may make and promulgate any other rules and regulations not
 44 inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter governing its procedure, the
 45 examination and licensure of applicants, the granting, refusal, revocation or
 46 suspension of licenses, the registration of persons as psychological assistants,
 47 psychological interns or psychological trainees and the practice of psychology.

48 3. On the date that the Board gives notice pursuant to NRS 233B.060 of its
 49 intent to adopt, amend or repeal a regulation, the Board shall submit the regulation
 50 to the Commission on Behavioral Health for review. The Commission shall review
 51 the regulation and make recommendations to the Board concerning the advisability
 52 of adopting, amending or repealing the regulation and any changes that the
 53 Commission deems advisable.

1 **Sec. 3.** NRS 641.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 641.145 1. On or before February 1 of each year, the Board shall submit to
3 the Legislative Committee on Health Care and to the Chair of each regional
4 behavioral health policy board created by NRS 433.429 a report which must
5 include:

6 ~~1.~~ (a) The number of complaints received, investigations completed, cases
7 dismissed, cases settled and cases for which hearings were held within the
8 immediately preceding calendar year; ~~and~~

9 ~~2.~~ (b) The number of applications for the issuance or renewal of a license or
10 registration received by the Board during the immediately preceding calendar year
11 and the number of those applications for which the Board conducted additional
12 review beyond the standard review regularly conducted by the Board ~~;~~ and

13 ~~3.~~ (c) The number of applications for the issuance of a license by
14 endorsement received by the Board pursuant to NRS ~~641.195 and~~ 641.196
15 during the immediately preceding calendar year, the number of those
16 applications that were denied and the reasons for denial.

17 2. The report submitted pursuant to this section to the Chair of each
18 regional behavioral health policy board created by NRS 433.429 may be
19 submitted in a written format.

20 **Sec. 3.3. NRS 641.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

21 641.170 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS ~~641.195 and~~ 641.196,
22 each application for licensure as a psychologist must be accompanied by evidence
23 satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

24 (a) Is at least 21 years of age.

25 (b) Is of good moral character as determined by the Board.

26 (c) Has earned a doctorate in psychology from an accredited educational
27 institution approved by the Board, or has other doctorate-level training from an
28 accredited educational institution deemed equivalent by the Board in both subject
29 matter and extent of training.

30 (d) Has at least 2 years of experience satisfactory to the Board, 1 year of which
31 must be postdoctoral experience in accordance with the requirements established by
32 regulations of the Board.

33 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS ~~641.195 and~~ 641.196, within 120
34 days after receiving an application and the accompanying evidence from an
35 applicant, the Board shall:

36 (a) Evaluate the application and accompanying evidence and determine
37 whether the applicant is qualified pursuant to this section for licensure; and

38 (b) Issue a written statement to the applicant of its determination.

39 3. The written statement issued to the applicant pursuant to subsection 2 must
40 include:

41 (a) If the Board determines that the qualifications of the applicant are
42 insufficient for licensure, a detailed explanation of the reasons for that
43 determination.

44 (b) If the applicant for licensure as a psychologist has not earned a doctorate in
45 psychology from an accredited educational institution approved by the Board and
46 the Board determines that the doctorate-level training from an accredited
47 educational institution is not equivalent in subject matter and extent of training, a
48 detailed explanation of the reasons for that determination.

49 **Sec. 3.6. NRS 641.196 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

50 641.196 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement as a psychologist
51 to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant
52 may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant ~~is~~

1 ~~— (a) Holds;~~ **holds** a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as a
2 psychologist in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United
3 States. ~~— and~~

4 ~~— (b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
5 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.~~

6 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
7 submit to the Board with his or her application:

8 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

9 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

10 (2) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
11 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the
12 applicant holds a license as a psychologist; and

13 (3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
14 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

15 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board
16 to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 641.160;

17 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
18 any accompanying material is true and correct;

19 (d) The fee prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641.228 for the issuance
20 of an initial license; and

21 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

22 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license
23 by endorsement as a psychologist pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide
24 written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board
25 to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause,
26 the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement as a
27 psychologist to the applicant not later than ~~—~~

28 ~~— (a) Forty five;~~ **45** days after receiving all the additional information required
29 by the Board to complete the application. ~~— or~~

30 ~~— (b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background
31 based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,
32 — whichever occurs later.~~

33 4. A license by endorsement as a psychologist may be issued at a meeting of
34 the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action
35 shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

36 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
37 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may **for any reason**, grant a
38 provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice as a psychologist in
39 accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

40 ~~— [6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
41 417.005.]~~

42 **Sec. 4.** ~~— [NRS 641.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

43 ~~— 641.220 1. To renew a license issued pursuant to this chapter, **except a**
44 **provisional license issued pursuant to section 2 of this act**, each person must, on
45 or before the first day of January of each odd-numbered year:~~

46 ~~— (a) Apply to the Board for renewal;~~

47 ~~— (b) Pay the biennial fee for the renewal of a license;~~

48 ~~— (c) Submit evidence to the Board of completion of the requirements for
49 continuing education as set forth in regulations adopted by the Board; and~~

50 ~~— (d) Submit all information required to complete the renewal.~~

51 ~~— 2. Upon renewing his or her license, a psychologist shall declare his or her
52 areas of competence, as determined in accordance with NRS 641.112.~~

~~2. The Board shall, as a prerequisite for the renewal of a license, require each holder to comply with the requirements for continuing education adopted by the Board.~~

~~4. The requirements for continuing education adopted by the Board pursuant to subsection 2 must include, without limitation, a requirement that the holder of a license receive at least 2 hours of instruction on evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness or another course of instruction on suicide prevention and awareness that is approved by the Board which the Board has determined to be effective and appropriate. The hours of instruction required by this subsection must be completed within 2 years after initial licensure and at least every 4 years thereafter.~~ **(Deleted by amendment.)**

Sec. 4.5. NRS 641.228 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641.228 1. The Board shall charge and collect not more than the following fees respectively:

- For the national examination, in addition to the actual cost to the Board of the examination..... \$100
- For any other examination required pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 641.180, in addition to the actual costs to the Board of the examination..... 100
- For the issuance of an initial license 25
- For the issuance of an initial license by endorsement 125
- For the biennial renewal of a license of a psychologist..... 850
- For the restoration of a license suspended for the nonpayment of the biennial fee for the renewal of a license 200
- For the restoration of a license suspended for the nonsubmission of evidence to the Board of completion of the requirements for continuing education as required for the renewal of the license 200
- For the registration of a firm, partnership or corporation which engages in or offers to engage in the practice of psychology 300
- For the registration of a nonresident to practice as a consultant..... 100
- For the initial registration of a psychological assistant, psychological intern or psychological trainee..... 250
- For the renewal of a registration of a psychological assistant, psychological intern or psychological trainee..... 150

2. An applicant who passes the national examination and any other examination required pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 641.180 and who is eligible for a license as a psychologist shall pay the biennial fee for the renewal of a license, which must be prorated for the period from the date the license is issued to the end of the biennium.

~~3. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5 and NRS 641.195, in~~
In addition to the fees set forth in subsection 1, the Board may charge and collect a fee for the expedited processing of a request or for any other incidental service it provides. The fee must not exceed the cost to provide the service.

~~4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, if~~ an applicant submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to NRS ~~641.195,~~ **641.196,** the Board shall charge and collect:

- (a) Not more than the fee specified in subsection 1 for the issuance of an initial license by endorsement; and
- (b) The biennial fee for the renewal of a license, which must be prorated for the period from the date the license is issued to the end of the biennium.

5. If an ~~applicant~~ active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to NRS 641.196, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license by endorsement.

