

SENATE BILL NO. 319—SENATOR HARDY

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Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing certain professions.
(BDR 54-713)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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 professions; revising certain provisions governing certain continuing education requirements for physicians; authorizing certain qualified professionals who hold a license in another state or territory of the United States to apply for a license by endorsement to practice in this State; expanding the scope of practice of clinical professional counselors and marriage and family therapists; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law generally provides for the regulation of professions in this State.
2 (Title 54 of NRS) **Sections 1 and 2** of this bill authorize a physician to substitute
3 not more than 2 hours of continuing education credits in pain management or
4 addiction care for the purposes of satisfying an equivalent requirement for
5 continuing education in ethics. **Sections 3 and 11** of this bill authorize certain
6 qualified professionals who are licensed in another state or territory of the United
7 States to practice as a clinical professional counselor, marriage and family therapist,
8 alcohol and drug abuse counselor or problem gambling counselor to apply for and
9 receive a license or certificate by endorsement to practice their respective
10 profession in this State. If the applicant is an active member or veteran of, or the
11 surviving spouse of a veteran of, the Armed Forces of the United States, the
12 applicant is entitled to a 50 percent reduction in the fee for the initial issuance of
13 the license or certificate. **Sections 4-6 and 18** of this bill authorize a clinical
14 professional counselor or marriage and family therapist to provide certain services
15 to a person who is an alcohol or drug abuser.



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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 630.253 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 630.253 1. The Board shall, as a prerequisite for the:
3 (a) Renewal of a license as a physician assistant; or
4 (b) Biennial registration of the holder of a license to practice
5 medicine,
6 ➔ require each holder to comply with the requirements for
7 continuing education adopted by the Board.
8 2. These requirements:
9 (a) May provide for the completion of one or more courses of
10 instruction relating to risk management in the performance of
11 medical services.
12 (b) Must provide for the completion of a course of instruction,
13 within 2 years after initial licensure, relating to the medical
14 consequences of an act of terrorism that involves the use of a
15 weapon of mass destruction. The course must provide at least 4
16 hours of instruction that includes instruction in the following
17 subjects:
18 (1) An overview of acts of terrorism and weapons of mass
19 destruction;
20 (2) Personal protective equipment required for acts of
21 terrorism;
22 (3) Common symptoms and methods of treatment associated
23 with exposure to, or injuries caused by, chemical, biological,
24 radioactive and nuclear agents;
25 (4) Syndromic surveillance and reporting procedures for acts
26 of terrorism that involve biological agents; and
27 (5) An overview of the information available on, and the use
28 of, the Health Alert Network.
29 ➔ The Board may thereafter determine whether to include in a
30 program of continuing education additional courses of instruction
31 relating to the medical consequences of an act of terrorism that
32 involves the use of a weapon of mass destruction.
33 3. The Board shall encourage each holder of a license who
34 treats or cares for persons who are more than 60 years of age to
35 receive, as a portion of their continuing education, education in
36 geriatrics and gerontology, including such topics as:
37 (a) The skills and knowledge that the licensee needs to address
38 aging issues;
39 (b) Approaches to providing health care to older persons,
40 including both didactic and clinical approaches;
41 (c) The biological, behavioral, social and emotional aspects of
42 the aging process; and



1 (d) The importance of maintenance of function and
2 independence for older persons.

3 4. The Board shall encourage each holder of a license to
4 practice medicine to receive, as a portion of his or her continuing
5 education, training concerning methods for educating patients about
6 how to effectively manage medications, including, without
7 limitation, the ability of the patient to request to have the symptom
8 or purpose for which a drug is prescribed included on the label
9 attached to the container of the drug.

10 5. *A holder of a license to practice medicine may substitute
11 not more than 2 hours of continuing education credits in pain
12 management or addiction care for the purposes of satisfying an
13 equivalent requirement for continuing education in ethics.*

14 6. As used in this section:

15 (a) "Act of terrorism" has the meaning ascribed to it in
16 NRS 202.4415.

17 (b) "Biological agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in
18 NRS 202.442.

19 (c) "Chemical agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in
20 NRS 202.4425.

21 (d) "Radioactive agent" has the meaning ascribed to it in
22 NRS 202.4437.

23 (e) "Weapon of mass destruction" has the meaning ascribed to it
24 in NRS 202.4445.

