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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE REGULATION OF MENTAL  
102 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,  
103 CONTINUING THE STATE BOARDS OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS,  
104 SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST  
105 EXAMINERS, AND LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR  
106 EXAMINERS AND THE STATE GRIEVANCE BOARD, CREATING THE  
107 STATE BOARD OF ADDICTION COUNSELOR EXAMINERS, AND  
108 IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE  
109 SUNSET REVIEW AND REPORT OF STATE-REGULATED MENTAL  
110 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

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Bill Summary

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

**Sunset Process - Senate Health and Human Services Committee.** The bill implements the recommendations of the sunset review and report on state-regulated mental health professionals as follows:

**Sections 1, 2, and 3** of the bill continue the boards of psychologist examiners, social work examiners, marriage and family therapist examiners, and licensed professional counselor examiners and the state grievance board, and the regulation of psychologists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, psychotherapists, and addiction counselors (oversight boards) through September 1, 2020.

**Section 4** defines terms relevant to the practice of addiction counseling. **Section 5** creates the state board of addiction counselor examiners to regulate addiction counselors, thereby eliminating the authority of the director of the division of registrations to regulate addiction counselors.

**Sections 6 and 7** continue indefinitely the ability of the oversight boards to issue a provisional license to a candidate for a mental health professional license or certification if the candidate has satisfied the education requirements for a license or certification but has not yet satisfied the experience requirements. Section 7 also adds the newly created state board of addiction counselor examiners to the definition of "board", changes the name of "unlicensed psychotherapists" to "registered psychotherapists" in recognition of the fact that psychotherapists are required to register with, and are regulated by, the state grievance board, repeals unnecessary definitions, and makes other technical modifications to definitions.

**Sections 8 and 9** create a registry for marriage and family therapy and licensed professional counselor licensure candidates who are working toward full licensure, consistent with candidate registries currently available for psychologist, social worker, and addiction counselor licensure candidates. The sections also permit the regulatory boards for marriage and family therapists and licensed professional counselors to administer computer-based examinations to determine an applicant's competency in the particular practice area.

**Section 10** repeals a duplicate definition of "psychotherapy" to avoid confusion with another broader definition of that term in another provision of the article and repeals the definition of "unlicensed psychotherapist" to comport with the change, per section 7 of the bill, to

"registered psychotherapists". **Section 11** makes further, conforming changes related to the name change for psychotherapists and allows the state grievance board to administer on-line examinations to psychotherapists applying for registration.

**Sections 12 and 13** permit the oversight boards for psychologists and social workers to establish computer-based jurisprudence examinations for license, certification, or registration applicants to increase efficiency in the administration of examinations. These sections also contain technical corrections to the statutes as recommended in the sunset report.

**Section 14** amends the statute outlining activities that are prohibited for persons regulated under the act as follows:

- ! Eliminates the requirement that a person who has been convicted of a felony can be disciplined only if the felony relates to the ability to practice the person's mental health profession;
- ! Restates the grounds for discipline regarding use or abuse of alcohol or drugs to eliminate the term "intemperate";
- ! Eliminates the ability of a board to discipline a licensee, registrant, or certificate holder simply for having a mental or physical illness or condition that impairs the person's ability to practice his or her profession and instead allows the applicable board to discipline the licensee, registrant, or certificate holder for failing to notify the board of the limitation, failing to act within the limitations of the illness or condition, or failing to comply with the conditions in a confidential agreement with the board related to the person's mental or physical illness or condition;
- ! For purposes of determining whether a person has acted or failed to act in a manner consistent with generally accepted standards of the professional discipline under which the person practices, adds a reference to the standards of practice generally recognized by state and national associations of practitioners in the field of the person's professional discipline;
- ! Narrows the prohibition against dual relationships to prohibit a mental health professional from maintaining relationships with clients in cases where the person's professional judgment was impaired or the person exploited the client;
- ! Eliminates the requirement that repeated ordering of unnecessary laboratory tests or studies must be willful in order to be grounds for disciplining the person; and
- ! Adds as a ground for discipline the failure to respond to a complaint.

**Section 15** authorizes the oversight boards to impose an administrative fine on a licensee, registrant, or certificate holder who violates an administrative requirement of the statutes or rules. The boards are required to adopt rules setting up a schedule of fines, and the administrative fines cannot exceed \$5,000 per violation.

**Section 16** authorizes the oversight boards to enter into confidential agreements to restrict the practice of a licensee, registrant, or certificate holder who has a mental or physical illness or condition that affects his or her ability to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to clients.

**Sections 39, 43, 50, 53, and 56** modify the membership on the oversight boards to eliminate one public member on each board and replace that member with a person engaged in or authorized to practice the particular profession. Section 43 also permits the state board of social work examiners, on its own or at the request of a licensee, to appoint advisory committees to assist with the operations of the board.

**Sections 40, 54, and 59** modify the definitions of "practice of psychology", "practice of licensed professional counseling", and "practice of addiction counseling", respectively, to conform to model practice act language adopted by the applicable national professional associations. **Section 44** adds counseling to the list of permissible practices of a social worker.

**Sections 60 and 61** recodify laws pertaining to the licensure and certification of addiction counselors to specify qualifications for licensure as an addiction counselor and certification as either a level I, II, or III certified addiction counselor and the particular activities in which addiction counselors are permitted to engage based on whether the addiction counselor is licensed or has a level I, II, or III certification.

**Sections 17 through 38, 41, 42, 45 through 49, 51, 52, 55, 57, 59, and 62 through 72** make technical and conforming changes to the mental health professional practice act statutes.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2011.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 12-43-229, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
3 to read:

4 **12-43-229. Repeal of article.** (1) ~~Parts 1 to 7 of~~ This article are  
5 IS repealed, effective ~~July 1, 2011~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2020. Prior to such  
6 repeal, all of the boards relating to the licensing, REGISTRATION, OR  
7 CERTIFICATION of and grievances against any person licensed, registered,

1 or ~~regulated~~ CERTIFIED pursuant to ~~the provisions~~ of this article shall be  
2 reviewed as provided for in section 24-34-104, C.R.S.

3 (2) ~~The functions of the director regarding addiction counselors~~  
4 ~~as set forth in part 8 of this article are repealed, effective July 1, 2011.~~  
5 ~~Prior to such repeal, the functions of the director shall be reviewed~~  
6 ~~pursuant to section 24-34-104, C.R.S.~~

7 **SECTION 2. Repeal.** 24-34-104 (42) (g) and (42) (n), Colorado  
8 Revised Statutes, are repealed as follows:

9 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
10 **and functions for termination, continuation, or reestablishment.**

11 (42) The following agencies, functions, or both, shall terminate on July  
12 1, 2011:

13 (g) ~~Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of subsection (11) of this~~  
14 ~~section, boards relating to the licensing of and grievances against any~~  
15 ~~person regulated, registered, or licensed pursuant to parts 3, 4, 5, 6, and~~  
16 ~~7 of article 43 of title 12, C.R.S., and created pursuant to article 43 of title~~  
17 ~~12, C.R.S.;~~

18 (n) ~~The licensing, certification, and regulation of addiction~~  
19 ~~counselors by the director of the division of registrations in the~~  
20 ~~department of regulatory agencies in accordance with part 8 of article 43~~  
21 ~~of title 12, C.R.S.;~~

22 **SECTION 3.** 24-34-104 (51.5), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
23 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

24 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
25 **and functions for termination, continuation, or reestablishment.**

26 (51.5) The following agencies, functions, or both, shall terminate on  
27 September 1, 2020:

1 (c) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (11) OF  
2 THIS SECTION, BOARDS CREATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 43 OF TITLE 12,  
3 C.R.S., AND RELATING TO THE LICENSING, REGISTRATION, OR  
4 CERTIFICATION OF AND GRIEVANCES AGAINST ANY PERSON LICENSED,  
5 REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 43 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S.;

6 **SECTION 4.** 12-43-801, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
7 to read:

8 **12-43-801. Definitions.** As used in this part 8, unless the context  
9 otherwise requires:

10 (1) "ADDICTION" MEANS A PERSISTENT, COMPULSIVE DEPENDENCE  
11 ON A BEHAVIOR OR SUBSTANCE, INCLUDING MOOD-ALTERING BEHAVIORS  
12 OR ACTIVITIES KNOWN AS PROCESS ADDICTIONS.

13 (2) "ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION" MEANS OVERSIGHT OF  
14 TREATMENT AGENCY OPERATIONS, ORGANIZATION OF PEOPLE AND  
15 RESOURCES, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN A  
16 WAY THAT DIRECTS ACTIVITIES TOWARDS AGENCY GOALS AND  
17 OBJECTIVES.

18 (3) "APPROVED SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY" MEANS ANY  
19 ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OFFERING A FULL-TIME  
20 GRADUATE OR UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OF STUDY IN BEHAVIORAL  
21 HEALTH SCIENCES, SUCH AS ADDICTION COUNSELING, HUMAN SERVICES,  
22 PSYCHOLOGY, REHABILITATION, SOCIAL WORK, OR OTHER BEHAVIORAL  
23 HEALTH SCIENCES, THAT IS RECOGNIZED BY AN APPROPRIATE NATIONAL  
24 ORGANIZATION AND IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

25 (4) "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS" MEANS BOTH MENTAL AND  
26 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.

27 (5) "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF ADDICTION COUNSELOR

1 EXAMINERS CREATED IN SECTION 12-43-802.

2 (6) "CERTIFIED" MEANS CERTIFIED AS AN ADDICTION COUNSELOR  
3 CERTIFIED AT LEVEL I, II, OR III.

4 ~~(4)~~ (7) "Certified addiction counselor" means an individual who  
5 has a certificate issued by the ~~director~~ BOARD AUTHORIZING THE  
6 INDIVIDUAL to practice addiction counseling COMMENSURATE WITH HIS OR  
7 HER CERTIFICATION LEVEL AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE.

8 ~~(2)~~ "Director" means the director of the division of registrations  
9 in the department of regulatory agencies.

10 (8) "CLINICAL SUPERVISION" MEANS:

11 (a) THE EVALUATION AND MODIFICATION OR APPROVAL BY A  
12 SUPERVISOR OF THE CLINICAL PRACTICE OF THE PERSON BEING  
13 SUPERVISED; AND

14 (b) A SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE, EXPERTISE, AND MORE ADVANCED  
15 SKILLS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PERSON BEING SUPERVISED.

16 (9) "CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS" MEANS THE EXISTENCE OF ONE  
17 OR MORE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, ADDICTIVE BEHAVIORAL  
18 DISORDERS, OR MENTAL DISORDERS PRESENTING CONCURRENTLY. AT THE  
19 INDIVIDUAL LEVEL, CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS EXIST WHEN AT LEAST ONE  
20 DISORDER OF EACH TYPE CAN BE ESTABLISHED INDEPENDENT OF THE  
21 OTHER, AND THE DISORDERS ARE NOT SIMPLY A CLUSTER OF SYMPTOMS  
22 RESULTING FROM A SINGLE DISORDER.

23 (10) "LICENSE" MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD  
24 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 8 TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF A LICENSED  
25 ADDICTION COUNSELOR.

26 ~~(3)~~ (11) "Licensed addiction counselor" means a person who  
27 renders addiction counseling to an individual, group, or organization and

1 ~~who holds a license issued~~ LICENSED by the ~~director~~ BOARD TO PROVIDE  
2 PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDER TREATMENT.

3 **SECTION 5.** 12-43-802, Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
4 REPEALED AND REENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, to read:

5 **12-43-802. State board of addiction counselor examiners.**

6 (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED A STATE BOARD OF ADDICTION  
7 COUNSELOR EXAMINERS UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE  
8 DIVISION OF REGISTRATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY  
9 AGENCIES. ONCE THE GOVERNOR APPOINTS THE BOARD MEMBERS AND  
10 THE BOARD ADOPTS NECESSARY RULES, THE BOARD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
11 REGULATING ADDICTION COUNSELORS PURSUANT TO THIS PART 8 AND THIS  
12 ARTICLE. UNTIL THEN, THE DIRECTOR RETAINS THE AUTHORITY TO  
13 REGULATE ADDICTION COUNSELORS, AND THE DIRECTOR'S RULES ADOPTED  
14 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 8 REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE DIRECTOR  
15 REPEALS THE RULES.