6. If an applicant submits an application for initial registration as a psychological assistant, psychological intern or psychological trainee pursuant to NRS 641.226 and the applicant has previously been registered as a psychological assistant, psychological intern or psychological trainee, the Board must waive the fee set forth in subsection 1 for the initial registration.

7. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.

Sec. 5. Chapter 641A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

~~If the Board requires an applicant for a license to practice as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor to submit official transcripts as proof of his or her educational qualifications, the Board may issue a provisional license as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor, as applicable, to~~ must provide an alternate means for the applicant ~~who has~~

~~(a) Met all requirements for licensure except for the submission of~~ to submit official transcripts ~~;~~ and

~~(b) Submitted a copy of his or her unofficial transcripts to the Board.~~

~~2. A provisional license issued pursuant to this section expires 6 months after the date of issuance and may not be renewed.~~ if:

1. The college or university from which the applicant graduated has closed or has merged with another institution; and

2. The provision of official transcripts by ordinary means is not available or possible.

Sec. 5.5. NRS 641A.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641A.160 1. The Board shall adopt regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter governing its procedure, the examination and licensing of applicants, the granting, refusal, revocation or suspension of licenses, and the practice of marriage and family therapy and the practice of clinical professional counseling as those practices apply to this chapter.

2. The regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must: ~~prescribe~~

(a) ~~Uniform~~ Prescribe uniform standards concerning the locations at which interns provide services;

(b) ~~Standards concerning~~ Authorize the remote supervision, including, without limitation, electronic supervision, of interns working at remote sites ~~;~~ and prescribe standards concerning such remote supervision; and

(c) ~~Prescribe a~~ manner by which the qualifications for the issuance or renewal of a license under the provisions of this chapter will be made available to the public such that those qualifications are clearly defined and easily understood.

3. On the date that the Board gives notice pursuant to NRS 233B.060 of its intent to adopt, amend or repeal a regulation, the Board shall submit the regulation to the Commission on Behavioral Health for review. The Commission shall review the regulation and make recommendations to the Board concerning the advisability of adopting, amending or repealing the regulation and any changes that the Commission deems advisable.

Sec. 6. NRS 641A.183 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641A.183 1. On or before February 1 of each year, the Board shall submit to the Legislative Committee on Health Care and to the Chair of each regional

1 *behavioral health policy board created by NRS 433.429* a report which must
2 include:

3 ~~1.1~~ (a) The number of complaints received, investigations completed, cases
4 dismissed, cases settled and cases for which hearings were held within the
5 immediately preceding calendar year; ~~and~~

6 ~~2.1~~ (b) The number of applications for the issuance or renewal of a license
7 received by the Board during the immediately preceding calendar year and the
8 number of those applications for which the Board conducted additional review
9 beyond the standard review regularly conducted by the Board ~~1.1~~; and

10 ~~3.1~~ (c) *The number of applications for the issuance of a license by*
11 *endorsement received by the Board pursuant to NRS ~~641A.241 and~~ 641A.242*
12 *during the immediately preceding calendar year, the number of those*
13 *applications that were denied and the reasons for denial.*

14 2. The report submitted pursuant to this section to the Chair of each
15 regional behavioral health policy board created by NRS 433.429 may be
16 submitted in a written format.

17 Sec. 6.2. NRS 641A.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 641A.220 Except as otherwise provided in NRS ~~641A.241 and~~ 641A.242,
19 each applicant for a license to practice as a marriage and family therapist must
20 furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

21 1. Is at least 21 years of age;

22 2. Is of good moral character;

23 3. Has completed residency training in psychiatry from an accredited
24 institution approved by the Board, has a graduate degree in marriage and family
25 therapy, psychology or social work from an accredited institution approved by the
26 Board or has completed other education and training which is deemed equivalent by
27 the Board;

28 4. Has:

29 (a) At least 2 years of postgraduate experience in marriage and family therapy;
30 and

31 (b) At least 3,000 hours of supervised experience in marriage and family
32 therapy, of which at least 1,500 hours must consist of direct contact with clients;
33 and

34 5. Holds an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution approved by
35 the Board.

36 Sec. 6.4. NRS 641A.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 641A.230 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and NRS
38 ~~641A.241 and~~ 641A.242, each qualified applicant for a license to practice as a
39 marriage and family therapist must pass a written examination given by the Board
40 on his or her knowledge of marriage and family therapy. Examinations must be
41 given at a time and place and under such supervision as the Board may determine.

42 2. The Board shall accept receipt of a passing grade by a qualified applicant
43 on the national examination sponsored by the Association of Marital and Family
44 Therapy Regulatory Boards in lieu of requiring a written examination pursuant to
45 subsection 1.

46 3. In addition to the requirements of subsections 1 and 2, the Board may
47 require an oral examination. The Board may examine applicants in whatever
48 applied or theoretical fields it deems appropriate.

49 Sec. 6.6. NRS 641A.231 is hereby amended to read as follows:

50 641A.231 Except as otherwise provided in NRS ~~641A.241 and~~ 641A.242,
51 each applicant for a license to practice as a clinical professional counselor must
52 furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

53 1. Is at least 21 years of age;

2. Is of good moral character;

3. Has:

(a) Completed residency training in psychiatry from an accredited institution approved by the Board;

(b) A graduate degree from a program approved by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs as a program in mental health counseling or community counseling; or

(c) An acceptable degree as determined by the Board which includes the completion of a practicum and internship in mental health counseling which was taken concurrently with the degree program and was supervised by a licensed mental health professional; and

4. Has:

(a) At least 2 years of postgraduate experience in professional counseling;

(b) At least 3,000 hours of supervised experience in professional counseling which includes, without limitation:

(1) At least 1,500 hours of direct contact with clients; and

(2) At least 100 hours of counseling under the direct supervision of an approved supervisor of which at least 1 hour per week was completed for each work setting at which the applicant provided counseling; and

(c) Passed the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination which is administered by the National Board for Certified Counselors.

Sec. 6.8. NRS 641A.242 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641A.242 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant ~~+~~

~~(c) Holds~~ holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor, as applicable, in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States. ~~+] and~~

~~(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.]~~

2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a license as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor, as applicable; and

(3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a report on the applicant's background, and to such other law enforcement agencies as the Board deems necessary for a report on the applicant's background;

(c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct;

~~(d)~~ (d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641A.290 for the application for an initial license and for the initial issuance of a license; and

~~(e)~~ (e) Any other information required by the Board.

1 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license
 2 by endorsement to practice as a marriage and family therapist or clinical
 3 professional counselor pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written
 4 notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to
 5 consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause,
 6 the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to
 7 practice as a marriage and family therapist or clinical professional counselor, as
 8 applicable, to the applicant not later than 45 days after receiving all the additional
 9 information required by the Board to complete the application.

10 4. A license by endorsement to practice as a marriage and family therapist or
 11 clinical professional counselor may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between
 12 its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an
 13 action of the Board.

14 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
 15 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may for any reason, grant a
 16 provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice as a marriage and family
 17 therapist or clinical professional counselor, as applicable, in accordance with
 18 regulations adopted by the Board.