25 **Sec. 2.** NRS 633.471 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 633.471 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~5~~ 6
27 and NRS 633.491, every holder of a license issued under this
28 chapter, except a temporary or a special license, may renew the
29 license on or before January 1 of each calendar year after its
30 issuance by:

31 (a) Applying for renewal on forms provided by the Board;

32 (b) Paying the annual license renewal fee specified in this
33 chapter;

34 (c) Submitting a list of all actions filed or claims submitted to
35 arbitration or mediation for malpractice or negligence against the
36 holder during the previous year;

37 (d) Submitting an affidavit to the Board that in the year
38 preceding the application for renewal the holder has attended
39 courses or programs of continuing education approved by the Board
40 totaling a number of hours established by the Board which must not
41 be less than 35 hours nor more than that set in the requirements for
42 continuing medical education of the American Osteopathic
43 Association; and

44 (e) Submitting all information required to complete the renewal.



1 2. The Secretary of the Board shall notify each licensee of the
2 requirements for renewal not less than 30 days before the date of
3 renewal.

4 3. The Board shall request submission of verified evidence of
5 completion of the required number of hours of continuing medical
6 education annually from no fewer than one-third of the applicants
7 for renewal of a license to practice osteopathic medicine or a license
8 to practice as a physician assistant. Upon a request from the Board,
9 an applicant for renewal of a license to practice osteopathic
10 medicine or a license to practice as a physician assistant shall submit
11 verified evidence satisfactory to the Board that in the year preceding
12 the application for renewal the applicant attended courses or
13 programs of continuing medical education approved by the Board
14 totaling the number of hours established by the Board.

15 4. The Board shall encourage each holder of a license to
16 practice osteopathic medicine to receive, as a portion of his or her
17 continuing education, training concerning methods for educating
18 patients about how to effectively manage medications, including,
19 without limitation, the ability of the patient to request to have the
20 symptom or purpose for which a drug is prescribed included on the
21 label attached to the container of the drug.

22 5. *A holder of a license to practice osteopathic medicine may*
23 *substitute not more than 2 hours of continuing education credits*
24 *in pain management or addiction care for the purposes of*
25 *satisfying an equivalent requirement for continuing education in*
26 *ethics.*

27 6. Members of the Armed Forces of the United States and the
28 United States Public Health Service are exempt from payment of the
29 annual license renewal fee during their active duty status.

30 **Sec. 3.** Chapter 641A of NRS is hereby amended by adding
31 thereto a new section to read as follows:

32 1. *The Board may issue a license by endorsement to practice*
33 *as a clinical professional counselor or marriage and family*
34 *therapist to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in*
35 *this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application*
36 *for such a license if the applicant:*

37 (a) *Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to*
38 *practice his or her respective profession in the District of*
39 *Columbia or in any other state or territory of the United States;*
40 *and*

41 (b) *If applicable to the profession, is certified in a specialty*
42 *recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties.*

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

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



- 1 (1) *Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;*
- 2 (2) *Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the*
- 3 *legal right to work in the United States;*
- 4 (3) *Has not been disciplined or investigated by the*
- 5 *corresponding regulatory authority of the state or territory in*
- 6 *which the applicant holds a license to practice his or her*
- 7 *respective profession; and*
- 8 (4) *Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for*
- 9 *malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of*
- 10 *the United States more than once;*

11 (b) *An affidavit stating that the information contained in the*

12 *application and any accompanying material is true and correct;*

13 *and*

14 (c) *Any other information required by the Board.*

15 3. *Not later than 15 business days after receiving an*

16 *application for a license by endorsement pursuant to this section,*

17 *the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of any*

18 *additional information required by the Board to consider the*

19 *application. Unless the Board denies the application for good*

20 *cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license*

21 *by endorsement to the applicant not later than 45 days after*

22 *receiving the application.*

23 4. *A license by endorsement may be issued at a meeting of the*

24 *Board or between its meetings by the President of the Board. Such*

25 *an action shall be deemed to be an action of the Board.*

26 5. *Notwithstanding the applicable provisions of NRS*

27 *641A.290 establishing the fee for the issuance of a license, if an*

28 *applicant for a license by endorsement provides with his or her*

29 *application proof satisfactory to the Board or the President of the*

30 *Board, as applicable, that the applicant is an active member or*

31 *veteran of, or the surviving spouse of a veteran of, the Armed*

32 *Forces of the United States, the Board shall not charge or collect*

33 *more than one-half of the specified fee for the initial issuance of*

34 *the license by endorsement.*

35 **Sec. 4.** NRS 641A.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 641A.065 “Practice of clinical professional counseling” means