16 (2) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF SEVEN MEMBERS WHO ARE CITIZENS  
17 OF THE UNITED STATES AND RESIDENTS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO. BY  
18 NOVEMBER 30, 2011, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF  
19 THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

20 (a) (I) FOUR BOARD MEMBERS MUST BE LICENSED OR CERTIFIED  
21 ADDICTION COUNSELORS, AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH  
22 (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a), AT LEAST TWO OF THESE FOUR MEMBERS  
23 MUST BE ENGAGED IN THE DIRECT PRACTICE OF ADDICTION COUNSELING.  
24 THE FOUR BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (a)  
25 MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE LICENSED ADDICTION COUNSELOR AND AT  
26 LEAST ONE CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR.

27 (II) IF, AFTER A GOOD-FAITH ATTEMPT, THE GOVERNOR



1 DETERMINES THAT A LICENSED OR CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR WHO  
2 IS ENGAGED IN THE DIRECT PRACTICE OF ADDICTION COUNSELING IS NOT  
3 AVAILABLE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD FOR A PARTICULAR TERM, THE  
4 GOVERNOR MAY APPOINT A LICENSED OR CERTIFIED ADDICTION  
5 COUNSELOR WHO IS NOT ENGAGED IN THE DIRECT PRACTICE OF ADDICTION  
6 COUNSELING TO SERVE ON THE BOARD PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (a).

7 (b) THREE BOARD MEMBERS MUST BE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 GENERAL PUBLIC, ONE OF WHOM MAY BE AN ADDICTION COUNSELING  
9 CONSUMER OR FAMILY MEMBER OF AN ADDICTION COUNSELING  
10 CONSUMER. THESE INDIVIDUALS MUST HAVE NEVER BEEN ADDICTION  
11 COUNSELORS, APPLICANTS, OR FORMER APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE OR  
12 CERTIFICATION AS AN ADDICTION COUNSELOR, MEMBERS OF ANOTHER  
13 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSION, MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLDS THAT INCLUDE  
14 ADDICTION COUNSELORS OR ANY OTHER MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL,  
15 OR OTHERWISE HAVE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR THE APPEARANCE OF A  
16 CONFLICT WITH THEIR DUTIES AS BOARD MEMBERS.

17 (3) (a) EACH BOARD MEMBER SHALL HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE  
18 EXPIRATION OF THE MEMBER'S APPOINTED TERM OR UNTIL A SUCCESSOR  
19 IS DULY APPOINTED. EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS  
20 SUBSECTION (3), THE TERM OF EACH MEMBER IS FOUR YEARS, AND A  
21 BOARD MEMBER SHALL NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO FULL CONSECUTIVE  
22 TERMS. THE GOVERNOR SHALL FILL A VACANCY OCCURRING IN BOARD  
23 MEMBERSHIP, OTHER THAN BY EXPIRATION OF A TERM, BY APPOINTMENT  
24 FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE MEMBER.

25 (b) THE INITIAL TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS APPOINTED TO  
26 THE BOARD AS OF JANUARY 1, 2012, ARE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS IN ORDER  
27 TO ENSURE STAGGERED TERMS OF OFFICE:

1 (I) THE INITIAL TERMS OF OFFICE OF ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS  
2 REPRESENTING THE GENERAL PUBLIC, WHOSE INITIAL TERMS WOULD  
3 OTHERWISE EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2015, EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31,  
4 2013, AND THESE BOARD MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO SERVE ONE  
5 ADDITIONAL FOUR-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2014, AND  
6 EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2017. ON AND AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE  
7 BOARD MEMBER'S TERMS, THE TERMS OF PERSONS APPOINTED TO THESE  
8 MEMBERS' POSITIONS ON THE BOARD ARE AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (a)  
9 OF THIS SUBSECTION (3) COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1 OF THE APPLICABLE  
10 YEAR.

11 (II) THE INITIAL TERM OF OFFICE OF TWO OF THE LICENSED OR  
12 CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR BOARD MEMBERS, WHOSE INITIAL TERM  
13 WOULD OTHERWISE EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2015, EXPIRES ON  
14 DECEMBER 31, 2013. THIS BOARD MEMBER IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE ONE  
15 ADDITIONAL FOUR-YEAR TERM, COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2014, AND  
16 EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2017. ON AND AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF  
17 THIS BOARD MEMBER'S TERM, THE TERMS OF PERSONS APPOINTED TO THE  
18 MEMBER'S POSITION ON THE BOARD ARE AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (a)  
19 OF THIS SUBSECTION (3) COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1 OF THE APPLICABLE  
20 YEAR.

21 (4) THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE ANY BOARD MEMBER FOR  
22 MISCONDUCT, INCOMPETENCE, OR NEGLECT OF DUTY AFTER GIVING THE  
23 BOARD MEMBER A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THE CHARGES AND AN  
24 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. ACTIONS CONSTITUTING NEGLECT OF DUTY  
25 INCLUDE THE FAILURE OF BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND THREE  
26 CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS, OR AT LEAST THREE-FOURTHS OF THE TOTAL  
27 MEETINGS, IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR.

1           **SECTION 6.** 12-43-206.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read:

3           **12-43-206.5. Provisional license - fees.** (1) (a) The board ~~or~~  
4 ~~director~~ may issue a provisional license to an applicant who has  
5 completed a post-graduate degree that meets the educational requirements  
6 for licensure in section 12-43-304, 12-43-403, 12-43-504, 12-43-603, or  
7 12-43-804, as applicable, and who is working in a residential child care  
8 facility as defined in section 26-6-102 (8), C.R.S., under the supervision  
9 of a licensee.

10           (b) A provisional license issued pursuant to paragraph (a) of this  
11 subsection (1) ~~shall terminate~~ TERMINATES at the earliest of:

12           (I) Thirty days after termination of the provisional licensee's  
13 employment with a qualifying residential child care facility, unless the  
14 provisional licensee obtains and submits to the board ~~or director~~ proof of  
15 employment with another residential child care facility; or

16           (II) Thirty days after termination of the provisional licensee's  
17 supervision by a licensee unless the provisional licensee obtains and  
18 submits to the board ~~or director~~ proof of supervision by another licensee.

19           (c) A provisional licensee shall notify the board ~~or director~~ of any  
20 change in supervision within thirty days after the change.

21           (2) ~~The director and~~ Each board may charge an application fee to  
22 an applicant for a provisional license. All fees collected pursuant to this  
23 subsection (2) shall be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit  
24 the same to the division of registrations cash fund pursuant to section  
25 24-34-105, C.R.S. An application for a provisional license ~~shall~~ MUST  
26 identify the name, contact information, and license number of the licensee  
27 providing supervision of the provisional licensure applicant.

1           (3) ~~This section is repealed, effective July 1, 2011.~~

2           **SECTION 7.** The introductory portion to 12-43-201 and  
3 12-43-201 (1), (6), (7.7), (7.8) (b), (9), (9.3), (9.5), (9.7), and (10),  
4 Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended, and the said 12-43-201 is  
5 further amended BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW  
6 SUBSECTIONS, to read:

7           **12-43-201. Definitions.** As used in this ~~part 2~~ ARTICLE, unless the  
8 context otherwise requires:

9           (1) "Board" includes the state board of psychologist examiners,  
10 the state board of social work examiners, the state board of licensed  
11 professional counselor examiners, the state board of marriage and family  
12 therapist examiners, ~~and~~ the state grievance board, AND THE STATE BOARD  
13 OF ADDICTION COUNSELOR EXAMINERS.

14           (1.3) "CERTIFICATE HOLDER" MEANS AN ADDICTION COUNSELOR  
15 CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

16           (6) "Licensee" means a psychologist, social worker, marriage and  
17 family therapist, licensed professional counselor, or addiction counselor  
18 licensed ~~certified, or registered~~ pursuant to this article.

19           (7.7) (a) "Provisional license" means a license OR CERTIFICATION  
20 issued pursuant to section 12-43-206.5.

21           (b) ~~This subsection (7.7) is repealed, effective July 1, 2011.~~

22           (7.8) (b) ~~This subsection (7.8) is repealed, effective July 1, 2011.~~

23           (9) (a) "Psychotherapy" means the treatment, diagnosis, testing,  
24 assessment, or counseling in a professional relationship to assist  
25 individuals or groups to alleviate mental disorders, understand  
26 unconscious or conscious motivation, resolve emotional, relationship, or  
27 attitudinal conflicts, or modify behaviors ~~which~~ THAT interfere with

1 effective emotional, social, or intellectual functioning. Psychotherapy  
2 follows a planned procedure of intervention ~~which~~ THAT takes place on  
3 a regular basis, over a period of time, or in the cases of testing,  
4 assessment, and brief psychotherapy, ~~it~~ PSYCHOTHERAPY can be a single  
5 intervention.

6 (b) It is the intent of the general assembly that the definition of  
7 psychotherapy as used in this ~~part 2~~ ARTICLE be interpreted in its  
8 narrowest sense to regulate only those persons who clearly fall within the  
9 definition set forth in this subsection (9).

10 (9.1) "REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPIST" MEANS A PERSON:

11 (a) WHOSE PRIMARY PRACTICE IS PSYCHOTHERAPY OR WHO HOLDS  
12 HIMSELF OR HERSELF OUT TO THE PUBLIC AS BEING ABLE TO PRACTICE  
13 PSYCHOTHERAPY FOR COMPENSATION; AND

14 (b) WHO IS REGISTERED WITH THE GRIEVANCE BOARD PURSUANT  
15 TO SECTION 12-43-702.5 TO PRACTICE PSYCHOTHERAPY IN THIS STATE.

16 (9.3) "Registrant" means a psychologist candidate, MARRIAGE AND  
17 FAMILY THERAPIST CANDIDATE, OR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR  
18 CANDIDATE registered pursuant to ~~this article~~ SECTION 12-43-304 (7),  
19 12-43-504 (5), OR 12-43-603 (5), RESPECTIVELY, OR A REGISTERED  
20 PSYCHOTHERAPIST.

21 (9.5) "~~Regulated~~" ~~means a person who is listed in the state~~  
22 ~~grievance board data base.~~

23 (9.7) "~~School psychologist~~" ~~means a person who practices~~  
24 ~~psychotherapy and who is a school psychologist licensed pursuant to the~~  
25 ~~provisions of section 22-60.5-210, C.R.S.~~

26 (10) "~~Unlicensed psychotherapist~~" ~~means any person whose~~  
27 ~~primary practice is psychotherapy or who holds himself or herself out to~~

1 ~~the public as being able to practice psychotherapy for compensation and~~  
2 ~~who is not licensed under this title to practice psychotherapy.~~  
3 ~~"Unlicensed psychotherapist" also means a person who is a licensed~~  
4 ~~school psychologist licensed pursuant to section 22-60.5-210 (1) (b);~~  
5 ~~C.R.S., and who is practicing outside of a school setting.~~

6 **SECTION 8.** The introductory portion to 12-43-504 (1) and  
7 12-43-504 (1) (b), (1) (e), and (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, are  
8 amended, and the said 12-43-504 is further amended BY THE  
9 ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

10 **12-43-504. Qualifications - examination - licensure and**  
11 **registration.** (1) The board shall issue a license as a marriage and family  
12 therapist to each applicant who files an application ~~upon~~ IN a form and ~~in~~  
13 ~~such~~ manner as APPROVED BY the board, ~~prescribes,~~ accompanied by a  
14 SUBMITS THE fee as is required by THE BOARD PURSUANT TO section  
15 12-43-204, and ~~who~~ furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that he  
16 or she:

17 (b) Is not in violation of any ~~of the provisions~~ PROVISION of this  
18 article or ~~the ANY rule and regulations~~ adopted under this article;

19 (e) Has demonstrated professional competence by passing an  
20 examination in marriage and family therapy prescribed by the board and  
21 a written, COMPUTER-BASED OR mail-in jurisprudence examination  
22 administered by the department of regulatory agencies.

23 (4) The board or its designated representatives shall administer  
24 and ~~score~~ DETERMINE THE PASS OR FAIL STATUS OF the examination and  
25 ~~shall~~ take any actions necessary to ensure impartiality. The BOARD SHALL  
26 DETERMINE THE passing score for the examination ~~shall be determined by~~  
27 ~~the board~~ based upon a level of minimum competency to engage in

1 marriage and family therapy practice.

