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Testimony SB 351

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee. My name is Sharon Atkinson, Executive Director for the Board of Examiners for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors I work for Dorothy North. I am here to represent the Board of Examiners for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors.

The Board speaks in support of SB 351 and recommends do pass with these amendments.

1. Page 4, Section 20, between lines 35 and 36 inserts language to allow individuals that are nationally certified as gambling counselors and are currently licensed by the Board to be grandfathered in. The grand fathering period would end June 30, 2004.
1. Page 5, Section 23.1.d, line 28 lower the number of hours of practical experience to 2,000 hours
2. Page 6, Section 25 1.d, line 27 lower the number of hours of practical experience to 2,000 hours

This recommendation is based on the National Gambling Certification Board standards. See supporting documents

3. Page 6, section 23.2.c, between lines 3 and 4 inserts #4 an alcohol and drug abuse counselor that is licensed pursuant to chapter 641C of NRS.

This recommendation is based on licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors experience providing addiction counseling.

4. Page 8, sec 29, between lines 34 and 35, inserts the language from SB 349 Sec 11 number 2, "The Board may apply for, accept and expend grants, gifts, donations, bequests or devises for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the Board".

This would grant the Board authority to accept bequests, gifts, grants and etc. for use to provide additional services to the field.

National Gambling Counselor Certification (NCGC)

National Gambling Counselors Certification Board

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ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS OF CERTIFICATION

In order to assure a body of qualified and competent professionals working in the field of clinical treatment with pathological (and problem) gamblers and their families, the National Council on Problem Gambling in conjunction with regional planning committees is proposing the following organizational goals to aid in the certification of gambling counselors nationally:

1. To assure that Gambling Counselors nationally possess high standards of training, competence, skills and knowledge.
2. To develop and operate a system of evaluation, screening, certification and a national registry for gambling counselors across the country.
3. To assure that this certification and registry process is available to all interested applicants.
4. To establish and endorse a professional code of ethics.
5. To maintain coordination and liaison with state officials, professional associations and educational institutions to keep current developments in the field of gambling treatment, and to periodically review, modify, update and improve current standards of competence, skills and knowledge.
6. To establish a central registry of certified gambling counselors and maintain all necessary records of applicants.

Certification and registry of gambling counselors nationally is a voluntary process conceived by professionals in both the treatment field and the professional community to endorse an independent body to conduct the certification and registration process.

The National Gambling Counselor Certification Board will be established with members selected to represent various areas of the country as well as various professional disciplines.

THE NATIONAL STANDARD

The national standard will be used by the National Gambling Counselor Certification Board to judge the competencies of any applicant who applies for national certification. If an applicant's competencies meet the standard, the board will grant the designation: Certified Gambling Counselor. Recognition of the certification is voluntary. The design of this certification system is one of quality control and assurance of clinical competency. Once achieved, this self-imposed monitoring system will make available a known and accepted level of performance by the certified counselor and consequently will encourage performance by the certified counselor and consequently will encourage recognition from other agencies.

CRITERIA FOR CERTIFICATION

Applicants may be certified subject to the following requirements:

A minimum of 2000 hours (or one year full time equivalent) as a gambling counselor delivering direct treatment to problem/pathological gamblers and significant others, in a Board approved setting with a Board approved supervisor. This can be fulfilled by 50% or 1000 hours volunteer work experience, the balance being paid experience. The Board reserves the right to assign and review a 100 hour field work practicum to applicants who are not working under the supervision of an individual qualified (in experience and training) to supervise gambling counseling activities.

EXECUTIVE AGENCY FISCAL NOTE

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Category Type	Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2002-03	Fiscal Year 2003-04	Fiscal Year 2004-05	Effect on Future Biennia
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Revenue ▾	Certification/Licensure	0	5940	18000	24900
Revenue ▾	Intern Certification		10460	2400	7540
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Total		\$0	\$16,400	\$20,400	\$32,440

Explanation (Use Additional Attachments, if required)

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The Board projects certifying 87 interns and testing 33 individuals in the first year. During the second year the Board projects certifying 20 interns and testing 100 individuals. The above figures do not include revenue that would be considered as pass through items, such as fees for fingerprinting. All revenues would be generated by fees received by applicants and the Board would not be requesting funds from the State.

Organizational Impact:

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Signature:

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