37 the provision of treatment, assessment and counseling, or equivalent

38 activities, to a person or group of persons to achieve mental,

39 emotional, physical and social development and adjustment. The

40 term includes counseling interventions to prevent, diagnose and treat

41 mental, emotional or behavioral disorders and associated distresses

42 which interfere with mental health **H**, *and the clinical practice of*

43 *providing counseling to, or diagnosing or classifying a person as,*

44 *an alcohol or drug abuser.* The term does not include:

- 45 1. The practice of psychology or medicine;



- 1 2. The assessment or treatment of couples or families;
- 2 3. The prescription of drugs or electroconvulsive therapy;
- 3 4. The treatment of physical disease, injury or deformity;
- 4 5. The diagnosis or treatment of a psychotic disorder;
- 5 6. The use of projective techniques in the assessment of
- 6 personality;
- 7 7. The use of psychological, neuropsychological or clinical
- 8 tests designed to identify or classify abnormal or pathological
- 9 human behavior;
- 10 8. The use of individually administered intelligence tests,
- 11 academic achievement tests or neuropsychological tests; or
- 12 9. The use of psychotherapy to treat the concomitants of
- 13 organic illness except in consultation with a qualified physician or
- 14 licensed clinical psychologist.

15 **Sec. 5.** NRS 641A.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 641A.080 1. "Practice of marriage and family therapy"
17 means the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional
18 disorders, whether cognitive, affective or behavioral, within the
19 context of interpersonal relationships, including, without limitation,
20 marital and family systems, and involves the professional
21 application or use of psychotherapy, counseling, evaluation,
22 assessment instruments, consultation, treatment planning,
23 supervision, research and prevention of mental and emotional
24 disorders. The term includes, without limitation, the rendering of
25 professional marital and family therapy services to a person, couple,
26 family or family group or other group of persons **H** , *and the*
27 *provision of counseling to an alcohol or drug abuser.*

28 2. The term does not include:

- 29 (a) The diagnosis or treatment of a psychotic disorder; or
- 30 (b) The use of a psychological or psychometric assessment test
- 31 to determine intelligence, personality, aptitude, interests or
- 32 addictions.

33 **Sec. 6.** NRS 641A.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 641A.160 *1.* The Board shall adopt regulations not
35 inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter governing its
36 procedure, the examination and licensing of applicants, the granting,
37 refusal, revocation or suspension of licenses, and the practice of
38 marriage and family therapy and the practice of clinical professional
39 counseling as those practices apply to this chapter.

40 *2. The Board may authorize a clinical professional counselor*
41 *or marriage and family therapist licensed pursuant to this chapter*
42 *to provide counseling to, or diagnose or classify a person as, an*
43 *alcohol or drug abuser in accordance with regulations adopted by*
44 *the Board.*



1 **Sec. 7.** NRS 641A.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 641A.220 ~~Each~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 3 of*
3 *this act, each* applicant for a license to practice as a marriage and
4 family therapist must furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board that
5 the applicant:

- 6 1. Is at least 21 years of age;
- 7 2. Is of good moral character;
- 8 3. Is a citizen of the United States, or is lawfully entitled to
9 remain and work in the United States;
- 10 4. Has completed residency training in psychiatry from an
11 accredited institution approved by the Board, has a graduate degree
12 in marriage and family therapy, psychology or social work from an
13 accredited institution approved by the Board or has completed other
14 education and training which is deemed equivalent by the Board;
- 15 5. Has:
 - 16 (a) At least 2 years of postgraduate experience in marriage and
17 family therapy; and
 - 18 (b) At least 3,000 hours of supervised experience in marriage
19 and family therapy, of which at least 1,500 hours must consist of
20 direct contact with clients; and
- 21 6. Holds an undergraduate degree from an accredited
22 institution approved by the Board.

23 **Sec. 8.** NRS 641A.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 641A.230 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 ~~and~~
25 *and section 3 of this act*, each qualified applicant for a license to
26 practice as a marriage and family therapist must pass a written
27 examination given by the Board on his or her knowledge of
28 marriage and family therapy. Examinations must be given at a time
29 and place and under such supervision as the Board may determine.