2 (5) (a) THE BOARD SHALL REGISTER AS A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
3 THERAPIST CANDIDATE A PERSON WHO:

4 (I) FILES AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION, ACCOMPANIED BY  
5 THE FEE AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 12-43-204;

6 (II) SUBMITS EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD THAT HE OR  
7 SHE MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPHS (a), (b), AND (c) OF  
8 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION; AND

9 (III) HAS NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A MARRIAGE AND  
10 FAMILY THERAPIST CANDIDATE BY THE BOARD.

11 (b) A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST CANDIDATE WHO  
12 REGISTERS WITH THE BOARD PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5) IS UNDER  
13 THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD AND IS NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH  
14 THE DATABASE OF REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPISTS PURSUANT TO SECTION  
15 12-43-702.5.

16 (c) IF A CANDIDATE DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
17 PARAGRAPHS (d) AND (e) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION WITHIN  
18 FOUR YEARS AFTER INITIAL REGISTRATION, THE CANDIDATE'S  
19 REGISTRATION EXPIRES AND IS NOT RENEWABLE. A PERSON WHOSE  
20 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST CANDIDATE REGISTRATION EXPIRES IS  
21 NOT PRECLUDED FROM APPLYING TO ANY OTHER BOARD FOR LICENSURE  
22 OR REGISTRATION IN A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSION FOR WHICH THE  
23 PERSON IS QUALIFIED.

24 **SECTION 9.** The introductory portion to 12-43-603 (1) and  
25 12-43-603 (1) (b), (1) (e), and (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, are  
26 amended, and the said 12-43-603 is further amended BY THE  
27 ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

1           **12-43-603. Licensure - examination - licensed professional**

2           **counselors.** (1) The board shall issue a license as a licensed professional  
3           counselor to each applicant who files an application ~~upon~~ IN a form and  
4           ~~in such a manner as~~ APPROVED BY the board, ~~prescribes, accompanied by~~  
5           a SUBMITS THE fee ~~as is~~ required by THE BOARD PURSUANT TO section  
6           12-43-204, and ~~who~~ furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that he  
7           or she:

8                   (b) Is not in violation of any ~~of the provisions~~ PROVISION of this  
9           article ~~and the rules and regulations~~ OR ANY RULE adopted under this  
10          article;

11                   (e) Has demonstrated professional competence by passing an  
12          examination in professional counseling demonstrating special knowledge  
13          and skill in applied psychotherapy as prescribed by the board and a  
14          written, COMPUTER-BASED OR mail-in jurisprudence examination  
15          administered by the department of regulatory agencies.

16                   (4) The board or its designated representatives shall administer  
17          and ~~score~~ DETERMINE THE PASS OR FAIL STATUS OF the examination and  
18          ~~shall~~ take any actions necessary to ensure impartiality. The BOARD SHALL  
19          DETERMINE THE passing score for the examination ~~shall be determined by~~  
20          ~~the board~~ based upon a level of minimum competency to engage in the  
21          practice of licensed professional counseling.

22                   (5) (a) THE BOARD SHALL REGISTER AS A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL  
23          COUNSELOR CANDIDATE A PERSON WHO:

24                           (I) FILES AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION, ACCOMPANIED BY  
25          THE FEE AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 12-43-204;

26                           (II) SUBMITS EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD THAT HE OR  
27          SHE MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPHS (a), (b), AND (c) OF



1 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION; AND

2 (III) HAS NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A LICENSED  
3 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR CANDIDATE BY THE BOARD.

4 (b) A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR CANDIDATE WHO  
5 REGISTERS WITH THE STATE BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL  
6 COUNSELOR EXAMINERS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5) IS UNDER THE  
7 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD AND IS NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE  
8 DATABASE OF REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPISTS PURSUANT TO SECTION  
9 12-43-702.5.

10 (c) IF A CANDIDATE DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
11 PARAGRAPHS (d) AND (e) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION WITHIN  
12 FOUR YEARS AFTER INITIAL REGISTRATION, THE CANDIDATE'S  
13 REGISTRATION EXPIRES AND IS NOT RENEWABLE. A PERSON WHOSE  
14 LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR CANDIDATE REGISTRATION EXPIRES  
15 IS NOT PRECLUDED FROM APPLYING TO ANY OTHER BOARD FOR LICENSURE  
16 OR REGISTRATION IN A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSION FOR WHICH THE  
17 PERSON IS QUALIFIED.

18 **SECTION 10. Repeal.** 12-43-701 (3) and (4), Colorado Revised  
19 Statutes, are repealed as follows:

20 **12-43-701. Definitions.** As used in this part 7, unless the context  
21 otherwise requires:

22 (3) ~~"Psychotherapy" means the treatment, diagnosis, testing,~~  
23 ~~assessment, or counseling in a professional relationship to assist~~  
24 ~~individuals or groups to alleviate mental disorders, understand~~  
25 ~~unconscious or conscious motivation, resolve emotional, relationship, or~~  
26 ~~attitudinal conflicts, or modify behaviors which interfere with effective~~  
27 ~~emotional, social, or intellectual functioning. Psychotherapy follows a~~

1 ~~planned procedure of intervention which takes place on a regular basis,~~  
2 ~~over a period of time. It is the intent of the general assembly that the~~  
3 ~~definition of psychotherapy as used in this part 7 be interpreted in its~~  
4 ~~narrowest sense to regulate only those persons who clearly fall within the~~  
5 ~~definition set forth in this subsection (3).~~

6 (4) ~~"Unlicensed psychotherapist" means any person whose~~  
7 ~~primary practice is psychotherapy or who holds himself or herself out to~~  
8 ~~the public as being able to practice psychotherapy for compensation and~~  
9 ~~who is not licensed under this title to practice psychotherapy.~~  
10 ~~"Unlicensed psychotherapist" also means a person who is a school~~  
11 ~~psychologist licensed pursuant to section 22-60.5-210(1)(b), C.R.S., and~~  
12 ~~who is practicing outside of a school setting.~~

13 **SECTION 11.** 12-43-702.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended to read:

15 **12-43-702.5. Database of registered psychotherapists -**  
16 **unauthorized practice - penalties - data collection.** (1) The grievance  
17 board shall maintain a ~~data base~~ DATABASE of all ~~unlicensed persons~~  
18 ~~practicing psychotherapy in this state~~ REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPISTS.  
19 The grievance board shall charge a fee in the same manner as authorized  
20 in section 24-34-105, C.R.S., for recording information in the ~~data base~~  
21 DATABASE as required by this section. Information in the ~~data base~~  
22 DATABASE maintained pursuant to this section ~~shall be~~ IS open to public  
23 inspection at all times.

24 (2) Any ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ PERSON NOT OTHERWISE  
25 LICENSED, REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE WHO IS  
26 PRACTICING PSYCHOTHERAPY IN THIS STATE shall ~~record such therapist's~~  
27 REGISTER WITH THE GRIEVANCE BOARD BY SUBMITTING HIS OR HER name,

1 current address, educational qualifications, disclosure statements,  
2 therapeutic orientation or methodology, or both, and years of experience  
3 in each specialty area. ~~with~~ UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED  
4 INFORMATION, the grievance board ~~for inclusion~~ SHALL INCLUDE THE  
5 REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPIST in the ~~data-base~~ DATABASE required by  
6 subsection (1) of this section. ~~Unlicensed psychotherapists~~ A REGISTERED  
7 PSYCHOTHERAPIST shall ~~be required to~~ update ~~such~~ THIS information at  
8 ~~least annually~~ UPON RENEWAL OF HIS OR HER REGISTRATION and at ~~such~~  
9 other times and under ~~such~~ conditions ~~as~~ SPECIFIED BY the grievance  
10 board ~~shall prescribe by rule. and regulation.~~ At the time of recording the  
11 information required by this section, the ~~unlicensed~~ REGISTERED  
12 psychotherapist shall indicate whether ~~or not the unlicensed~~  
13 ~~psychotherapist~~ HE OR SHE has been convicted of, or entered a plea of  
14 guilty or a ~~plea of~~ nolo contendere to, any felony or misdemeanor.  
15 ~~Unlicensed psychotherapists recording the information required by this~~  
16 ~~section shall be given a copy of the statutes and a copy of the state~~  
17 ~~grievance board rules.~~

18 (3) ~~No~~ AN unlicensed person ~~may~~ SHALL NOT practice  
19 psychotherapy ~~if such~~ UNLESS THE person is ~~not~~ REGISTERED WITH THE  
20 GRIEVANCE BOARD AND included in the ~~data-base~~ DATABASE required by  
21 this section. Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, ~~no~~  
22 ~~unlicensed~~ A REGISTERED psychotherapist ~~may~~ SHALL NOT use the term  
23 "~~registered~~", "~~regulated~~" "LICENSED", "certified", "clinical",  
24 "~~state-registered~~", "state-approved", or any other term or abbreviation that  
25 would falsely give the impression that the psychotherapist or the service  
26 that is being provided is recommended by the state, based solely on  
27 inclusion in the ~~data-base~~ DATABASE.

1           (4) ~~No person may be listed by~~ The grievance board SHALL NOT  
2 REGISTER A PERSON pursuant to this section unless ~~such~~ THE person has  
3 successfully completed a written, COMPUTER-BASED OR mail-in  
4 jurisprudence examination developed and approved by the department of  
5 regulatory agencies.

6           (5) Any unlicensed person who practices psychotherapy without  
7 first complying with the ~~recording~~ REGISTRATION requirements of this  
8 section commits a class 2 misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided  
9 in section 18-1.3-501, C.R.S., for the first offense, and for the second or  
10 any subsequent offense, the person commits a class 6 felony and shall be  
11 punished as provided in section 18-1.3-401, C.R.S.

12           **SECTION 12.** The introductory portion to 12-43-304 (1) and  
13 12-43-304 (1) (b), (1) (e), (1.5) (c), and (7), Colorado Revised Statutes,  
14 are amended to read:

15           **12-43-304. Qualifications - examinations - licensure.** (1) The  
16 board shall issue a license as a psychologist ~~and issue an appropriate~~  
17 ~~license certificate~~, to each applicant who files an application ~~upon~~ IN a  
18 form and ~~in such~~ manner as APPROVED BY the board, ~~prescribes~~,  
19 ~~accompanied by such~~ SUBMITS THE fee as is required by the board  
20 PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-43-204, and ~~who~~ furnishes evidence  
21 satisfactory to the board that he or she:

22           (b) Is not in violation of any ~~of the provisions of this part 3 and~~  
23 ~~the~~ PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE OR ANY rules promulgated by the board;

24           (e) Has demonstrated professional competence by passing a  
25 single, written examination in psychology as prescribed by the board and  
26 a written, COMPUTER-BASED OR mail-in jurisprudence examination  
27 administered by the department of regulatory agencies.

1 (1.5) (c) The board or its designated representatives shall  
2 administer and ~~score~~ DETERMINE THE PASS OR FAIL STATUS OF the  
3 examination and shall take any actions necessary to ensure impartiality.  
4 The BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THE passing score for the examination shall  
5 ~~be determined by the board~~ based upon a level of minimum competency  
6 to engage in the practice of psychology.

7 (7) (a) The board shall register as a psychologist candidate a  
8 person who files an application ~~therefor~~ FOR REGISTRATION, accompanied  
9 by ~~such~~ THE fee as is required by section 12-43-204, AND who:

10 (I) Submits evidence satisfactory to the board that he or she has  
11 met the requirements of paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subsection (1) of  
12 this section; and ~~who~~

13 (II) Has not been previously registered as a psychologist candidate  
14 by the board.

15 (b) ~~Such candidate~~ A PSYCHOLOGIST CANDIDATE REGISTERED  
16 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (7) is not required to register with the  
17 database of ~~unlicensed~~ REGISTERED psychotherapists PURSUANT TO  
18 SECTION 12-43-702.5, and ~~shall be~~ IS under the jurisdiction of the state  
19 board of psychologist examiners. ~~A person shall complete the~~  
20 ~~requirements of paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (1) of this section~~  
21 ~~within four years after initial registration with the psychology board.~~ If  
22 ~~such~~ THE requirements OF PARAGRAPHS (d) AND (e) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF  
23 THIS SECTION are not met within four years, the registration of the  
24 psychologist candidate ~~shall expire~~ EXPIRES. A person whose  
25 psychologist candidate registration ~~has expired shall not be~~ EXPIRES IS  
26 NOT precluded from applying for licensure or registration with any other  
27 mental health board for which the person is qualified.