19 ~~[6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS~~
 20 ~~417.005.]~~

21 **Sec. 7. [NRS 641A.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:]**

22 ~~641A.260 1. To renew a license to practice as a marriage and family~~
 23 ~~therapist or clinical professional counselor issued pursuant to this chapter, except~~
 24 ~~for a provisional license issued pursuant to section 5 of this act, each person must,~~
 25 ~~on or before 10 business days after the date of expiration of his or her current~~
 26 ~~license:~~

- 27 ~~— (a) Apply to the Board for renewal;~~
- 28 ~~— (b) Pay the fee for the biennial renewal of a license set by the Board;~~
- 29 ~~— (c) Submit evidence to the Board of completion of the requirements for~~
 30 ~~continuing education as set forth in regulations adopted by the Board, unless the~~
 31 ~~Board has granted a waiver pursuant to NRS 641A.265; and~~
- 32 ~~— (d) Submit all information required to complete the renewal.~~

33 ~~2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 641A.265, the Board shall, as a~~
 34 ~~prerequisite for the renewal of a license to practice as a marriage and family~~
 35 ~~therapist or clinical professional counselor, require each holder to comply with the~~
 36 ~~requirements for continuing education adopted by the Board, which must include,~~
 37 ~~without limitation, a requirement that the holder receive at least 2 hours of~~
 38 ~~instruction on evidence based suicide prevention and awareness or another course~~
 39 ~~of instruction on suicide prevention and awareness that is approved by the Board~~
 40 ~~which the Board has determined to be effective and appropriate.] (Deleted by~~
 41 ~~amendment.)~~

42 **Sec. 7.5. NRS 641A.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

43 641A.290 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the Board shall
 44 establish a schedule of fees for the following items which must not exceed the
 45 following amounts:

47 Application for an initial license	\$150
48 Initial issuance of a license	60
49 Biennial renewal of a license to practice as a marriage and	
50 family therapist or clinical professional counselor	450
51 Fee for late payment of the biennial renewal	125

1 Placement of a license to practice as a marriage and family
2 therapist or clinical professional counselor on inactive
3 status..... 200
4 Renewal of an intern’s license 150
5 Issuance of a duplicate license 10
6 Reevaluation of an applicant’s course work..... 50
7 Application for approval as a supervisor..... 75
8 Approval of a course or program of continuing education 25
9 Approval of a provider of continuing education 150

11 2. If an ~~applicant~~ active member of, or the spouse of an active member of,
12 the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a
13 veteran submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to NRS
14 641A.242, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee established
15 pursuant to subsection 1 for the application for and initial issuance of the license.

16 3. As used in this section, “veteran” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS
17 417.005.

18 **Sec. 8.** Chapter 641B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the
19 provisions set forth as sections 9 ~~1, 10 and 11~~ to 11.3, inclusive, of this act.

20 **Sec. 9. 1.** *The Board shall grant a license to engage in social work as a*
21 *master social worker to any applicant who possesses the preliminary*
22 *qualifications set forth in NRS 641B.200 and who:*

23 (a) *Possesses a master’s or doctoral degree in social work from:*

24 (1) *A college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work*
25 *Education, or its successor organization, or which is a candidate for such*
26 *accreditation; or*

27 (2) *A college or university located in a foreign country, or the equivalent*
28 *of a master’s or doctoral degree in social work from such a college or university,*
29 *if the applicant includes in his or her application the documentation required by*
30 *section 10 of this act; and*

31 (b) *Passes an examination prescribed by the Board.*

32 2. *A person licensed as a master social worker may:*

33 (a) *Engage in social work independently as part of an internship program*
34 *approved by the Board to complete the supervised social work required for*
35 *licensure as an independent social worker pursuant to NRS 641B.230;*

36 (b) *Engage in clinical social work as part of an internship program approved*
37 *by the Board to complete the supervised, postgraduate, clinical social work*
38 *required for licensure as a clinical social worker pursuant to NRS 641B.240; and*

39 (c) *Supervise other persons engaging in the practice of social work.*

40 **Sec. 10. 1.** *If an applicant for a license to engage in social work is a*
41 *graduate of a college or university located in a foreign country or currently*
42 *enrolled in program of study leading to a degree in social work at such a college*
43 *or university, the application must include:*

44 (a) *Proof that the applicant possesses the degree required by NRS 641B.220,*
45 *641B.230, 641B.240 or 641B.275 or section 9 of this act, as applicable, or is*
46 *enrolled in a program of study that meets the requirements of NRS 641B.275, as*
47 *applicable; and*

48 (b) *If applicable, a written statement or other proof from the Council on*
49 *Social Work Education or its successor organization that the degree is equivalent*
50 *to a degree issued by a college or university accredited by the Council on Social*
51 *Work Education or its successor organization.*

52 2. *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the proof required by the*
53 *paragraph (a) of subsection 1 must be provided to the Board directly by the*

1 college or university that granted the degree. If the college or university is unable
 2 to provide such proof, the Board may accept proof from another source specified
 3 by the Board.

4 **Sec. 11.** 1. An associate in social work, social worker, master social
 5 worker, independent social worker or clinical social worker may apply to the
 6 Board to have his or her license placed on inactive status. The Board may grant
 7 the application if the license is in good standing and the licensee has met all
 8 requirements for the issuance or renewal of a license as of the date of the
 9 application.

10 2. If the application is granted:

11 (a) The licensee must not engage in social work in this State unless the
 12 license is returned to active status; and

13 (b) The licensee is not required to complete continuing education unless his
 14 or her license is returned to active status.

15 3. The inactive status of a license is valid for 5 years after the date that the
 16 inactive status is granted.

17 4. If a license is placed on inactive status, the Board must not refund any
 18 portion of the renewal fee that was paid before the license was placed on inactive
 19 status.

20 5. The Board shall adopt regulations prescribing the:

21 (a) Procedures for making an application pursuant to this section;

22 (b) Procedures and terms upon which a person whose license has been
 23 placed on inactive status may have his or her license returned to active status;
 24 and

25 (c) Fees for the renewal of the inactive status of a license.

26 **Sec. 11.3.** If the Board requires an applicant for a license pursuant to this
 27 chapter to submit official transcripts as proof of his or her educational
 28 qualifications, the Board must provide an alternate means for the applicant to
 29 submit official transcripts if:

30 1. The college or university from which the applicant graduated has closed
 31 or has merged with another institution; and

32 2. The provision of the official transcripts by ordinary means is not
 33 available or possible.

34 **Sec. 11.7.** NRS 641B.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 641B.160 1. The Board shall adopt:

36 (a) Such regulations as are necessary or desirable to enable it to carry out the
 37 provisions of this chapter;

38 (b) Regulations establishing reasonable standards for the psychiatric training
 39 and experience necessary for a clinical social worker to be authorized to make the
 40 certifications described in NRS 433A.170, 433A.195 and 433A.200;

41 (c) Regulations prescribing uniform standards concerning the locations at
 42 which interns provide services;

43 (d) Regulations ~~prescribing standards concerning~~ authorizing the remote
 44 supervision, including, without limitation, electronic supervision of interns
 45 working at remote sites ~~and~~ prescribing standards concerning such remote
 46 supervision; and

47 (e) Regulations prescribing the manner by which the qualifications for the
 48 issuance or renewal of a license under the provisions of this chapter will be made
 49 available to the public such that those qualifications are clearly defined and easily
 50 understood.

51 2. On the date that the Board gives notice pursuant to NRS 233B.060 of its
 52 intent to adopt, amend or repeal a regulation, the Board shall submit the regulation
 53 to the Commission on Behavioral Health for review. The Commission shall review

1 the regulation and make recommendations to the Board concerning the advisability
 2 of adopting, amending or repealing the regulation and any changes that the
 3 Commission deems advisable.

4 **Sec. 12.** NRS 641B.165 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 641B.165 1. On or before February 1 of each year, the Board shall submit to
 6 the Legislative Committee on Health Care *and to the Chair of each regional*
 7 *behavioral health policy board created by NRS 433.429* a report which must
 8 include:

9 ~~1.1~~ (a) The number of complaints received, investigations completed, cases
 10 dismissed, cases settled and cases for which hearings were held within the
 11 immediately preceding calendar year; ~~and~~

12 ~~2.1~~ (b) The number of applications for the issuance or renewal of a license
 13 received by the Board during the immediately preceding calendar year and the
 14 number of those applications for which the Board conducted additional review
 15 beyond the standard review regularly conducted by the Board ~~1.1~~; and

16 ~~3.1~~ (c) *The number of applications for the issuance of a license by*
 17 *endorsement received by the Board pursuant to NRS ~~641B.271 and~~ 641B.272*
 18 *during the immediately preceding calendar year, the number of those*
 19 *applications that were denied and the reasons for denial.*

20 2. *The report submitted pursuant to this section to the Chair of each*
 21 *regional behavioral policy board created by NRS 433.429 may be submitted in a*
 22 *written format.*

23 **Sec. 13.** NRS 641B.206 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 641B.206 1. In addition to any other requirements set forth in this chapter:

25 (a) An applicant for the issuance of a license to engage in social work as an
 26 associate in social work, a social worker, *a master social worker*, an independent
 27 social worker or a clinical social worker shall include the social security number of
 28 the applicant in the application submitted to the Board.