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

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

38 **Sec. 9.** NRS 641A.231 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 641A.231 ~~Each~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 3 of*
40 *this act, each* applicant for a license to practice as a clinical
41 professional counselor must furnish evidence satisfactory to the
42 Board that the applicant:

- 43 1. Is at least 21 years of age;
- 44 2. Is of good moral character;



1 3. Is a citizen of the United States, or is lawfully entitled to
2 remain and work in the United States;

3 4. Has:

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

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

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

15 5. Has:

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

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

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

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

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

28 **Sec. 10.** NRS 641A.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 641A.290 ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 3 of*
30 *this act, the* Board shall charge and collect not more than the
31 following fees, respectively:
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33	For application for a license	\$75
34	For examination of an applicant for a license.....	200
35	For issuance of a license.....	50
36	For annual renewal of a license.....	150
37	For reinstatement of a license revoked for	
38	nonpayment of the fee for renewal.....	100
39	For an inactive license.....	150

40 **Sec. 11.** Chapter 641C of NRS is hereby amended by adding
41 thereto a new section to read as follows:

42 *1. The Board may issue a license or certificate by*
43 *endorsement to practice as a certified counselor or licensed*
44 *counselor to an applicant who meets the requirements set forth in*



1 *this section. An applicant may submit to the Board an application*
2 *for such a license or certificate if the applicant:*

3 *(a) Holds a corresponding valid and unrestricted license or*
4 *certificate to practice his or her respective profession in the*
5 *District of Columbia or in any other state or territory of the United*
6 *States; and*

7 *(b) If applicable to the profession, is certified in a specialty*
8 *recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties.*

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

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

13 *(1) Satisfies the requirements of subsection 1;*

14 *(2) Is a citizen of the United States or otherwise has the*
15 *legal right to work in the United States;*

16 *(3) Has not been disciplined or investigated by the*
17 *corresponding regulatory authority of the state or territory in*
18 *which the applicant holds a license or certificate to practice his or*
19 *her respective profession; and*

20 *(4) Has not been held civilly or criminally liable for*
21 *malpractice in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of*
22 *the United States more than once;*

23 *(b) An affidavit stating that the information contained in the*
24 *application and any accompanying material is true and correct;*
25 *and*

26 *(c) Any other information required by the Board.*

27 *3. Not later than 15 business days after receiving an*
28 *application for a license or certificate by endorsement pursuant to*
29 *this section, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant*
30 *of any additional information required by the Board to consider*
31 *the application. Unless the Board denies the application for good*
32 *cause, the Board shall approve the application and issue a license*
33 *or certificate by endorsement to the applicant not later than 45*
34 *days after receiving the application.*

35 *4. A license or certificate by endorsement may be issued at a*
36 *meeting of the Board or between its meetings by the President of*
37 *the Board. Such an action shall be deemed to be an action of the*
38 *Board.*

39 *5. Notwithstanding the applicable provisions of NRS*
40 *641C.470 establishing the fee for the issuance of a license or*
41 *certificate, if an applicant for a license or certificate by*
42 *endorsement provides with his or her application proof*
43 *satisfactory to the Board or the President of the Board, as*
44 *applicable, that the applicant is an active member or veteran of, or*
45 *the surviving spouse of a veteran of, the Armed Forces of the*



1 *United States, the Board shall not charge or collect more than*
2 *one-half of the specified fee for the initial issuance of the license*
3 *or certificate by endorsement.*

4 **Sec. 12.** NRS 641C.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 641C.300 The Board shall issue a license or certificate without
6 examination to a person who holds a license or certificate as a
7 clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor or an alcohol and drug
8 abuse counselor in another state, a territory or possession of the
9 United States or the District of Columbia if the *license or certificate*
10 *is issued by endorsement pursuant to section 11 of this act, or if*
11 *the* requirements of that jurisdiction at the time the license or
12 certificate was issued are deemed by the Board to be substantially
13 equivalent to the requirements set forth in the provisions of this
14 chapter.

15 **Sec. 13.** NRS 641C.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 641C.330 ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 11 of*
17 *this act, the* Board shall issue a license as a clinical alcohol and drug
18 abuse counselor to:

19 1. A person who:

20 (a) Is not less than 21 years of age;

21 (b) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to
22 remain and work in the United States;

23 (c) Has received a master's degree or a doctoral degree from an
24 accredited college or university in a field of social science approved
25 by the Board that includes comprehensive course work in clinical
26 mental health, including the diagnosis of mental health disorders;

27 (d) Has completed a program approved by the Board consisting
28 of at least 2,000 hours of supervised, postgraduate counseling of
29 alcohol and drug abusers;

30 (e) Has completed a program that:

31 (1) Is approved by the Board; and

32 (2) Consists of at least 2,000 hours of postgraduate
33 counseling of persons with mental illness who are also alcohol and
34 drug abusers that is supervised by a licensed clinical alcohol and
35 drug abuse counselor who is approved by the Board;

36 (f) Passes the written and oral examinations prescribed by the
37 Board pursuant to NRS 641C.290;

38 (g) Pays the fees required pursuant to NRS 641C.470; and

39 (h) Submits all information required to complete an application
40 for a license.