1           **SECTION 13.** The introductory portion to 12-43-404 (1),  
2           12-43-404 (1) (c), the introductory portion to 12-43-404 (2), and  
3           12-43-404 (2) (d) and (2.5), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to  
4           read:

5           **12-43-404. Qualifications - examination - licensure and**  
6           **registration.** (1) The board shall license as a licensed social worker ~~and~~  
7           ~~issue an appropriate certificate to,~~ any person who files an application  
8           ~~therefor, accompanied by such~~ IN A FORM AND MANNER APPROVED BY THE  
9           BOARD, SUBMITS THE fee ~~as is~~ required by THE BOARD PURSUANT TO  
10          section 12-43-204, and ~~who~~ submits evidence satisfactory to the board  
11          that he or she:

12           (c) Demonstrates professional competence by satisfactorily  
13           passing an examination in social work and a written, COMPUTER-BASED  
14           OR mail-in jurisprudence examination administered by the department of  
15           regulatory agencies.

16           (2) The board shall license as a licensed clinical social worker ~~and~~  
17           ~~issue an appropriate certificate to,~~ any person who files an application,  
18           ~~therefor, accompanied by such~~ IN A FORM AND MANNER APPROVED BY THE  
19           BOARD, SUBMITS THE fee ~~as is~~ required by THE BOARD PURSUANT TO  
20           section 12-43-204, and ~~who~~ submits evidence satisfactory to the board  
21           that he or she:

22           (d) Demonstrates professional competence by satisfactorily  
23           passing an examination in social work as prescribed by the board and a  
24           written, COMPUTER-BASED OR mail-in jurisprudence examination  
25           administered by the department of regulatory agencies.

26           (2.5) (a) The BOARD OR ITS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE SHALL  
27           GIVE THE examination ~~by the board~~ described in paragraph (c) of

1 subsection (1) of this section and in paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of this  
2 section ~~shall be given not less than~~ AT LEAST twice per year at ~~such~~ A time  
3 and place and under ~~such~~ THE supervision ~~as~~ DETERMINED BY the board.  
4 ~~may determine.~~

5 (b) The board or its designated representatives shall administer  
6 and ~~score~~ DETERMINE THE PASS OR FAIL STATUS OF the examination and  
7 ~~shall~~ take any actions necessary to ensure impartiality. The BOARD SHALL  
8 DETERMINE THE passing score for the examination ~~shall be determined by~~  
9 ~~the board~~ based upon a level of minimum competency to engage in social  
10 work practice.

11 **SECTION 14.** The introductory portion to 12-43-222 (1) and  
12 12-43-222 (1) (a), (1) (e), (1) (f), (1) (g), (1) (i), (1) (q), (1) (t) (I), (1) (t)  
13 (III), (1) (v), (1) (w), and (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended,  
14 and the said 12-43-222 (1) is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF  
15 A NEW PARAGRAPH, to read:

16 **12-43-222. Prohibited activities - related provisions.** (1) A  
17 person licensed, registered, OR certified ~~or regulated~~ under ~~part 3, 4, 5, 6,~~  
18 ~~7, or 8~~ of this article ~~is in violation of~~ VIOLATES this article if ~~such~~ THE  
19 person:

20 (a) Has been convicted of OR PLEADED GUILTY OR NOLO  
21 CONTENDERE TO a felony. ~~or has had accepted by a court a plea of guilty~~  
22 ~~or nolo contendere to a felony if the felony is related to the ability to~~  
23 ~~practice under this article.~~ A certified copy of the judgment of a court of  
24 competent jurisdiction of such conviction or plea ~~shall be~~ IS conclusive  
25 evidence of ~~such~~ THE conviction or plea. In considering the disciplinary  
26 action, each board ~~shall be~~ IS governed by ~~the provisions of~~ section  
27 24-5-101, C.R.S.

1 (e) ~~Is Habitually intemperate or excessively uses any OR ABUSES~~  
2 ALCOHOL, A habit-forming drug, or ~~is a habitual user of any~~ A controlled  
3 substance, as defined in section 12-22-303; ~~(7), or any alcoholic~~  
4 ~~beverage, any of which renders him or her unfit to practice pursuant to~~  
5 ~~part 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 of this article;~~

6 (f) (I) ~~Has~~ FAILS TO NOTIFY THE BOARD THAT REGULATES HIS OR  
7 HER PROFESSION OF a physical or mental ~~disability~~ ILLNESS OR CONDITION  
8 that ~~renders such person unable~~ AFFECTS THE PERSON'S ABILITY to treat  
9 clients with reasonable skill and safety or that may endanger the health or  
10 safety of persons under ~~such person's~~ HIS OR HER care;

11 (II) FAILS TO ACT WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS CREATED BY A  
12 PHYSICAL OR MENTAL ILLNESS OR CONDITION THAT RENDERS THE PERSON  
13 UNABLE TO TREAT CLIENTS WITH REASONABLE SKILL AND SAFETY OR THAT  
14 MAY ENDANGER THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF PERSONS UNDER HIS OR HER  
15 CARE; OR

16 (III) FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE LIMITATIONS AGREED TO UNDER  
17 A CONFIDENTIAL AGREEMENT ENTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
18 12-43-221.5;

19 (g) (I) Has acted or failed to act in a manner that does not meet the  
20 generally accepted standards of the professional discipline under which  
21 ~~such~~ THE person practices. GENERALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS INCLUDE  
22 THE STANDARDS OF PRACTICE GENERALLY RECOGNIZED BY STATE AND  
23 NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF PRACTITIONERS IN THE FIELD OF THE PERSON'S  
24 PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE.

25 (II) A certified copy of a malpractice judgment of a court of  
26 competent jurisdiction ~~shall be~~ IS conclusive evidence of ~~such~~ THE act or  
27 omission THAT DOES NOT MEET GENERALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF THE



1 PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE, but evidence of ~~such~~ THE act or omission shall  
2 IS not ~~be~~ limited to a malpractice judgment.

3 (i) Has maintained relationships with clients ~~that are likely to~~  
4 ~~impair such~~ IN WHICH THE person's professional judgment WAS IMPAIRED  
5 or ~~increase the risk of~~ THE PERSON EXPLOITED THE client; ~~exploitation,~~  
6 ~~such as treating employees, supervisees, close colleagues, or relatives;~~

7 (q) Has offered or given commissions, rebates, or other forms of  
8 remuneration for the referral of clients; ~~Notwithstanding this provision,~~  
9 EXCEPT THAT a licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~  
10 CERTIFICATE HOLDER may pay an independent advertising or marketing  
11 agent compensation for advertising or marketing services rendered on  
12 ~~such~~ THE person's behalf by such agent, including compensation that is  
13 paid for the results of performance of such services on a per-patient basis;

14 (t) Has engaged in any of the following activities and practices:

15 (I) ~~Willful and Repeated ordering or performance without clinical~~  
16 ~~justification, of~~ PERFORMING demonstrably unnecessary laboratory tests  
17 or studies WITHOUT CLINICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR THE TESTS OR STUDIES;

18 (III) Ordering or performing ~~without clinical justification,~~ any  
19 service ~~X-ray,~~ or treatment that is contrary to the generally accepted  
20 standards of ~~such~~ THE person's practice AND IS WITHOUT CLINICAL  
21 JUSTIFICATION; ~~or~~

22 (v) Has committed a fraudulent insurance act, as set forth in  
23 section 10-1-128, C.R.S.; ~~or~~

24 (w) Has sold or fraudulently obtained or furnished a license,  
25 REGISTRATION, OR certification ~~or registration~~ to practice as a  
26 PSYCHOLOGIST, social worker, marriage and family therapist, LICENSED  
27 professional counselor, ~~psychologist,~~ PSYCHOTHERAPIST, or addiction

1 counselor or has aided or abetted ~~therein~~ IN SUCH ACTIVITIES; OR

2 (x) HAS FAILED TO RESPOND TO A COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST THE  
3 PERSON.

4 (2) A disciplinary action relating to a license, registration, OR  
5 certification ~~or listing~~ to practice a profession licensed, registered, OR  
6 certified ~~or listed~~ under ~~part 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8~~ of this article or any related  
7 occupation in any other state, territory, or country for disciplinary reasons  
8 ~~shall be deemed to be~~ CONSTITUTES prima facie evidence of grounds for  
9 disciplinary action, including denial of licensure, REGISTRATION, OR  
10 CERTIFICATION, by a board. ~~or the director~~. This subsection (2) ~~shall~~  
11 ~~apply~~ APPLIES only to disciplinary actions based upon acts or omissions  
12 in such other state, territory, or country substantially similar to those ACTS  
13 OR OMISSIONS set out as grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to  
14 subsection (1) of this section.

15 **SECTION 15.** 12-43-223 (1) and (3), Colorado Revised Statutes,  
16 are amended to read:

17 **12-43-223. Authority of licensing boards and the grievance**  
18 **board - cease-and-desist orders - rules.** (1) (a) If a licensee, registrant,  
19 or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist has violated~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER  
20 VIOLATES any of the ~~provisions~~ PROVISION of section 12-43-222, the  
21 board that licenses, registers, or ~~regulates such~~ CERTIFIES THE licensee,  
22 registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER may:

23 (I) Deny, revoke, or suspend ~~any~~ THE PERSON'S license, ~~or~~  
24 registration, or CERTIFICATION;

25 (II) DENY, REVOKE, OR SUSPEND the listing of ~~any unlicensed~~ A  
26 REGISTERED psychotherapist in the grievance board ~~data base~~ DATABASE;

27 (III) Issue a letter of admonition to a licensee, registrant, or

1 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER;

2 (IV) Issue a confidential letter of concern to a licensee, registrant,  
3 or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER;

4 (V) Place a licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~  
5 CERTIFICATE HOLDER on probation; or

6 (VI) Apply for an injunction pursuant to section 12-43-227 to  
7 enjoin a licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE  
8 HOLDER from practicing the profession for which ~~such~~ THE person is  
9 licensed, registered, or ~~regulated~~ CERTIFIED under this article.

10 (b) WHEN A LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER  
11 VIOLATES AN ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT OF THIS ARTICLE, THE  
12 BOARD REGULATING THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER  
13 MAY IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINE ON THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR  
14 CERTIFICATE HOLDER, NOT TO EXCEED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER  
15 VIOLATION. EACH BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE  
16 OF FINES SETTING FORTH DIFFERENT LEVELS OF FINES BASED ON WHETHER  
17 THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER HAS COMMITTED A  
18 SINGLE VIOLATION OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS OF ADMINISTRATIVE  
19 REQUIREMENTS.

20 (3) ~~If an unlicensed psychotherapist violates any of the provisions~~  
21 ~~of section 12-43-222, the grievance board may refuse to include, or~~  
22 ~~permanently or for a set period of time strike the name of such~~  
23 ~~psychotherapist from, the data base maintained pursuant to section~~  
24 ~~12-43-702.5, issue a letter of admonition to such unlicensed~~  
25 ~~psychotherapist, place such unlicensed psychotherapist on probation, or~~  
26 ~~apply for an injunction pursuant to section 12-43-227 to enjoin such~~  
27 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist from practicing psychotherapy.~~

1           **SECTION 16.** Part 2 of article 43 of title 12, Colorado Revised  
2 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to  
3 read:

4           **12-43-221.5. Confidential agreement to limit practice -**  
5 **violation grounds for discipline.** (1) IF A LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR  
6 CERTIFICATE HOLDER HAS A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL ILLNESS OR CONDITION  
7 THAT RENDERS THE PERSON UNABLE TO PRACTICE HIS OR HER MENTAL  
8 HEALTH PROFESSION WITH REASONABLE SKILL AND WITH SAFETY TO  
9 CLIENTS, THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER SHALL  
10 NOTIFY THE BOARD THAT REGULATES HIS OR HER PROFESSION OF THE  
11 ILLNESS OR CONDITION IN A MANNER AND WITHIN A PERIOD DETERMINED  
12 BY HIS OR HER OVERSIGHT BOARD. THE APPLICABLE BOARD MAY REQUIRE  
13 THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER TO SUBMIT TO AN  
14 EXAMINATION OR REFER THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE  
15 HOLDER TO A PEER HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, IF SUCH PROGRAM  
16 EXISTS, TO EVALUATE THE EXTENT OF THE ILLNESS OR CONDITION AND ITS  
17 IMPACT ON THE LICENSEE'S, REGISTRANT'S, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER'S  
18 ABILITY TO PRACTICE WITH REASONABLE SKILL AND WITH SAFETY TO  
19 CLIENTS.

