



General Assembly

Amendment

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 7132

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"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
2 internal references accordingly:

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4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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

6 (a) No license as a marital and family therapist shall be required of:
7 (1) A student pursuing a course of study in an educational institution
8 meeting the requirements of section 20-195c, as amended by this act, if
9 such activities constitute a part of his or her supervised course of
10 study; (2) a faculty member within an institution of higher learning
11 performing duties consistent with his or her position; [(3) a person
12 holding a graduate degree in marriage and family therapy; provided

13 (A) the activities performed or services provided by the person
14 constitute part of the supervised work experience required for
15 licensure under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 20-195c, and
16 (B) not later than two years after completion of such supervised work
17 experience, the exemption to the licensure requirement shall cease if
18 the person did not successfully complete the licensing examination, as
19 required under subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of said section; or (4)]
20 or (3) a person licensed or certified in this state in a field other than
21 marital and family therapy practicing within the scope of such license
22 or certification.

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 Section 20-195ee of the general statutes is repealed and the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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	20-195f(a)
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