29 (b) An applicant for the renewal of a license to engage in social work as an
 30 associate in social work or the issuance or renewal of a license to engage in social
 31 work as a social worker, *a master social worker*, an independent social worker or a
 32 clinical social worker shall submit to the Board the statement prescribed by the
 33 Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and
 34 Human Services pursuant to NRS 425.520. The statement must be completed and
 35 signed by the applicant.

36 2. The Board shall include the statement required pursuant to subsection 1 in:

37 (a) The application or any other forms that must be submitted for the issuance
 38 or renewal of the license; or

39 (b) A separate form prescribed by the Board.

40 3. A license to engage in social work as an associate in social work, a social
 41 worker, *a master social worker*, an independent social worker or a clinical social
 42 worker may not be issued or renewed by the Board if the applicant:

43 (a) Fails to submit the statement required pursuant to subsection 1; or

44 (b) Indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to subsection 1 that the
 45 applicant is subject to a court order for the support of a child and is not in
 46 compliance with the order or a plan approved by the district attorney or other public
 47 agency enforcing the order for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the
 48 order.

49 4. If an applicant indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to subsection
 50 1 that the applicant is subject to a court order for the support of a child and is not in
 51 compliance with the order or a plan approved by the district attorney or other public
 52 agency enforcing the order for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the
 53 order, the Board shall advise the applicant to contact the district attorney or other

1 public agency enforcing the order to determine the actions that the applicant may
2 take to satisfy the arrearage.

3 **Sec. 14.** NRS 641B.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 641B.220 1. The Board shall grant a license to engage in social work as a
5 social worker to any applicant who possesses the preliminary qualifications set
6 forth in NRS 641B.200 and who:

7 (a) Possesses a baccalaureate degree or master's degree in social work from ~~the~~
8 :

9 (1) A college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work
10 Education , *or its successor organization*, or which is a candidate for such
11 accreditation ~~the~~; or

12 (2) *A college or university located in a foreign country, or the equivalent*
13 *of a baccalaureate degree or master's degree in social work from such a college*
14 *or university, if the applicant includes in his or her application the*
15 *documentation required by section 10 of this act; and*

16 (b) Passes an examination prescribed by the Board.

17 2. The Board shall grant a license to engage in social work as a social worker
18 to an applicant licensed as an associate in social work who:

19 (a) Possesses the preliminary qualifications set forth in NRS 641B.200;

20 (b) Possesses a baccalaureate degree or master's degree in a related field, or
21 has completed equivalent course work in a related field;

22 (c) Completes 3,000 hours of employment in Nevada as an associate in social
23 work; and

24 (d) Passes an examination prescribed by the Board.

25 3. A person who is granted a license to engage in social work as a social
26 worker pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 may supervise another person engaged in the
27 practice of social work.

28 **Sec. 15.** NRS 641B.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 641B.230 1. The Board shall grant a license to engage in social work as an
30 independent social worker to any applicant who possesses the preliminary
31 qualifications set forth in NRS 641B.200 and who:

32 (a) Possesses a master's or doctoral degree in social work from ~~the~~ ;

33 (1) A college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work
34 Education , *or its successor organization*, or which is a candidate for such
35 accreditation ~~the~~; or

36 (2) *A college or university located in a foreign country, or the equivalent*
37 *of a master's or doctoral degree in social work from such a college or university,*
38 *if the applicant includes in his or her application the documentation required by*
39 *section 10 of this act.*

40 (b) Completes 3,000 hours of supervised, postgraduate social work approved
41 by the Board.

42 (c) Passes an examination prescribed by the Board.

43 2. A person licensed as an independent social worker may:

44 (a) Engage in social work independently or within an agency; ~~and~~

45 (b) *Engage in clinical social work as part of an internship program approved*
46 *by the Board to complete the supervised clinical social work required for*
47 *licensure as a clinical social worker pursuant to NRS 641B.240; and*

48 (c) Supervise other persons engaging in the practice of social work.

49 **Sec. 16.** NRS 641B.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

50 641B.240 1. The Board shall grant a license to engage in social work as a
51 clinical social worker to any applicant who possesses the preliminary qualifications
52 set forth in NRS 641B.200 and who:

53 (a) Possesses a master's or doctoral degree in social work from ~~the~~ ;

1 (1) A college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work
 2 Education , *or its successor organization*, or which is a candidate for such
 3 accreditation ~~is~~; *or*

4 (2) *A college or university located in a foreign country, or the equivalent*
 5 *of a master's or doctoral degree in social work from such a college or university,*
 6 *if the applicant includes in his or her application the documentation required by*
 7 *section 10 of this act.*

8 (b) Completes 3,000 hours of supervised, postgraduate, clinical social work
 9 approved by the Board.

10 (c) Passes an examination prescribed by the Board.

11 2. A person licensed as a clinical social worker may:

12 (a) Engage in social work independently or within an agency; ~~and~~

13 (b) *Engage in clinical social work; and*

14 (c) Supervise other persons engaging in the practice of social work.

15 **Sec. 17.** NRS 641B.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 641B.260 1. The Board may hold hearings and conduct investigations into
 17 any matter related to an application for licensure. The Board may require the
 18 presentation of evidence.

19 2. The Board may refuse to issue a license to an applicant if the applicant:

20 (a) Is not of good moral character as it relates to the practice of social work;

21 (b) Has submitted any false credential to the Board;

22 (c) Has been disciplined in another state in connection with the practice of
 23 social work *or a related profession* or has committed any act in another state which
 24 is a violation of this chapter; ~~or~~

25 (d) *Has committed an act that constitutes grounds for initiating disciplinary*
 26 *action pursuant to NRS 641B.400;*

27 (e) *Has entered a plea of guilty, guilty but mentally ill or nolo contendere to,*
 28 *been found guilty or guilty but mentally ill of, or been convicted, in this State or*
 29 *any other jurisdiction, of a crime arising out of, in connection with or related to*
 30 *the activities of such a person in such a manner as to demonstrate his or her*
 31 *unfitness to engage in social work, and the time for appeal has elapsed or the*
 32 *judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal; or*

33 (f) Fails to comply with any other requirements for licensure.