20           (2) (a) UPON DETERMINING THAT A LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR  
21 CERTIFICATE HOLDER WITH A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL ILLNESS OR CONDITION  
22 IS ABLE TO RENDER LIMITED SERVICES WITH REASONABLE SKILL AND WITH  
23 SAFETY TO CLIENTS, THE APPLICABLE BOARD MAY ENTER INTO A  
24 CONFIDENTIAL AGREEMENT WITH THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR  
25 CERTIFICATE HOLDER IN WHICH THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR  
26 CERTIFICATE HOLDER AGREES TO LIMIT HIS OR HER PRACTICE BASED ON  
27 THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE ILLNESS OR CONDITION, AS

1 DETERMINED BY THE APPLICABLE OVERSIGHT BOARD.

2 (b) AS PART OF THE AGREEMENT, THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR  
3 CERTIFICATE HOLDER IS SUBJECT TO PERIODIC REEVALUATIONS OR  
4 MONITORING AS DETERMINED APPROPRIATE BY THE APPLICABLE BOARD.  
5 THE BOARD MAY REFER THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE  
6 HOLDER TO A PEER ASSISTANCE HEALTH PROGRAM, IF ONE EXISTS, FOR  
7 REEVALUATION OR MONITORING.

8 (c) THE PARTIES MAY MODIFY OR DISSOLVE THE AGREEMENT AS  
9 NECESSARY BASED ON THE RESULTS OF A REEVALUATION OR OF  
10 MONITORING.

11 (3) BY ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE APPLICABLE  
12 BOARD PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO LIMIT HIS OR HER PRACTICE, THE  
13 LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER IS NOT ENGAGING IN  
14 UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT. THE AGREEMENT IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE  
15 ACTION AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A RESTRICTION OR DISCIPLINE BY THE  
16 APPLICABLE BOARD. HOWEVER, IF THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR  
17 CERTIFICATE HOLDER FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF AN  
18 AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE FAILURE  
19 CONSTITUTES A PROHIBITED ACTIVITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-43-222  
20 (1) (f), AND THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER IS  
21 SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-43-223.

22 (4) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR  
23 CERTIFICATE HOLDER SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE FOR PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES  
24 AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 12-43-222 (1) (e).

25 **SECTION 17.** 12-43-101, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
26 to read:

27 **12-43-101. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly

1 hereby finds and determines that, in order to safeguard the public health,  
2 safety, and welfare of the people of this state and in order to protect the  
3 people of this state against the unauthorized, unqualified, and improper  
4 application of ~~psychotherapy~~, psychology, social work, marriage and  
5 family therapy, professional counseling, PSYCHOTHERAPY, and addiction  
6 counseling, it is necessary that the proper regulatory authorities be  
7 established and adequately provided for. The general assembly therefore  
8 declares that there shall be established a state board of psychologist  
9 examiners, a state board of social work examiners, a state board of  
10 marriage and family therapist examiners, ~~and~~ a state board of licensed  
11 professional counselor examiners AND A STATE BOARD OF ADDICTION  
12 COUNSELOR EXAMINERS with the authority to license, REGISTER, OR  
13 CERTIFY, and take disciplinary actions or bring injunctive actions, or both,  
14 concerning licensed psychologists AND psychologist candidates, licensed  
15 social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists AND MARRIAGE  
16 AND FAMILY THERAPIST CANDIDATES, and licensed professional  
17 counselors AND LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR CANDIDATES,  
18 respectively. There shall also be a state grievance board with the  
19 authority to take disciplinary actions or bring injunctive actions, or both,  
20 concerning ~~unlicensed~~ REGISTERED psychotherapists. ~~Additionally, the~~  
21 ~~director of the division of registrations in the department of regulatory~~  
22 ~~agencies is authorized to certify and license addiction counselors and take~~  
23 ~~disciplinary actions or bring injunctive actions, or both, concerning~~  
24 ~~addiction counselors.~~

25           **SECTION 18.** 12-43-202, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
26 to read:

27           **12-43-202. Practice outside of or beyond professional training,**

1 **experience, or competence.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
2 article, no licensee, registrant, OR certificate holder ~~or unlicensed~~  
3 ~~psychotherapist~~ is authorized to practice outside of or beyond his or her  
4 area of training, experience, or competence.

5 **SECTION 19.** 12-43-203 (2) (a), (3.5), (4), (7), and (11) (a),  
6 Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

7 **12-43-203. Boards - meetings - duties - powers - removal of**  
8 **members - immunity.** (2) (a) (I) Each board shall annually hold a  
9 meeting and elect from its membership a chairperson and  
10 vice-chairperson. Each board shall meet at such times as it deems  
11 necessary or advisable or as deemed necessary and advisable by the  
12 chairperson OR a majority of its members. ~~or the governor.~~ Each board  
13 may conduct meetings by electronic means. EACH BOARD SHALL GIVE  
14 reasonable notice of ~~all~~ ITS meetings ~~shall be given~~ in the manner  
15 prescribed by ~~each~~ THE board. A majority of each board ~~shall constitute~~  
16 CONSTITUTES a quorum at any meeting or hearing.

17 (II) All meetings ~~shall be~~ ARE open to the public, except when:

18 (A) A board, or an administrative law judge acting on behalf of  
19 a board, specifically determines that the harm to a complainant or other  
20 recipient of services to keep such proceedings or RELATED documents  
21 ~~relating thereto~~ open to the public outweighs the public interest in  
22 observing the proceedings; or ~~when~~

23 (B) The licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~  
24 CERTIFICATE HOLDER is participating in good faith in a program approved  
25 by the board designed to end ~~such~~ AN addiction or dependency and the  
26 licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER  
27 has not violated ~~any provisions of~~ the board's order regarding ~~such~~ THE

1 person's participation in ~~such~~ THE treatment program.

2 (III) If the board determines that it is in the best interest of a  
3 complainant or other recipient of services to keep ~~such~~ proceedings or  
4 RELATED documents ~~relating thereto~~ closed to the public, the final action  
5 of the board ~~shall~~ MUST be open to the public without disclosing the name  
6 of the client or other recipient. In all open meetings, the board shall take  
7 reasonable steps ~~not to disclose~~ KEEP the names of the recipients of  
8 services CONFIDENTIAL.

9 (3.5) In carrying out its duties related to the approval of  
10 applications for licensure, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION pursuant to  
11 this section, section 12-43-212, and ~~parts 3-4, 5, 6, and 7~~ of this article,  
12 each board shall delegate the function of the preliminary review and  
13 approval of applications to the staff of ~~each such~~ THE board, with  
14 approval of ~~such applications~~ AN APPLICATION ratified by action of ~~each~~  
15 ~~such~~ THE board. Each board, in its sole discretion, may individually  
16 review any application requiring board consideration prior to the approval  
17 ~~thereof~~ OF THE APPLICATION pursuant to section 12-43-212 and ~~parts 3,~~  
18 ~~4, 5, 6, and 7~~ of this article.

19 (4) Each board ~~and the director~~ shall maintain current lists of the  
20 names of all licensees, registrants, AND certificate holders ~~and unlicensed~~  
21 ~~psychotherapists~~ and records of cases and decisions rendered by the  
22 board. ~~or the director~~. In addition, each board ~~and the director~~ shall keep  
23 an accurate record of the results of all examinations for at least five years  
24 ~~subsequent to~~ AFTER the date of the examination.

25 (7) (a) ~~The director and any~~ A member of a board or of a  
26 professional review committee authorized by a board, ~~or director, any~~ A  
27 member of staff to a board OR committee, ~~or the director, any~~ A person



1 acting as a witness or consultant to a board OR committee, ~~or the director,~~  
2 ~~any~~ A witness testifying in a proceeding authorized under this article, and  
3 ~~any~~ A person who lodges a complaint pursuant to this article ~~shall be~~ IS  
4 immune from liability in ~~any~~ A civil action brought against him or her for  
5 acts occurring while acting in his or her capacity as ~~the director,~~ A board  
6 or committee member, staff, consultant, or witness, respectively, if ~~such~~  
7 THE individual was acting in good faith within the scope of his or her  
8 respective capacity, made a reasonable effort to obtain the facts of the  
9 matter as to which he or she acted, and acted in the reasonable belief that  
10 the action taken by him or her was warranted by the facts. ~~Any~~ A person  
11 participating in good faith in lodging a complaint or participating in ~~any~~  
12 AN investigative or administrative proceeding pursuant to this article ~~shall~~  
13 ~~be~~ IS immune from any civil or criminal liability that may result from such  
14 participation.

15 (b) ~~Further, any~~ A person participating in good faith in the making  
16 of a complaint or report or participating in any investigative or  
17 administrative proceeding before the board ~~or the director,~~ pursuant to  
18 this article ~~shall be~~ IS immune from any CIVIL OR CRIMINAL liability ~~civil~~  
19 ~~or criminal,~~ that ~~otherwise~~ might result by reason of ~~such~~ THE action.

20 (11) (a) (I) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH  
21 (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a), a professional review committee may be  
22 established pursuant to this subsection (11) to investigate the quality of  
23 care being given by a person licensed, registered, OR certified ~~or regulated~~  
24 pursuant to this article. If ~~such~~ a PROFESSIONAL REVIEW committee is  
25 established, it ~~shall~~ MUST include in its membership at least three persons  
26 licensed, registered, OR certified ~~or regulated~~ under ~~either part 3, 4, 5, 6,~~  
27 ~~7, or 8~~ of this article, ~~whichever is applicable,~~ and such persons ~~shall~~

1 MUST be licensees, registrants, OR certificate holders ~~or unlicensed~~  
2 ~~psychotherapists~~ in the same profession as the licensee, registrant, OR  
3 certificate holder ~~or unlicensed psychotherapist~~ who is the subject of a  
4 professional review proceeding. ~~but such~~

5 (II) A PROFESSIONAL REVIEW committee may be authorized to act  
6 only by a society or an association of persons licensed, registered, OR  
7 certified ~~or regulated~~ pursuant to this article whose membership includes  
8 not less than one-third of the persons licensed, registered, OR certified ~~or~~  
9 ~~regulated~~ pursuant to ~~part 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8~~ of this article ~~whichever is~~  
10 ~~applicable~~, residing in this state if the licensee, registrant, OR certificate  
11 holder ~~or unlicensed psychotherapist~~ whose services are the subject of  
12 review is a member of ~~such~~ THE society or association.

13 **SECTION 20.** 12-43-203.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended to read:

15 **12-43-203.5. Limitation on authority.** The authority granted  
16 each board under the provisions of this article ~~shall~~ DOES NOT ~~be construed~~  
17 ~~to~~ authorize a board to arbitrate or adjudicate fee disputes between  
18 licensees, REGISTRANTS, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS, or between a licensee,  
19 REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER and any other party.

20 **SECTION 21.** 12-43-204 (1), (2), (3), and (3.5), Colorado  
21 Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

22 **12-43-204. Fees - renewal.** (1) THE DIVISION SHALL TRANSMIT  
23 all fees collected ~~under parts 3, 4, 5, and 6~~ of PURSUANT TO this article  
24 ~~shall be transmitted~~ to the state treasurer, who shall credit the ~~same~~ FEES  
25 to the division of registrations cash fund pursuant to section 24-34-105,  
26 C.R.S.

27 (2) Each board may charge application and examination fees

1 established pursuant to section 24-34-105, C.R.S., to all applicants for  
2 licensure, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION under this ~~part 2.~~ No  
3 ARTICLE. Fees received from applicants seeking licensure, ~~shall be~~  
4 ~~refunded~~ REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.