41 2. A person who:

42 (a) Is not less than 21 years of age;

43 (b) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to
44 remain and work in the United States;

45 (c) Is:



1 (1) Licensed as a clinical social worker pursuant to chapter
2 641B of NRS;

3 (2) Licensed as a marriage and family therapist pursuant to
4 chapter 641A of NRS; or

5 (3) A nurse who is licensed pursuant to chapter 632 of NRS
6 and has received a master's degree or a doctoral degree from an
7 accredited college or university;

8 (d) Has completed at least 6 months of supervised counseling of
9 alcohol and drug abusers approved by the Board;

10 (e) Passes the written and oral examinations prescribed by the
11 Board pursuant to NRS 641C.290;

12 (f) Pays the fees required pursuant to NRS 641C.470; and

13 (g) Submits all the information required to complete an
14 application for a license.

15 **Sec. 14.** NRS 641C.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 641C.350 ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 11 of*
17 *this act, the* Board shall issue a license as an alcohol and drug abuse
18 counselor to:

19 1. A person who:

20 (a) Is not less than 21 years of age;

21 (b) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to
22 remain and work in the United States;

23 (c) Has received a master's degree or a doctoral degree from an
24 accredited college or university in a field of social science approved
25 by the Board;

26 (d) Has completed 4,000 hours of supervised counseling of
27 alcohol and drug abusers;

28 (e) Passes the written and oral examinations prescribed by the
29 Board pursuant to NRS 641C.290;

30 (f) Pays the fees required pursuant to NRS 641C.470; and

31 (g) Submits all information required to complete an application
32 for a license.

33 2. A person who:

34 (a) Is not less than 21 years of age;

35 (b) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to
36 remain and work in the United States;

37 (c) Is:

38 (1) Licensed as a clinical social worker pursuant to chapter
39 641B of NRS;

40 (2) Licensed as a clinical professional counselor pursuant to
41 chapter 641A of NRS;

42 (3) Licensed as a marriage and family therapist pursuant to
43 chapter 641A of NRS;



1 (4) A nurse who is licensed pursuant to chapter 632 of NRS
2 and has received a master's degree or a doctoral degree from an
3 accredited college or university; or

4 (5) Licensed as a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor
5 pursuant to this chapter;

6 (d) Has completed at least 6 months of supervised counseling of
7 alcohol and drug abusers approved by the Board;

8 (e) Passes the written and oral examinations prescribed by the
9 Board pursuant to NRS 641C.290;

10 (f) Pays the fees required pursuant to NRS 641C.470; and

11 (g) Submits all information required to complete an application
12 for a license.

13 **Sec. 15.** NRS 641C.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 641C.390 1. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section*
15 *11 of this act, the* Board shall issue a certificate as an alcohol and
16 drug abuse counselor to a person who:

17 (a) Is not less than 21 years of age;

18 (b) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to
19 remain and work in the United States;

20 (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, has received a
21 bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in a field
22 of social science approved by the Board;

23 (d) Has completed 4,000 hours of supervised counseling of
24 alcohol and drug abusers;

25 (e) Passes the written and oral examinations prescribed by the
26 Board pursuant to NRS 641C.290;

27 (f) Pays the fees required pursuant to NRS 641C.470; and

28 (g) Submits all information required to complete an application
29 for a certificate.

30 2. The Board may waive the educational requirement set forth
31 in paragraph (c) of subsection 1 if an applicant for a certificate has
32 contracted with or receives a grant from the Federal Government to
33 provide services as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor to persons
34 who are authorized to receive those services pursuant to 25 U.S.C.
35 §§ 450 et seq. or 25 U.S.C. §§ 1601 et seq. An alcohol and drug
36 abuse counselor certified pursuant to this section for whom the
37 educational requirement set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 1 is
38 waived may provide services as an alcohol and drug abuse
39 counselor only to those persons who are authorized to receive those
40 services pursuant to 25 U.S.C. §§ 450 et seq. or 25 U.S.C. §§ 1601
41 et seq.

42 3. A certificate as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor is valid
43 for 2 years and may be renewed.