34 **Sec. 17.5.** NRS 641B.272 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 641B.272 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to engage in
 36 social work to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An
 37 applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if the applicant
 38 ~~is~~

39 ~~(a) Holds~~ holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to engage in
 40 social work in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States
 41 ~~is~~; ~~and~~

42 ~~(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed~~
 43 ~~Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.]~~

44 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
 45 submit to the Board with his or her application:

46 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

47 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

48 (2) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
 49 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the
 50 applicant holds a license to engage in social work; *and*

51 (3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
 52 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States; ~~and~~

~~(4) Is currently engaged in social work under the license held required by paragraph (a) of subsection 1;~~

(b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 641B.202;

(c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct; ~~and~~

(d) The fee prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641B.300 for the initial application; and

(e) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license by endorsement to engage in social work pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by endorsement to engage in social work to the applicant not later than ~~45~~

~~(a) Forty-five~~ 45 days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application. ~~For~~

~~(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints, whichever occurs later.~~

4. A license by endorsement to engage in social work may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may for any reason, grant a provisional license authorizing an applicant to engage in social work in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

~~16. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.~~

Sec. 18. NRS 641B.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641B.275 1. The Board shall grant a provisional license to engage in social work as a social worker to a person:

(a) Who applies to take the next available examination and who is otherwise eligible to be a social worker pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 641B.220; or

(b) Who:

(1) Possesses a baccalaureate degree or a master's degree in a related field of study from ~~an~~:

(I) An accredited college or university recognized by the Board; or

(II) A college or university located in a foreign country, or the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree or a master's degree in a related field from such a college or university, if the applicant includes in his or her application the documentation required by section 10 of this act; and

(2) Presents evidence of enrollment in a program of study leading to a degree in social work at ~~a~~:

(I) A college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work Education or which is a candidate for such accreditation and which is approved by the Board ~~to~~; or

(II) A college or university located in a foreign country, or a program of study leading to the equivalent of a degree in social work from such a college or university, if the applicant includes in his or her application the documentation required by section 10 of this act.

2. The Board shall grant a provisional license to engage in social work as an independent social worker to a person who applies to take the next available

1 examination and who is otherwise eligible to be an independent social worker
2 pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 641B.230.

3 3. The Board shall grant a provisional license to engage in social work as a
4 clinical social worker to a person who applies to take the next available
5 examination and who is otherwise eligible to be a clinical social worker pursuant to
6 subsection 1 of NRS 641B.240.

7 4. ~~[If the Board requires an applicant for a license as a social worker,
8 master social worker, independent social worker or clinical social worker to
9 submit official transcripts as proof of his or her educational qualifications, the
10 Board may grant a provisional license to an applicant who has:~~

11 ~~— (a) Met all requirements for licensure except for the submission of official
12 transcripts; and~~

13 ~~— (b) Submitted a copy of his or her unofficial transcripts to the Board.~~

14 ~~5.]~~ The Board shall establish by regulation the period during which a
15 provisional license issued pursuant to this section ~~[subsection 1, 2 or 3]~~ will be
16 valid. The period must be:

17 (a) No longer than 9 months for a person who is granted a provisional license
18 to engage in social work pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or subsection 2
19 or 3; and

20 (b) No longer than 3 years for a person who is granted a provisional license to
21 engage in social work pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

22 ~~[6. A provisional license issued pursuant to subsection 4 expires 6 months
23 after the date of issuance and may not be renewed.]~~

24 **Sec. 19.** NRS 641B.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 641B.280 1. Every ~~[Except as otherwise provided in NRS 641B.275, every]~~
26 holder of a license issued pursuant to this chapter may renew his or her license
27 annually by:

28 (a) Applying to the Board for renewal;

29 (b) Paying the annual renewal fee set by the Board;

30 (c) ~~[Submitting]~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act,
31 submitting evidence to the Board of completion of the required continuing
32 education as set forth in regulations adopted by the Board; and

33 (d) Submitting all information required to complete the renewal.

34 2. ~~[The]~~ Except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act, the Board
35 shall, as a prerequisite for the renewal of a license, require the holder to comply
36 with the requirements for continuing education adopted by the Board, which must
37 include, without limitation, a requirement that every 2 years the holder receive at
38 least 2 hours of instruction on evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness or
39 another course of instruction on suicide prevention and awareness that is approved
40 by the Board which the Board has determined to be effective and appropriate.

41 **Sec. 20.** NRS 641B.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 641B.300 1. The Board shall charge and collect fees not to exceed the
43 following amounts for:

44		
45	Initial application	\$200
46	Provisional license	150
47	Initial issuance of a license as a social worker <i>or master social</i>	
48	<i>worker</i>	250
49	Initial issuance of a license as a clinical social worker or an	
50	independent social worker	350
51	Initial issuance of a license by endorsement	200
52	Annual renewal of a license as a social worker , <i>master social</i>	
53	<i>worker</i> or an associate in social work.....	175

1 Annual renewal of a license as a clinical social worker or an
2 independent social worker 225
3 Restoration of a suspended license or reinstatement of a
4 revoked license 150
5 Restoration of an expired license 200
6 Renewal of a delinquent license 100
7

8 2. If an ~~applicant~~ ***active member of, or the spouse of an active member of,***
9 ***the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a***
10 ***veteran*** submits an application for a license by endorsement pursuant to NRS
11 641B.272, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee set forth in
12 subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.

13 ***3. As used in this section, “veteran” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS***
14 ***417.005.***

15 **Sec. 21.** NRS 641B.410 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 641B.410 1. The Board, any ~~of its members~~ ***member or employee of the***
17 ***Board*** or any member of a review panel of social workers who becomes aware that
18 any one or combination of the grounds for initiating disciplinary action may exist as
19 to a person practicing social work in this State shall, and any other person who is so
20 aware may, file a written complaint specifying the relevant facts with the Board.
21 The complaint must specifically charge one or more of the grounds for initiating
22 disciplinary action.

23 2. The Board shall retain all complaints filed with the Board pursuant to this
24 section for at least 10 years, including, without limitation, any complaints not acted
25 upon.

26 **Sec. 22.** NRS 641B.505 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 641B.505 1. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it is unlawful for
28 a person to engage in:

29 (a) The independent practice of social work unless he or she ~~is licensed~~ :

30 ***(1) Holds an active license*** as a clinical social worker or an independent
31 social worker pursuant to this chapter ~~;~~ ***;*** ***or***

32 ***(2) Holds an active license as a master social worker pursuant to this***
33 ***chapter and is engaging in the independent practice of social work under the***
34 ***conditions prescribed in section 9 of this act.***

35 (b) The clinical practice of social work unless he or she ~~is licensed~~ :

36 ***(1) Holds an active license*** as a clinical social worker ***issued*** pursuant to
37 this chapter ~~;~~ ***;*** ***or***

38 ***(2) Holds an active license as an independent social worker or master***
39 ***social worker issued pursuant to this chapter and is engaging in clinical social***
40 ***work under the conditions prescribed in NRS 641B.230 or section 9 of this act, as***
41 ***applicable.***

42 ***(c) The practice of social work unless he or she holds an active license as an***
43 ***associate in social work, a social worker, a master social worker, an independent***
44 ***social worker or a clinical social worker issued pursuant to this chapter.***

45 2. As used in this section, “independent practice of social work” means the
46 unsupervised practice of social work, other than for a public employer, for
47 compensation.

48 **Sec. 22.5. Chapter 641C of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a**
49 ***new section to read as follows:***

50 ***If the Board requires an applicant for a license or certificate pursuant to this***
51 ***chapter to submit official transcripts as proof of his or her educational***
52 ***qualifications, the Board must provide an alternate means for the applicant to***
53 ***submit official transcripts if:***

1 1. The college or university from which the applicant has graduated has
 2 closed or has merged with another institution; and

3 2. The provision of official transcripts by ordinary means is not available or
 4 possible.