5 (3) Every person licensed, REGISTERED, OR certified ~~or registered~~  
6 to practice psychology, social work, marriage and family therapy,  
7 professional counseling, PSYCHOTHERAPY, or addiction counseling ~~or~~  
8 ~~listed in the state grievance board data base,~~ within the state shall renew  
9 or reinstate his or her license, REGISTRATION, OR certification ~~or~~  
10 ~~registration~~ pursuant to a schedule established by the director, and  
11 licenses, REGISTRATIONS, AND certifications ~~and registrations~~ shall be  
12 renewed or reinstated pursuant to section 24-34-102 (8), C.R.S. The  
13 director may establish renewal fees and delinquency fees for  
14 reinstatement pursuant to section 24-34-105, C.R.S. If a person fails to  
15 renew his or her license, REGISTRATION, OR certification ~~or registration~~  
16 pursuant to the schedule established by the director, ~~such~~ THE license,  
17 REGISTRATION, OR certification ~~or registration shall expire~~ EXPIRES. Any  
18 person whose license, REGISTRATION, OR certification ~~or registration has~~  
19 ~~expired shall be~~ EXPIRES IS subject to the penalties provided in this article  
20 or section 24-34-102 (8), C.R.S.

21 (3.5) The director shall coordinate fee-setting pursuant to this  
22 section so that all licensees, registrants, AND certificate holders ~~and~~  
23 ~~unlicensed psychotherapists~~ pay fees as required by this section and  
24 section 12-43-702.5 (1).

25 **SECTION 22.** The introductory portion to 12-43-205 (1) and  
26 12-43-205 (1) (c), (1) (e), (1) (f), (1) (g), and (1) (h), Colorado Revised  
27 Statutes, are amended to read:

1           **12-43-205. Records.** (1) ~~The director and~~ Each board shall keep  
2 a record of proceedings and a register of all applications for licenses,  
3 REGISTRATIONS, or certifications, which ~~shall~~ MUST include:

4           (c) The place of business AND MAILING ADDRESS of ~~such~~ THE  
5 applicant;

6           (e) Whether or not an examination was required and, if required,  
7 ~~the scores of the examination~~ PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT PASSED THE  
8 EXAMINATION;

9           (f) Whether ~~or not~~ licensure, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION  
10 was granted;

11           (g) The date of the action of the ~~director or~~ board;

12           (h) ~~Such~~ Other information as ~~may be deemed~~ THE BOARD DEEMS  
13 necessary or advisable ~~by the director or board~~ in aid of the requirements  
14 of this section.

15           **SECTION 23.** 12-43-206, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
16 to read:

17           **12-43-206. Licensure by endorsement - rules.** ~~The~~ A board ~~or~~  
18 ~~the director, as appropriate,~~ may issue a license by endorsement to engage  
19 in the practice of psychology, social work, marriage and family therapy,  
20 professional counseling, or addiction counseling to ~~any~~ AN applicant who  
21 has a license, registration, or certification in good standing as a  
22 psychologist, social worker, marriage and family therapist, LICENSED  
23 professional counselor, or addiction counselor under the laws of another  
24 jurisdiction if the applicant presents proof satisfactory to the board ~~or~~  
25 ~~director~~ that, at the time of application for a Colorado license by  
26 endorsement, the applicant possesses credentials and qualifications that  
27 are substantially equivalent to the requirements of section 12-43-304,

1 12-43-404, 12-43-504, 12-43-603, or 12-43-804, whichever is applicable.  
2 Each board ~~or the director~~ shall promulgate rules setting forth the manner  
3 in which THE BOARD WILL REVIEW credentials and qualifications of an  
4 applicant. ~~will be reviewed by the board or the director.~~

5 **SECTION 24.** 12-43-207, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
6 to read:

7 **12-43-207. License - issuance.** Each board shall issue a  
8 ~~certificate of licensure whenever~~ LICENSE, REGISTRATION, OR  
9 CERTIFICATION, AS APPROPRIATE, WHEN an applicant ~~for licensure~~  
10 successfully qualifies ~~therefor~~ FOR LICENSURE, REGISTRATION, OR  
11 CERTIFICATION as provided in this article.

12 **SECTION 25.** 12-43-208, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
13 to read:

14 **12-43-208. Drugs - medicine.** Nothing in this article ~~shall be~~  
15 ~~construed as permitting~~ PERMITS psychologists, social workers, marriage  
16 and family therapists, LICENSED professional counselors,  
17 PSYCHOTHERAPISTS, and addiction counselors licensed, REGISTERED, OR  
18 certified ~~or registered~~ under this article ~~or unlicensed psychotherapists~~ to  
19 administer or prescribe drugs or in any manner engage in the practice of  
20 medicine as defined by the laws of this state.

21 **SECTION 26.** 12-43-209, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
22 to read:

23 **12-43-209. Collaborate with physician.** IN ORDER TO PROVIDE  
24 FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF MEDICAL PROBLEMS, a licensee,  
25 registrant, OR certificate holder ~~or unlicensed psychotherapist, in order to~~  
26 ~~make provision for the diagnosis and treatment of medical problems,~~ shall  
27 collaborate with a physician licensed under the laws of this state, except

1 when practicing pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ section 12-43-201 (9). A  
2 licensee, registrant, OR certificate holder ~~or unlicensed psychotherapist~~  
3 shall not diagnose, prescribe for, treat, or advise a client with reference  
4 to medical problems.

5 **SECTION 27.** The introductory portion to 12-43-211 (1) and  
6 12-43-211 (1) (b), (1) (g), (2), (3), and (6), Colorado Revised Statutes, are  
7 amended to read:

8 **12-43-211. Professional service corporations for the practice**  
9 **of psychology, social work, marriage and family therapy,**  
10 **professional counseling, and addiction counseling - definitions.**

11 (1) Licensees, REGISTRANTS, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS may form  
12 professional service corporations for the practice of psychology, social  
13 work, marriage and family therapy, professional counseling,  
14 PSYCHOTHERAPY, or addiction counseling under the "Colorado Business  
15 Corporation Act", articles 101 to 117 of title 7, C.R.S., if ~~such~~ THE  
16 corporations are organized and operated in accordance with ~~the~~  
17 ~~provisions of~~ this section. The articles of incorporation of ~~such~~  
18 ~~corporations shall~~ A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION FORMED  
19 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST contain provisions complying with the  
20 following requirements:

21 (b) The corporation ~~shall~~ MUST be organized by licensees,  
22 REGISTRANTS, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS for the purpose of conducting the  
23 practice of psychology, social work, marriage and family therapy,  
24 professional counseling, PSYCHOTHERAPY, or addiction counseling by the  
25 respective licensees, REGISTRANTS, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS of those  
26 practices. The corporation may be organized with any other person, and  
27 any person may own shares in such corporation, if the following

1 conditions are met:

2 (I) The practice of psychology, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 12-43-303,  
3 by the professional service corporation is performed by or under the  
4 supervision of a licensed psychologist, and any psychologist member of  
5 the professional service corporation remains individually responsible for  
6 his OR HER professional acts and conduct as provided elsewhere in this  
7 article; ~~or~~

8 (II) (Deleted by amendment, L. 98, p. 1111, § 11, effective July  
9 1, 1998.)

10 (III) The practice of social work, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
11 12-43-403, by the professional service corporation is performed by a  
12 licensed social worker acting independently or under the supervision of  
13 a person licensed pursuant to this article or a licensed social worker. Any  
14 licensed social worker member of the professional service corporation  
15 remains individually responsible for his or her professional acts and  
16 conduct as provided elsewhere in this article; ~~or~~

17 (IV) The practice of marriage and family therapy, AS DEFINED IN  
18 SECTION 12-43-503, by the professional service corporation is performed  
19 by a licensed marriage and family therapist acting independently or under  
20 the supervision of a person licensed pursuant to this article or a licensed  
21 marriage and family therapist. Any licensed marriage and family  
22 therapist member of the professional service corporation remains  
23 individually responsible for his OR HER professional acts and conduct as  
24 provided elsewhere in this article; ~~or~~

25 (V) The practice of professional counseling, AS DEFINED IN  
26 SECTION 12-43-601, by the professional service corporation is performed  
27 by a licensed professional counselor acting independently or under the

1 supervision of a person licensed pursuant to this article or a licensed  
2 professional counselor. Any licensed professional counselor member of  
3 the professional service corporation remains individually responsible for  
4 his OR HER professional acts and conduct as provided elsewhere in this  
5 article;

6 (VI) The practice of addiction counseling, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
7 12-43-802, by the professional service corporation is performed by a  
8 licensed addiction counselor acting independently or under the  
9 supervision of a person licensed pursuant to this article or a licensed  
10 addiction counselor. Any licensed addiction counselor member of the  
11 professional service corporation remains individually responsible for his  
12 or her professional acts and conduct as provided in this article; OR

13 (VII) THE PRACTICE OF PSYCHOTHERAPY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
14 12-43-201, BY THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION IS PERFORMED  
15 BY A REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPIST ACTING INDEPENDENTLY OR UNDER  
16 THE SUPERVISION OF A PERSON LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE OR  
17 A REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPIST. ANY REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPIST  
18 MEMBER OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION REMAINS  
19 INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OR HER PROFESSIONAL ACTS AND  
20 CONDUCT AS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE.

21 (g) The articles of incorporation ~~shall~~ MUST provide, and all  
22 shareholders of the corporation ~~shall~~ MUST agree, that either all  
23 shareholders of the corporation ~~shall be~~ ARE jointly and severally liable  
24 for all acts, errors, and omissions of the employees of the corporation or  
25 that all shareholders of the corporation ~~shall be~~ ARE jointly and severally  
26 liable for all acts, errors, and omissions of the employees of the  
27 corporation except during periods ~~of time~~ when the corporation ~~shall~~



1 ~~maintain in good standing~~ MAINTAINS professional liability insurance  
2 ~~which~~ THAT meets the following minimum standards:

3 (I) The insurance ~~shall insure~~ INSURES the corporation against  
4 liability imposed upon the corporation by law for damages resulting from  
5 any claim made against the corporation arising out of the performance of  
6 professional services for others by those officers and employees of the  
7 corporation who are licensed, REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED to practice  
8 under this article or ~~who are certified or licensed school psychologists or~~  
9 by those employees who provide professional services under supervision.

10 (II) ~~Such~~ THE insurance ~~policies shall insure~~ INSURES the  
11 corporation against liability imposed upon it by law for damages arising  
12 out of the acts, errors, and omissions of all nonprofessional employees.

13 (III) The insurance ~~shall be~~ IS in an amount for each claim of at  
14 least one hundred thousand dollars multiplied by the number of persons  
15 licensed, REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED to practice under this article ~~or by the~~  
16 ~~number of certified or licensed school psychologists,~~ WHO ARE employed  
17 by the corporation. ~~and~~ The policy may provide for an aggregate  
18 maximum limit of liability per year for all claims of three hundred  
19 thousand dollars also multiplied by the number of licensees,  
20 REGISTRANTS, or ~~certified or licensed school psychologists~~ CERTIFICATE  
21 HOLDERS employed by the corporation, but no ~~firm shall be~~ CORPORATION  
22 IS required to carry insurance in excess of three hundred thousand dollars  
23 for each claim with an aggregate maximum limit of liability for all claims  
24 during the year of nine hundred thousand dollars.

25 (IV) The insurance policy may provide that it does not apply to:  
26 Any dishonest, fraudulent, criminal, or malicious act or omission of the  
27 insured corporation or any stockholder or employee ~~thereof~~ OF THE

1 CORPORATION; or the conduct of any business enterprise, as distinguished  
2 from the practice of licensees, REGISTRANTS, or ~~certified or licensed~~  
3 ~~school psychologists~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDERS, in which the insured  
4 corporation under this section is not permitted to engage but ~~which~~ THAT  
5 nevertheless may be owned by the insured corporation or in which the  
6 insured corporation may be a partner or ~~which~~ THAT may be controlled,  
7 operated, or managed by the insured corporation in its own or in a  
8 fiduciary capacity, including the ownership, maintenance, or use of any  
9 property in connection therewith, when not resulting from breach of  
10 professional duty of, bodily injury to, or sickness, disease, or death of any  
11 person or to injury to or destruction of any tangible property, including  
12 the loss of use ~~thereof~~ OF TANGIBLE PROPERTY.

13 (V) The insurance policy may contain reasonable provisions with  
14 respect to policy periods, territory, claims, conditions, and other usual  
15 matters.

16 (2) The corporation shall ~~do nothing~~ NOT ACT OR FAIL TO ACT IN  
17 A MANNER that ~~if done by a licensee, and employed by it,~~ would violate  
18 ~~the provisions of~~ section 12-43-222 (1). Any violation of this section by  
19 the corporation ~~shall be~~ IS grounds for a board to discipline any licensee,  
20 REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER EMPLOYED BY THE CORPORATION  
21 pursuant to section 12-43-224.