44 4. A certified alcohol and drug abuse counselor may:



1 (a) Engage in the practice of counseling alcohol and drug
2 abusers; and

3 (b) Diagnose or classify a person as an alcoholic or abuser of
4 drugs.

5 **Sec. 16.** NRS 641C.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 641C.430 ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 11 of*
7 *this act, the* Board may issue a certificate as a problem gambling
8 counselor to:

9 1. A person who:

10 (a) Is not less than 21 years of age;

11 (b) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to
12 remain and work in the United States;

13 (c) Has received a bachelor's degree, master's degree or a
14 doctoral degree from an accredited college or university in a field of
15 social science approved by the Board;

16 (d) Has completed not less than 60 hours of training specific to
17 problem gambling approved by the Board;

18 (e) Has completed at least 2,000 hours of supervised counseling
19 of problem gamblers in a setting approved by the Board;

20 (f) Passes the written examination prescribed by the Board
21 pursuant to NRS 641C.290;

22 (g) Presents himself or herself when scheduled for an interview
23 at a meeting of the Board;

24 (h) Pays the fees required pursuant to NRS 641C.470; and

25 (i) Submits all information required to complete an application
26 for a certificate.

27 2. A person who:

28 (a) Is not less than 21 years of age;

29 (b) Is a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to
30 remain and work in the United States;

31 (c) Is licensed as:

32 (1) A clinical social worker pursuant to chapter 641B of
33 NRS;

34 (2) A clinical professional counselor pursuant to chapter
35 641A of NRS;

36 (3) A marriage and family therapist pursuant to chapter 641A
37 of NRS;

38 (4) A physician pursuant to chapter 630 of NRS;

39 (5) A nurse pursuant to chapter 632 of NRS and has received
40 a master's degree or a doctoral degree from an accredited college or
41 university;

42 (6) A psychologist pursuant to chapter 641 of NRS;

43 (7) An alcohol and drug abuse counselor pursuant to this
44 chapter; or



1 (8) A clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor pursuant to
2 this chapter;

3 (d) Has completed not less than 60 hours of training specific to
4 problem gambling approved by the Board;

5 (e) Has completed at least 1,000 hours of supervised counseling
6 of problem gamblers in a setting approved by the Board;

7 (f) Passes the written examination prescribed by the Board
8 pursuant to NRS 641C.290;

9 (g) Pays the fees required pursuant to NRS 641C.470; and

10 (h) Submits all information required to complete an application
11 for a certificate.

12 **Sec. 17.** NRS 641C.470 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 641C.470 1. ~~The~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section*
14 *11 of this act, the* Board shall charge and collect not more than the
15 following fees:

17	For the initial application for a license or certificate.....	\$150
18	For the issuance of a provisional license or	
19	certificate.....	125
20	For the issuance of an initial license or certificate	60
21	For the renewal of a license or certificate as an	
22	alcohol and drug abuse counselor, a license as a	
23	clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor or a	
24	certificate as a problem gambling counselor.....	300
25	For the renewal of a certificate as a clinical alcohol	
26	and drug abuse counselor intern, an alcohol and	
27	drug abuse counselor intern or a problem	
28	gambling counselor intern.....	75
29	For the renewal of a delinquent license or certificate.....	75
30	For the restoration of an expired license or	
31	certificate.....	150
32	For the restoration or reinstatement of a suspended	
33	or revoked license or certificate	300
34	For the issuance of a license or certificate without	
35	examination	150
36	For an examination.....	150
37	For the approval of a course of continuing	
38	education	150

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40 2. The fees charged and collected pursuant to this section are
41 not refundable.

42 **Sec. 18.** NRS 641C.900 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 641C.900 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 ~~§~~
44 *or as otherwise authorized by regulations adopted by the Board of*
45 *Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical*



- 1 ***Professional Counselors pursuant to NRS 641A.160***, a person shall
2 not engage in the practice of counseling alcohol and drug abusers,
3 the clinical practice of counseling alcohol and drug abusers or the
4 practice of counseling problem gamblers unless the person is a
5 licensed counselor, certified counselor or certified intern.
- 6 2. A person may engage in the practice of counseling alcohol
7 and drug abusers under the supervision of a licensed counselor,
8 the clinical practice of counseling alcohol and drug abusers under
9 the supervision of a clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor or the
10 practice of counseling problem gamblers under the supervision of a
11 certified counselor for not more than 30 days if that person:
- 12 (a) Is qualified to be licensed or certified pursuant to the
13 provisions of this chapter; and
- 14 (b) Submits an application to the Board for a license or
15 certificate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

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