5 **Sec. 23.** NRS 641C.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 641C.130 The provisions of this chapter do not apply to:

7 1. A physician who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 630 or
 8 633 of NRS;

9 2. A nurse who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 632 of NRS
 10 and is authorized by the State Board of Nursing to engage in the practice of
 11 counseling persons with alcohol and other substance use disorders or the practice of
 12 counseling persons with an addictive disorder related to gambling;

13 3. A psychologist who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 641 of
 14 NRS or authorized to practice psychology in this State pursuant to the Psychology
 15 Interjurisdictional Compact enacted in NRS 641.227;

16 4. A clinical professional counselor or clinical professional counselor intern
 17 who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641A of NRS;

18 5. A marriage and family therapist or marriage and family therapist intern
 19 who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 641A of NRS and is
 20 authorized by the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and
 21 Clinical Professional Counselors to engage in the practice of counseling persons
 22 with alcohol and other substance use disorders or the practice of counseling persons
 23 with an addictive disorder related to gambling; or

24 6. A person who is ~~licensed as a~~:

25 (a) *Licensed as:*

26 (1) *A clinical social worker pursuant to the provisions of chapter 641B of*
 27 *NRS ; or*

28 (2) *A master social worker or independent social worker pursuant to the*
 29 *provisions of chapter 641B of NRS and is engaging in clinical social work as part*
 30 *of an internship program approved by the Board of Examiners for Social*
 31 *Workers; and ~~is authorized~~*

32 (b) *Authorized* by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers to engage in the
 33 practice of counseling persons with alcohol and other substance use disorders or the
 34 practice of counseling persons with an addictive disorder related to gambling.

35 **Sec. 23.5.** NRS 641C.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 641C.200 1. The Board shall adopt such regulations as are necessary to
 37 carry out the provisions of this chapter, including, without limitation, regulations
 38 that: ~~prescribe~~

39 (a) ~~The~~ *Prescribe the* ethical standards for licensed and certified counselors
 40 and certified interns;

41 (b) ~~The~~ *Prescribe the* requirements for continuing education for the renewal,
 42 restoration or reinstatement of a license or certificate;

43 (c) ~~Uniform~~ *Prescribe uniform* standards concerning the locations at which
 44 interns provide services;

45 (d) ~~Standards concerning~~ *Authorize the remote supervision, including,*
 46 *without limitation, electronic supervision , of interns working at remote sites ~~to~~*
 47 *and prescribe standards concerning such remote supervision; and*

48 (e) ~~The~~ *Prescribe the* manner by which the qualifications for the issuance or
 49 renewal of a license or certificate under the provisions of this chapter will be made
 50 available to the public such that those qualifications are clearly defined and easily
 51 understood.

52 2. The Board may adopt regulations that prescribe:

1 (a) The contents of a written and oral examination concerning the practice of
2 counseling persons with an addictive disorder related to gambling;

3 (b) The grounds for initiating disciplinary action against a certified problem
4 gambling counselor or certified problem gambling counselor intern; and

5 (c) Disciplinary procedures for certified problem gambling counselors and
6 certified problem gambling counselor interns, including the suspension, revocation
7 and reinstatement of a certificate as a problem gambling counselor or problem
8 gambling counselor intern.

9 3. Any regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to this section must be
10 consistent with the provisions of chapter 622A of NRS.

11 4. On the date that the Board gives notice pursuant to NRS 233B.060 of its
12 intent to adopt, amend or repeal a regulation, the Board shall submit the regulation
13 to the Commission on Behavioral Health for review. The Commission shall review
14 the regulation and make recommendations to the Board concerning the advisability
15 of adopting, amending or repealing the regulation and any changes that the
16 Commission deems advisable.

17 **Sec. 24.** NRS 641C.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 641C.230 1. On or before February 1 of each year, the Board shall submit to
19 the Legislative Committee on Health Care and to the Chair of each regional
20 behavioral health policy board created by NRS 433.429 a report which must
21 include:

22 ~~1.)~~ (a) The number of complaints received, investigations completed, cases
23 dismissed, cases settled and cases for which hearings were held within the
24 immediately preceding calendar year; ~~and~~

25 ~~2.)~~ (b) The number of applications for the issuance or renewal of a license or
26 certificate received by the Board during the immediately preceding calendar year
27 and the number of those applications for which the Board conducted additional
28 review beyond the standard review regularly conducted by the Board ~~;~~ and

29 ~~3.)~~ (c) The number of applications for the issuance of a license or
30 certificate by endorsement received by the Board pursuant to NRS ~~641C.3305,~~
31 641C.3306, ~~641C.355,~~ 641C.356, ~~641C.395,~~ 641C.396 ~~, 641C.432~~ and
32 641C.433 during the immediately preceding calendar year, the number of those
33 applications that were denied and the reasons for denial.

34 2. The report submitted pursuant to this section to the Chair of each
35 regional behavioral health policy board created by NRS 433.429 may be
36 submitted in a written format.

37 **Sec. 24.5.** NRS 641C.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 641C.290 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 641C.300 ~~, 641C.3305,~~
39 and 641C.3306, each applicant for a license as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor
40 must pass a written and oral examination concerning his or her knowledge of the
41 clinical practice of counseling persons with alcohol and other substance use
42 disorders, the applicable provisions of this chapter and any applicable regulations
43 adopted by the Board pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

44 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 641C.300, ~~641C.355,~~ 641C.356 ~~, 641C.395,~~
45 and 641C.396, each applicant for a license or certificate as an alcohol
46 and drug counselor must pass a written and oral examination concerning his or her
47 knowledge of the practice of counseling persons with alcohol and other substance
48 use disorders, the applicable provisions of this chapter and any applicable
49 regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

50 3. Except as otherwise provided in NRS ~~641C.432 and~~ 641C.433, each
51 applicant for a certificate as a problem gambling counselor must pass a written and
52 oral examination concerning his or her knowledge of the practice of counseling
53 persons with an addictive disorder related to gambling, the applicable provisions of

1 this chapter and any applicable regulations adopted by the Board pursuant to the
2 provisions of this chapter.

3 4. The Board shall:

4 (a) Examine applicants at least two times each year.

5 (b) Establish the time and place for the examinations.

6 (c) Provide such books and forms as may be necessary to conduct the
7 examinations.

8 (d) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 622.090, establish, by regulation, the
9 requirements for passing the examination.

10 5. The Board may employ other persons to conduct the examinations.

11 **Sec. 25. ~~NRS 641C.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~**

12 ~~641C.320 1. The Board may issue:~~

13 ~~(a) A provisional license as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor to a person
14 who has applied to the Board to take the examination for a license as a clinical
15 alcohol and drug counselor and is otherwise eligible for that license pursuant to
16 NRS 641C.330; or~~

17 ~~(b) A provisional license or certificate as an alcohol and drug counselor to a
18 person who has applied to the Board to take the examination for a license or
19 certificate as an alcohol and drug counselor and is otherwise eligible for that license
20 or certificate pursuant to NRS 641C.350 or 641C.390.~~

21 ~~2. If the Board requires an applicant for a license or certificate pursuant to
22 this chapter to submit official transcripts as proof of his or her educational
23 qualifications, the Board may issue a provisional license or certificate to an
24 applicant who has:~~

25 ~~(a) Met all requirements for licensure except for the submission of official
26 transcripts; and~~

27 ~~(b) Submitted a copy of his or her unofficial transcripts to the Board.~~

28 ~~3. A provisional license or certificate is valid for not more than 6 months and
29 may not be renewed.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

30 **Sec. 25.2. NRS 641C.3306 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

31 641C.3306 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement as a clinical
32 alcohol and drug counselor to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in
33 this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license
34 if the applicant ~~is~~

35 ~~(a) Holds] holds~~ a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as a clinical
36 alcohol and drug counselor in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of
37 the United States, ~~is~~ and

38 ~~(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed
39 Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.]~~

40 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
41 submit to the Board with his or her application:

42 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

43 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

44 (2) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
45 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the
46 applicant holds a license as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor; and

47 (3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
48 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

49 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board
50 to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 641C.260;

51 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
52 any accompanying material is true and correct;

1 (d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.470 for the initial
 2 application for and issuance of an initial license; and

3 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

4 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license
 5 by endorsement as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor pursuant to this section, the
 6 Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information
 7 required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the
 8 application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a
 9 license by endorsement as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor to the applicant not
 10 later than ~~fr~~

11 ~~—(a) Forty-five] 45 days after receiving all the additional information required~~
 12 ~~by the Board to complete the application. ~~fr~~~~