22 (3) Nothing in this section ~~shall be deemed to diminish or change~~  
23 DIMINISHES OR CHANGES the obligation of each licensee, REGISTRANT, OR  
24 CERTIFICATE HOLDER employed by the corporation to conduct his or her  
25 practice ~~so as not to~~ IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT violate ~~the provisions~~  
26 ~~of~~ section 12-43-222 (1). Any licensee, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE  
27 HOLDER who, by act or omission, causes the corporation to act or fail to

1 act in a way that violates ~~the provisions of section 12-43-222 (1) or any~~  
2 ~~provision of this section shall be deemed~~ IS personally responsible for  
3 ~~such~~ THE act or omission and ~~shall be~~ IS subject to discipline ~~therefor~~ by  
4 the board.

5 (6) Nothing in this article ~~shall be construed to limit~~ LIMITS  
6 persons licensed, REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED under ~~any part of this article~~  
7 ~~or certified or licensed school psychologists~~ from forming a corporation  
8 with persons licensed, REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED under ~~any other part of~~  
9 this article. ~~or certified or licensed school psychologists.~~

10 **SECTION 28.** 12-43-212, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
11 to read:

12 **12-43-212. Denial of license, registration, or certification -**  
13 **reinstatement.** (1) Each board is empowered to determine whether an  
14 applicant for licensure, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION possesses the  
15 qualifications ~~for licensure~~ required by this article.

16 (2) If a board ~~or the director pursuant to the authority specified in~~  
17 ~~part 8 of this article,~~ determines that an applicant does not possess the  
18 applicable qualifications required by this article or, for a licensed clinical  
19 social worker, licensed social worker, licensed marriage and family  
20 therapist, licensed professional counselor, licensed addiction counselor,  
21 or level II or III certified addiction counselor, is unable to demonstrate his  
22 or her continued professional competence as required by section  
23 12-43-411, 12-43-506, 12-43-605, or 12-43-805, respectively, the board  
24 ~~or the director pursuant to the authority specified in part 8 of this article,~~  
25 may deny the applicant a license, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION or  
26 deny the reinstatement of a license, ~~and, in such instance~~ REGISTRATION,  
27 OR CERTIFICATION. IF THE APPLICATION IS DENIED, the board ~~or director~~

1 shall provide the applicant with a statement in writing setting forth the  
2 basis of the board's ~~or director's~~ determination that the applicant does not  
3 possess the qualifications or professional competence required by this  
4 article. The applicant may request a hearing on the determination as  
5 provided in section 24-4-104 (9), C.R.S.

6 (3) If a board has any reason to believe that or receives any  
7 information that an applicant, renewal applicant, or reinstatement  
8 applicant has ~~done~~ COMMITTED any of the acts set forth in section  
9 12-43-222 (1) as grounds for discipline, the board may deny a license,  
10 REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION to the applicant, renewal applicant, or  
11 reinstatement applicant if the board determines that there is a basis for  
12 ~~such~~ THE denial. The order of the board to grant or deny ~~such~~ A license,  
13 ~~shall be the~~ REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION CONSTITUTES final agency  
14 action.

15 (4) A board, on its own motion or upon application, at any time  
16 after the refusal to grant a license, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION, may  
17 reconsider its prior action and grant ~~such~~ A license, REGISTRATION, OR  
18 CERTIFICATION. ~~The taking of any such further action shall rest in the~~  
19 ~~BOARD HAS sole discretion of the board; except that the board shall not act~~  
20 ~~in contradiction to a decision of the grievance board~~ TO DETERMINE  
21 WHETHER TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION ON THE APPLICATION AFTER IT  
22 REFUSES TO GRANT A LICENSE, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION.

23 **SECTION 29.** 12-43-213, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
24 to read:

25 **12-43-213. Legislative intent - schools and colleges -**  
26 **examinations.** It is the intent of the general assembly that the definition  
27 relating to full-time courses of study and institutions of higher education

1 for graduation of persons who are ~~thereby~~ qualified to take examinations  
2 for licensure under this article be liberally construed by ~~the director and~~  
3 each board under the ~~director's or board's~~ rule-making powers to ensure  
4 the right to take ~~such~~ THE examinations. It is not the intent that technical  
5 barriers be used to deny the ability to take ~~such~~ AN examination.

6 **SECTION 30.** The introductory portion to 12-43-214 (1) and  
7 12-43-214 (1) (a), (1) (c), (1) (d) (III), (1) (d) (IV), and (4) (g), Colorado  
8 Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

9 **12-43-214. Mandatory disclosure of information to clients.**

10 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, every  
11 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist, licensee, REGISTRANT, OR certificate holder~~  
12 ~~or registrant~~ shall provide the following information in writing to each  
13 client during the initial client contact:

14 (a) The name, business address, and business phone number of the  
15 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist, licensee, REGISTRANT, OR certificate holder;~~  
16 ~~or registrant;~~

17 (c) A statement indicating that the practice of ~~both licensed and~~  
18 ~~unlicensed~~ OR REGISTERED persons ~~and certified or licensed school~~  
19 ~~psychologists~~ in the field of psychotherapy is regulated by the department  
20 of regulatory agencies, and an address and telephone number for the  
21 ~~grievance~~ board THAT REGULATES THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR  
22 CERTIFICATE HOLDER; and

23 (d) A statement indicating that:

24 (III) In a professional relationship, sexual intimacy is never  
25 appropriate and should be reported to ~~the director or the board that~~  
26 ~~regulates~~ LICENSES, registers, OR certifies ~~or licenses such unlicensed~~  
27 ~~psychotherapist~~ THE LICENSEE, registrant, OR certificate holder; ~~or~~

1 licensee;

2 (IV) The information provided by the client during therapy  
3 sessions is legally confidential in the case of licensed marriage and family  
4 therapists, social workers, professional counselors, AND psychologists;  
5 licensed or certified addiction counselors; and ~~unlicensed~~ REGISTERED  
6 psychotherapists, except as provided in section 12-43-218 and except for  
7 certain legal exceptions that will be identified by the licensee, registrant,  
8 OR certificate holder ~~or unlicensed psychotherapist~~ should any such  
9 situation arise during therapy.

10 (4) The disclosure of information required by subsection (1) of  
11 this section is not required when psychotherapy is being administered in  
12 any of the following circumstances:

13 (g) By a person licensed or certified pursuant to this article, or by  
14 ~~an unlicensed~~ A REGISTERED psychotherapist practicing in a hospital that  
15 is licensed or certified under section 25-1.5-103 (1) (a) (I) or (1) (a) (II),  
16 C.R.S.

17 **SECTION 31.** 12-43-215 (5), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended to read:

19 **12-43-215. Scope of article - exemptions.** (5) Nothing in this  
20 section ~~shall be construed to limit~~ LIMITS the applicability of ~~the~~  
21 ~~provisions of~~ section 18-3-405.5, C.R.S., which ~~shall apply~~ APPLIES to  
22 any person while he OR SHE is practicing psychotherapy as defined in this  
23 article.

24 **SECTION 32.** 12-43-218 (1), the introductory portion to  
25 12-43-218 (2), 12-43-218 (2) (a) and (2) (b), the introductory portion to  
26 12-43-218 (2) (c), and 12-43-218 (2) (c) (I), (2) (c) (II), and (3), Colorado  
27 Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

1           **12-43-218. Disclosure of confidential communications.** (1) A  
2 licensee, ~~school psychologist,~~ registrant, OR certificate holder ~~or~~  
3 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ shall not disclose, without the consent of the  
4 client, any confidential communications made by the client, or advice  
5 given ~~thereon~~ TO THE CLIENT, in the course of professional employment.  
6 ~~nor shall~~ A licensee's, ~~school psychologist's,~~ registrant's, OR certificate  
7 holder's ~~or unlicensed psychotherapist's~~ employee or associate, whether  
8 clerical or professional, SHALL NOT disclose any knowledge of said  
9 communications acquired in such capacity. ~~nor shall~~ Any person who has  
10 participated in any therapy conducted under the supervision of a licensee,  
11 ~~school psychologist,~~ registrant, OR certificate holder, ~~or unlicensed~~  
12 ~~psychotherapist,~~ including ~~but not limited to,~~ group therapy sessions,  
13 SHALL NOT disclose any knowledge gained during the course of such  
14 therapy without the consent of the person to whom the knowledge relates.

15           (2) Subsection (1) of this section ~~shall~~ DOES not apply when:

16           (a) A client or the heirs, executors, or administrators of a client  
17 file suit or a complaint against a licensee, ~~school psychologist,~~ registrant,  
18 OR certificate holder ~~or unlicensed psychotherapist~~ on any cause of action  
19 arising out of or connected with the care or treatment of ~~such~~ THE client  
20 by the licensee, ~~school psychologist,~~ registrant, OR certificate holder; ~~or~~  
21 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist;~~

22           (b) A licensee, ~~school psychologist,~~ registrant, OR certificate  
23 holder ~~or unlicensed psychotherapist~~ was in consultation with a physician,  
24 registered professional nurse, licensee, ~~school psychologist,~~ registrant, OR  
25 certificate holder ~~or unlicensed psychotherapist~~ against whom a suit or  
26 complaint was filed based on the case out of which said suit or complaint  
27 arises;

1 (c) A review of services of a licensee, ~~school psychologist,~~  
2 registrant, OR certificate holder ~~or unlicensed psychotherapist~~ is  
3 conducted by any of the following:

4 (I) A board ~~or the director~~ or a person or group authorized by the  
5 board ~~or director~~ to make an investigation on its behalf;

6 (II) The governing board of a hospital licensed pursuant to part 1  
7 of article 3 of title 25, C.R.S., where ~~said~~ THE licensee, ~~school~~  
8 ~~psychologist,~~ registrant, OR certificate holder ~~or unlicensed~~  
9 ~~psychotherapist~~ practices or the medical staff of such hospital if the  
10 medical staff operates pursuant to written bylaws approved by the  
11 governing board of ~~such~~ THE hospital; or

12 (3) The records and information produced and used in the review  
13 provided for in paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of this section ~~shall~~ DO not  
14 become public records solely by virtue of the use of ~~such~~ THE records and  
15 information. The identity of ~~any~~ A client whose records are ~~so~~ reviewed  
16 shall not be disclosed to any person not directly involved in ~~such~~ THE  
17 review process, and procedures shall be adopted by ~~the director~~ or a  
18 board, hospital, association, or society to ensure that the identity of the  
19 client is concealed during the review process itself and to comply with ~~the~~  
20 ~~provisions of~~ section 12-43-224 (4).

21 **SECTION 33.** The introductory portion to 12-43-221 (1) and  
22 12-43-221 (1) (b), (1) (f), and (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, are  
23 amended to read:

24 **12-43-221. Powers and duties of the boards - rules.** (1) In  
25 addition to all other powers and duties conferred and imposed upon the  
26 boards, as defined in section 12-43-201 (1), ~~and the director by this~~  
27 ~~article,~~ each board ~~and the director,~~ ~~as appropriate,~~ have HAS the



1 following powers and duties with respect to the licensing, registration,  
2 AND certification ~~and regulation~~ of the persons licensed, registered, OR  
3 certified ~~or listed~~ by each individual board pursuant to ~~part 3, 4, 5, 6, or~~  
4 ~~7 of this article: or by the director pursuant to part 8 of this article:~~

5 (b) (I) To make investigations, hold hearings, and take evidence  
6 in accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ article 4 of title 24, C.R.S., and this  
7 article in all matters relating to the exercise and performance of the  
8 powers and duties vested in each board. ~~or the director.~~

9 (II) ~~The director and~~ Each board, or an administrative law judge  
10 acting on the ~~director's or board's~~ behalf, ~~shall have the power to~~ MAY  
11 administer oaths, take affirmations of witnesses, and issue subpoenas to  
12 compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of all relevant  
13 papers, books, records, documentary evidence, and materials in any  
14 hearing, investigation, accusation, or other matter ~~coming~~ before the  
15 ~~director or board.~~ ~~The director and~~ Each board may appoint an  
16 administrative law judge pursuant to part 10 of article 30 of title 24,  
17 C.R.S., to take evidence and to make findings and report them to the  
18 ~~director or board~~ pursuant to paragraph (e) of this subsection (1).

