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To: Subst. House Bill No. 7132 File No. 557 Cal. No. 339

"AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATES AND MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPIST ASSOCIATES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and internal references accordingly:

"Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 20-195f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effectives October 1, 2019):

(a) No license as a marital and family therapist shall be required of:
(1) A student pursuing a course of study in an educational institution meeting the requirements of section 20-195c, as amended by this act, if such activities constitute a part of his or her supervised course of study; (2) a faculty member within an institution of higher learning performing duties consistent with his or her position; [(3) a person holding a graduate degree in marriage and family therapy; provided
(A) the activities performed or services provided by the person constitute part of the supervised work experience required for licensure under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 20-195c, and
(B) not later than two years after completion of such supervised work experience, the exemption to the licensure requirement shall cease if the person did not successfully complete the licensing examination, as required under subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of said section; or (4) or (3) a person licensed or certified in this state in a field other than marital and family therapy practicing within the scope of such license or certification.

Sec. 502. Section 20-195ee of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2019):

The Commissioner of Public Health may take any disciplinary action set forth in section 19a-17 against a professional counselor or professional counselor associate for any of the following reasons: (1) Failure to conform to the accepted standards of the profession; (2) conviction of a felony; (3) fraud or deceit in obtaining or seeking reinstatement of a license to practice professional counseling; (4) fraud or deceit in the practice of professional counseling; (5) negligent, incompetent or wrongful conduct in professional activities; (6) physical, mental or emotional illness or disorder resulting in an inability to conform to the accepted standards of the profession; (7) alcohol or substance abuse; (8) wilful falsification of entries in any hospital, patient or other record pertaining to professional counseling; or (9) violation of any provision of sections 20-195aa to 20-195dd, inclusive, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted pursuant to section 20-195ff, as amended by this act. The commissioner may order a license holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental examination if his physical or mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. The commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to said section 19a-17. The commissioner shall give notice and an opportunity to be heard on any contemplated action under said section 19a-17."
This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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