13 ~~—(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background~~
 14 ~~based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,~~
 15 ~~— whichever occurs later.]~~

16 4. A license by endorsement as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor may be
 17 issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the
 18 Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

19 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
 20 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may for any reason, grant a
 21 provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice as a clinical alcohol and
 22 drug counselor in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

23 ~~[6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS~~
 24 ~~417.005.]~~

25 **Sec. 25.4. NRS 641C.356 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

26 641C.356 1. The Board may issue a license by endorsement as an alcohol
 27 and drug counselor to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this
 28 section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a license if
 29 the applicant ~~fr~~

30 ~~—(a) Holds] holds~~ a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as an alcohol
 31 and drug counselor in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the
 32 United States. ~~fr and~~

33 ~~—(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed~~
 34 ~~Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.]~~

35 2. An applicant for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section must
 36 submit to the Board with his or her application:

37 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

38 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

39 (2) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
 40 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the
 41 applicant holds a license as an alcohol and drug counselor; and

42 (3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
 43 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

44 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board
 45 to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 641C.260;

46 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
 47 any accompanying material is true and correct;

48 (d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.470 for the initial
 49 application for and issuance of an initial license; and

50 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

51 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a license
 52 by endorsement as an alcohol and drug counselor pursuant to this section, the Board
 53 shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required

1 by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application
 2 for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license by
 3 endorsement as an alcohol and drug counselor to the applicant not later than ~~15~~
 4 ~~(a) Forty-five~~ **45** days after receiving all the additional information required
 5 by the Board to complete the application. ~~15 or~~

6 ~~(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background~~
 7 ~~based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints,~~
 8 ~~whichever occurs later.]~~

9 4. A license by endorsement as an alcohol and drug counselor may be issued
 10 at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board.
 11 Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

12 5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a license
 13 by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may for any reason, grant a
 14 provisional license authorizing an applicant to practice as an alcohol and drug
 15 counselor in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

16 ~~[6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS~~
 17 ~~417.005.]~~

18 **Sec. 25.6. NRS 641C.396 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

19 641C.396 1. The Board may issue a certificate by endorsement as an
 20 alcohol and drug counselor to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in
 21 this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a
 22 certificate if the applicant ~~15~~

23 ~~(a) Holds~~ **holds** a corresponding valid and unrestricted certificate as an
 24 alcohol and drug counselor in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of
 25 the United States. ~~15 and~~

26 ~~(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed~~
 27 ~~Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.]~~

28 2. An applicant for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section must
 29 submit to the Board with his or her application:

30 (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

31 (1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

32 (2) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding
 33 regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the
 34 applicant holds a certificate as an alcohol and drug counselor; and

35 (3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the
 36 District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

37 (b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board
 38 to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 641C.260;

39 (c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and
 40 any accompanying material is true and correct;

41 (d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.470 for the initial
 42 application for and issuance of an initial certificate; and

43 (e) Any other information required by the Board.

44 3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a
 45 certificate by endorsement as an alcohol and drug counselor pursuant to this
 46 section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional
 47 information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board
 48 denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and
 49 issue a certificate by endorsement as an alcohol and drug counselor to the applicant
 50 not later than ~~15~~

51 ~~(a) Forty-five~~ **45** days after receiving all additional information required by
 52 the Board to complete the application. ~~15 or~~

~~(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints, whichever occurs later.~~

4. A certificate by endorsement as an alcohol and drug counselor may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may for any reason, grant a provisional certificate authorizing an applicant to practice as an alcohol and drug counselor in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

~~[6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.]~~

Sec. 25.8. NRS 641C.433 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641C.433 1. The Board may issue a certificate by endorsement as a problem gambling counselor to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application for such a certificate if the applicant ~~is~~

~~(a) Holds~~ holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted certificate as a problem gambling counselor in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States. ~~and~~

~~(b) Is an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran.]~~

2. An applicant for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section must submit to the Board with his or her application:

(a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;

(2) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the corresponding regulatory authority of the District of Columbia or the state or territory in which the applicant holds a certificate as a problem gambling counselor; and

(3) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States;

(b) A complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the Board to forward the fingerprints in the manner provided in NRS 641C.260;

(c) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the application and any accompanying material is true and correct;

(d) The fees prescribed by the Board pursuant to NRS 641C.470 for the initial application for and issuance of an initial certificate; and

(e) Any other information required by the Board.

3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an application for a certificate by endorsement as a problem gambling counselor pursuant to this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any additional information required by the Board to consider the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a certificate by endorsement as a problem gambling counselor to the applicant not later than ~~is~~

~~(a) Forty five]~~ 45 days after receiving all the additional information required by the Board to complete the application. ~~is or~~

~~(b) Ten days after the Board receives a report on the applicant's background based on the submission of the applicant's fingerprints, whichever occurs later.]~~

4. A certificate by endorsement as a problem gambling counselor may be issued at a meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.

5. At any time before making a final decision on an application for a certificate by endorsement pursuant to this section, the Board may for any reason, grant a provisional certificate authorizing an applicant to practice as a problem gambling counselor in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

~~{6. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.}~~

Sec. 25.9. NRS 641C.470 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641C.470 1. The Board shall charge and collect not more than the following fees:

For the initial application for a license or certificate, including a license or certificate by endorsement.....	\$150
For the issuance of a provisional license or certificate.....	125
For the issuance of an initial license or certificate, including a license or certificate by endorsement.....	60
For the renewal of a license or certificate as an alcohol and drug counselor, a license as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor or a certificate as a problem gambling counselor.....	300
For the renewal of a certificate as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor intern, an alcohol and drug counselor intern or a problem gambling counselor intern	75
For the renewal of a delinquent license or certificate.....	75
For the restoration of an expired license or certificate	150
For the restoration or reinstatement of a suspended or revoked license or certificate.....	300
For the issuance of a license or certificate without examination	150
For an examination	150
For the approval of a course of continuing education	150

2. ~~{If}~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if an applicant submits an application for a license or certificate by endorsement pursuant to NRS ~~[641C.3305, 641C.355, 641C.395 or 641C.432.]~~ 641C.3306, 641C.356, 641C.396 or 641C.433, the Board shall charge and collect not more than the fees specified in subsection 1 for the initial application for and issuance of an initial license or certificate, as applicable.

3. If an ~~{applicant}~~ active member of, or the spouse of an active member of, the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran submits an application for a license or certificate by endorsement pursuant to NRS 641C.3306, 641C.356, 641C.396 or 641C.433, as applicable, the Board shall collect not more than one-half of the fee specified in subsection 1 for the initial issuance of the license.

4. The fees charged and collected pursuant to this section are not refundable.

~~5. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.~~

Sec. 26. NRS 62A.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

62A.270 "Qualified professional" means:

1. A psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine in this State and certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.;
2. A psychologist licensed to practice in this State;
3. A social worker holding a master's degree in social work and licensed in this State as a master social worker or clinical social worker;
4. A registered nurse holding a master's degree in the field of psychiatric nursing and licensed to practice professional nursing in this State;

5. A marriage and family therapist licensed in this State pursuant to chapter 641A of NRS; or

6. A clinical professional counselor licensed in this State pursuant to chapter 641A of NRS.

Sec. 27. ~~NRS 458A.057 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~458A.057 1. "Qualified mental health professional" means any of the following persons:~~

~~(a) A person who is certified as a problem gambling counselor pursuant to the provisions of chapter 641C of NRS;~~

~~(b) A person who is certified as a problem gambling counselor intern pursuant to the provisions of chapter 641C of NRS;~~

~~(c) A physician who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 630 or 633 of NRS;~~

~~(d) A nurse who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 632 of NRS and is authorized by the State Board of Nursing to engage in the practice of counseling problem gamblers;~~

~~(e) A psychologist who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 641 of NRS or authorized to practice psychology in this State pursuant to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact enacted in NRS 641.227, or a psychological assistant who is registered with the Board of Psychological Examiners pursuant to the provisions of chapter 641 of NRS and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto;~~

~~(f) A clinical professional counselor or clinical professional counselor intern who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641A of NRS;~~

~~(g) A marriage and family therapist or marriage and family therapist intern who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 641A of NRS and is authorized by the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors to engage in the practice of counseling persons with an addictive disorder related to gambling;~~

~~(h) A person who is [licensed as a]~~

~~(1) Licensed as:~~

~~(I) A clinical social worker pursuant to the provisions of chapter 641B of NRS; or~~

~~(II) A master social worker or independent social worker pursuant to the provisions of chapter 641B of NRS and is engaging in clinical social work as part of an internship program approved by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers; and [is authorized]~~

~~(2) Authorized by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers to engage in the practice of counseling persons with an addictive disorder related to gambling.~~

~~2. As used in this section, "practice of counseling persons with an addictive disorder related to gambling" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 641C.105.]~~

~~(Deleted by amendment.)~~

Sec. 28. NRS 689A.0485 is hereby amended to read as follows:

689A.0485 If any policy of health insurance provides coverage for treatment of an illness which is within the authorized scope of the practice of a licensed associate in social work, social worker, *master social worker*, independent social worker or clinical social worker, the insured is entitled to reimbursement for treatment by an associate in social work, social worker, *master social worker*, independent social worker or clinical social worker who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS.

Sec. 29. NRS 689B.0385 is hereby amended to read as follows:

689B.0385 If any policy of group health insurance provides coverage for treatment of an illness which is within the authorized scope of the practice of a licensed associate in social work, social worker, *master social worker*, independent

1 social worker or clinical social worker, the insured is entitled to reimbursement for
2 treatment by an associate in social work, social worker, *master social worker*,
3 independent social worker or clinical social worker who is licensed pursuant to
4 chapter 641B of NRS.

5 **Sec. 30.** NRS 695B.1975 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 695B.1975 If any contract for hospital or medical service provides coverage
7 for treatment of an illness which is within the authorized scope of the practice of a
8 licensed associate in social work, social worker, *master social worker*, independent
9 social worker or clinical social worker, the insured is entitled to reimbursement for
10 treatment by an associate in social work, social worker, *master social worker*,
11 independent social worker or clinical social worker who is licensed pursuant to
12 chapter 641B of NRS.

13 **Sec. 31.** NRS 695C.1775 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 695C.1775 If any evidence of coverage provides coverage for treatment of an
15 illness which is within the authorized scope of the practice of a licensed associate in
16 social work, social worker, *master social worker*, independent social worker or
17 clinical social worker, the insured is entitled to reimbursement for treatment by an
18 associate in social work, social worker, *master social worker*, independent social
19 worker or clinical social worker who is licensed pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS.

20 **Sec. 32.** ~~1. The Legislative Committee on Health Care shall conduct a~~
21 ~~study during the 2021-2022 interim concerning the processes for licensure and~~
22 ~~certification, including, without limitation, licensure and certification by~~
23 ~~endorsement, pursuant to chapters 641 to 641C, inclusive, of NRS. In conducting~~
24 ~~the study, the Legislative Committee on Health Care shall:~~

25 ~~— (a) Separately evaluate the processes for standard licensure or certification and~~
26 ~~licensure or certification by endorsement pursuant to those chapters; and~~

27 ~~— (b) Identify specific barriers to:~~

28 ~~— (1) Licensure or licensure by endorsement as a psychologist, marriage and~~
29 ~~family therapist, clinical professional counselor, social worker, master social~~
30 ~~worker, independent social worker, clinical social worker, clinical alcohol and drug~~
31 ~~counselor, or alcohol and drug counselor;~~

32 ~~— (2) Certification or certification by endorsement as an alcohol and drug~~
33 ~~counselor or problem-gambling counselor; and~~

34 ~~— (3) Certification as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor intern, alcohol~~
35 ~~and drug counselor intern or problem-gambling counselor intern.~~

36 ~~2. Not later than September 1, 2022, the Legislative Committee on Health~~
37 ~~Care shall submit a report of the results of the study conducted pursuant to this~~
38 ~~section and any recommendations to:~~

39 ~~— (a) The Board of Psychological Examiners, the Board of Examiners for~~
40 ~~Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors, the Board of~~
41 ~~Examiners for Social Workers and the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and~~
42 ~~Gambling Counselors;~~

43 ~~— (b) Each regional behavioral health policy board created by NRS 433.429;~~

44 ~~— (c) The Commission on Behavioral Health created by NRS 232.361; and~~

45 ~~— (d) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to:~~

46 ~~— (1) The Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission; and~~

47 ~~— (2) The next regular session of the Legislature.~~

48 ~~3. The Board of Psychological Examiners, the Board of Examiners for~~
49 ~~Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors, the Board of~~
50 ~~Examiners for Social Workers and the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and~~
51 ~~Gambling Counselors shall implement specific strategies to eliminate each barrier~~
52 ~~to licensure or certification identified in the report submitted pursuant to subsection~~
53 ~~3 unless the licensing board to which the barrier applies concludes that the barrier is~~

~~necessary to maintain the quality of services provided by the holders of licenses or certificates, as applicable.~~

~~4. In addition to the requirements of NRS 641.145, as amended by section 2 of this act, NRS 641A.183, as amended by section 6 of this act, NRS 641B.165, as amended by section 12 of this act, and NRS 641C.220, as amended by section 24 of this act, the reports submitted by the Board of Psychological Examiners, the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors, the Board of Examiners for Social Workers and the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors pursuant to those sections after September 1, 2022, and on or before February 1, 2025, must include, without limitation:~~

~~(a) Specific strategies that the licensing board is implementing pursuant to subsection 4 and a summary of the progress of the licensing board toward eliminating the barriers to licensure or certification identified in the report submitted pursuant to subsection 3; or~~

~~(b) If the licensing board is not implementing strategies to eliminate a barrier to licensure or certification identified in the report submitted pursuant to subsection 3, the specific reasons that the licensing board concluded that the barrier is necessary to maintain the quality of services provided by the holders of licenses or certificates, as applicable, and evidence to support that reasoning.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

Sec. 33. Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of section 22 of this act, the holder of a license to engage in the practice of social work as a social worker issued pursuant to NRS 641B.220 who:

1. Possesses a master's or doctoral degree in social work from a college or university which is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, or its successor organization, or which is a candidate for such accreditation; and

2. Is engaging in the independent practice of social work or the practice of clinical social work as part of an internship program described in subsection 2 of section 9 of this act on July 1, 2021,

may continue to do so for the current term of his or her license.

Sec. 33.5. NRS 641.195, 641A.241, 641B.271, 641C.3305, 641C.355, 641C.395 and 641C.432 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 34. 1. This ~~act~~ section becomes effective ~~1/1~~ upon passage and approval.

2. Sections 1 to 33.5, inclusive, of this act become effective:

~~1/1~~ **(a)** Upon passage and approval for the purposes of adopting regulations and performing any preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

~~1/2~~ **(b)** On July 1, 2021, for all other purposes.

LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

641.195 Expedited license by endorsement as psychologist: Requirements; procedure for issuance; grounds for denial; regulations.

641A.241 Expedited license by endorsement: Requirements; procedure for issuance.

641B.271 Expedited license by endorsement: Requirements; procedure for issuance.

641C.3305 Expedited license by endorsement: Requirements; procedure for issuance.

641C.355 Expedited license by endorsement: Requirements; procedure for issuance.

641C.395 Expedited certificate by endorsement: Requirements; procedure for issuance.

641C.432 Expedited certificate by endorsement: Requirements; procedure for issuance.