19 (III) Upon failure of ~~any~~ A witness to comply with ~~such~~ A  
20 subpoena or process, the district court of the county in which the  
21 subpoenaed person or licensee resides or conducts business, upon  
22 application by the board ~~or director~~ with notice to the subpoenaed person  
23 or licensee, may issue to the person or licensee an order requiring that  
24 person or licensee to appear before the ~~director~~ BOARD; to produce the  
25 relevant papers, books, records, documentary evidence, or materials if so  
26 ordered; or to give evidence touching the matter under investigation or in  
27 question. THE COURT MAY PUNISH THE failure to obey the order of the

1 court ~~may be punished by the court~~ as a contempt of court.

2 (f) To notify the public of all disciplinary actions taken against  
3 licensees, registrants, OR certificate holders ~~or unlicensed~~  
4 ~~psychotherapists~~ pursuant to this article.

5 (2) Pursuant to this part 2 and article 4 of title 24, C.R.S., ~~the~~  
6 ~~director and~~ each board is authorized to adopt and revise ~~such~~ rules as  
7 ~~may be~~ necessary to enable the ~~director or~~ board to carry out the  
8 provisions of this part 2 with respect to the regulation of the persons  
9 licensed, registered, OR certified ~~or regulated~~ by each individual board  
10 pursuant to ~~part 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7~~ of this article. ~~or by the director pursuant~~  
11 ~~to part 8 of this article.~~

12 **SECTION 34.** 12-43-224 (1), (2) (c), (2) (d), (2) (e), (3), (4), (8),  
13 and (9), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

14 **12-43-224. Disciplinary proceedings - judicial review - mental**  
15 **and physical examinations - multiple licenses.** (1) (a) A proceeding  
16 for discipline of a licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~  
17 CERTIFICATE HOLDER may be commenced when the board that licenses,  
18 registers, or ~~regulates such~~ CERTIFIES THE licensee, registrant, or  
19 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER has reasonable grounds  
20 to believe that a THE licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~  
21 CERTIFICATE HOLDER under ~~such~~ THE board's jurisdiction has committed  
22 any act or failed to act pursuant to the grounds established in section  
23 12-43-222 or 12-43-226.

24 (b) A licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~  
25 CERTIFICATE HOLDER who holds more than one license, registration, or  
26 ~~listing~~ CERTIFICATION pursuant to this article, who has committed any act  
27 or failed to act pursuant to the grounds established in section 12-43-222

1 or 12-43-226, ~~shall be~~ IS subject to disciplinary action by all boards that  
2 license, register, or ~~regulate such~~ CERTIFY THE person pursuant to this  
3 article. The findings, conclusions, and final agency order of the first  
4 board to take disciplinary action pursuant to this section against the  
5 licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER,  
6 or any disciplinary action taken by the state grievance board as it existed  
7 prior to July 1, 1998, ~~shall be~~ IS prima facie evidence against ~~such~~ THE  
8 person in any subsequent disciplinary action taken by another board  
9 concerning the same act or series of acts.

10 (c) If a licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~  
11 CERTIFICATE HOLDER who ~~makes application~~ APPLIES for a license,  
12 registration, or ~~listing~~ CERTIFICATION pursuant to this article has been  
13 disciplined by any board created pursuant to this article, or the state  
14 grievance board as it existed prior to July 1, 1998, the findings,  
15 conclusions, and final agency order of the first board to take disciplinary  
16 action pursuant to this section against the licensee, registrant, or  
17 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist shall be~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER IS prima facie  
18 evidence against ~~such~~ THE person in any subsequent application made for  
19 a license, registration, or ~~listing~~ CERTIFICATION to any other board created  
20 pursuant to this article.

21 (2) (c) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS  
22 PARAGRAPH (c), A BOARD SHALL NOT DENY, REVOKE, OR SUSPEND a  
23 licensee's, ~~or~~ registrant's, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER'S right to use a title  
24 ~~shall not be denied, revoked, or suspended by any board, and a licensee,~~  
25 ~~registrant, or unlicensed psychotherapist~~ AND shall not be placed PLACE  
26 A LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER on probation by any  
27 board pursuant to the grounds established in sections 12-43-222 and

1 12-43-226 until ~~after~~ a hearing has been conducted if ~~so~~ required pursuant  
2 to section 24-4-105, C.R.S. ~~except as provided for~~

3 (II) THE BOARD THAT LICENSES, REGISTERS, OR CERTIFIES A  
4 LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER PURSUANT TO THIS  
5 ARTICLE MAY SUMMARILY SUSPEND THE PERSON'S LICENSE,  
6 REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATION OF  
7 SECTION 24-4-104, C.R.S., UNDER THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:

8 (A) In emergency situations, AS PROVIDED FOR by section  
9 24-4-104, C.R.S.; ~~or except~~

10 (B) ~~In the event that a~~ THE licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed~~  
11 ~~psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER has been adjudicated BY A COURT  
12 OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION as being gravely disabled, mentally retarded,  
13 mentally incompetent, or insane or as having a mental illness by a court  
14 of competent jurisdiction; ~~or except~~

15 (C) ~~In the event that a~~ THE licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed~~  
16 ~~psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER violates paragraph (e) of this  
17 subsection (2). ~~in which case, the board that licenses, registers, or~~  
18 ~~regulates such licensee, registrant, or unlicensed psychotherapist pursuant~~  
19 ~~to this article is empowered to summarily suspend such person's license,~~  
20 ~~registration, or listing subject to the limitation of section 24-4-104, C.R.S.~~

21 (d) If a board has reasonable cause to believe that a licensee,  
22 registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER whom ~~such~~  
23 THE board licenses, registers, or ~~regulates~~ CERTIFIES pursuant to this  
24 article is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients, ~~it~~  
25 THE BOARD may require ~~such~~ THE licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed~~  
26 ~~psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER to submit to mental or physical  
27 examinations designated by the board. Upon the failure of ~~such~~ THE

1 licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER  
2 to submit to ~~such~~ A mental or physical ~~examinations~~ EXAMINATION, AND  
3 unless ~~such~~ THE person shows good cause for such failure, the board may  
4 act pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection (2) or enjoin a LICENSEE,  
5 registrant, ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~, or licensee CERTIFICATE HOLDER  
6 pursuant to section 12-43-227 until ~~such time as such~~ THE person submits  
7 to the required examinations.

8 (e) Every licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ shall  
9 ~~be~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER IS deemed to have ~~given consent~~ CONSENTED to  
10 submit to mental or physical examinations when directed in writing by the  
11 board that licenses, registers, or ~~regulates such~~ CERTIFIES THE licensee,  
12 registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER pursuant  
13 to this article and to have waived all objections to the admissibility of the  
14 examiner's testimony or examination reports on the ground of privileged  
15 communication.

16 (3) Disciplinary actions may consist of the following:

17 (a) **Revocation of a license, registration, or certification.**

18 (I) Revocation of a license, ~~or a registration~~, OR CERTIFICATION by a  
19 board ~~shall mean~~ MEANS that the licensee, ~~or~~ registrant, OR CERTIFICATE  
20 HOLDER shall surrender ~~such person's~~ HIS OR HER license, ~~or certificate of~~  
21 registration, OR CERTIFICATION to the board within thirty days.

22 (II) Any person whose license, ~~or registration~~, OR CERTIFICATION  
23 to practice is revoked ~~or whose listing has been stricken from the data~~  
24 ~~base by the grievance board~~ is rendered ineligible to apply for any license,  
25 registration, or ~~listing~~ CERTIFICATION issued under this article ~~until more~~  
26 ~~than~~ FOR AT LEAST three years ~~have elapsed from~~ AFTER the date of  
27 surrender of the license, ~~or certificate of registration~~, ~~or of the listing~~

1 ~~being stricken from the data base~~ OR CERTIFICATION. Any reapplication  
2 after such three-year period ~~shall be~~ IS treated as a new application.

3 (b) **Suspension of a license, registration, or certification.**

4 Suspension of a license, registration, or ~~listing~~ CERTIFICATION by the  
5 board that licenses, registers, or ~~regulates~~ CERTIFIES such licensee,  
6 registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER pursuant  
7 to this article ~~shall be~~ IS for a period to be determined by ~~such~~ THE  
8 APPLICABLE board.

9 (c) **Probationary status.** A BOARD MAY IMPOSE probationary  
10 status ~~may be imposed by a board~~ ON A LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR  
11 CERTIFICATE HOLDER. If a board places a licensee, registrant, or  
12 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER on probation, it may  
13 include ~~such~~ conditions for continued practice ~~as~~ THAT the board deems  
14 appropriate to assure that the licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed~~  
15 ~~psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER is physically, mentally, and  
16 otherwise qualified to practice in accordance with generally accepted  
17 professional standards of practice, including any ~~or all~~ of the following:

18 (I) Submission by the licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed~~  
19 ~~psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER to ~~such~~ examinations ~~as~~ a board  
20 may order to determine ~~such~~ THE person's physical or mental condition or  
21 professional qualifications;

22 (II) ~~The taking by such person of such~~ PARTICIPATION IN therapy  
23 or courses of training or education ~~as may be needed~~ THE BOARD  
24 DETERMINES NECESSARY to correct deficiencies found either in the  
25 hearing or by such examinations;

26 (III) ~~Such~~ Review or supervision of ~~such~~ THE person's practice as  
27 may be necessary to determine the quality of, AND CORRECT ANY

1 DEFICIENCIES IN, that practice; ~~and to correct deficiencies therein;~~ and

2 (IV) The imposition of restrictions upon the nature of ~~such~~ THE  
3 person's practice to assure that he or she does not practice beyond the  
4 limits of his or her capabilities.

5 (d) **Issuance of letters of admonition.** (I) When a complaint or  
6 investigation discloses an instance of misconduct that, in the opinion of  
7 the board, does not warrant formal action by the board but that should not  
8 be dismissed as being without merit, a letter of admonition may be issued  
9 and sent, by certified mail, to the licensee, REGISTRANT, OR certificate  
10 holder. ~~registrant, or unlicensed psychotherapist.~~

11 (II) When a letter of admonition is sent by the board, by certified  
12 mail, to a licensee, REGISTRANT, OR certificate holder, ~~registrant, or~~  
13 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist,~~ ~~such~~ THE LETTER ALSO MUST ADVISE THE  
14 person ~~shall be advised~~ that he or she has the right to request, in writing  
15 within twenty days after receipt of the letter, that formal disciplinary  
16 proceedings be initiated to adjudicate the propriety of the conduct upon  
17 which the letter of admonition is based.

18 (III) If the request for adjudication is timely made, the letter of  
19 admonition ~~shall be deemed~~ IS vacated and the matter shall be processed  
20 by means of formal disciplinary proceedings.

21 (e) **Issuance of confidential letters of concern.** ~~Such letters shall~~  
22 ~~be sent by registered mail to the licensee, registrant, or unlicensed~~  
23 ~~psychotherapist against whom a complaint was made~~ WHEN A  
24 COMPLAINT OR INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES AN INSTANCE OF CONDUCT  
25 THAT DOES NOT WARRANT FORMAL ACTION BY THE BOARD AND, IN THE  
26 OPINION OF THE BOARD, SHOULD BE DISMISSED, BUT INDICATES TO THE  
27 BOARD POSSIBLE ERRANT CONDUCT BY THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR

1 CERTIFICATE HOLDER THAT COULD LEAD TO SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES IF  
2 NOT CORRECTED, THE BOARD MAY ISSUE AND SEND TO THE LICENSEE,  
3 REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER A CONFIDENTIAL LETTER OF  
4 CONCERN. The letter ~~shall~~ MUST advise the licensee, registrant, or  
5 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER that the board is  
6 concerned about a complaint ~~that the board has~~ IT received about the  
7 licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER  
8 and MUST SPECIFY what action, if any, the licensee, registrant, or  
9 ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER should take to assuage  
10 the board's concern. CONFIDENTIAL letters of ~~confidential~~ concern ~~shall~~  
11 ~~be~~ ARE confidential, and THE BOARD shall not ~~be disclosed~~ DISCLOSE THE  
12 EXISTENCE OF SUCH A LETTER OR ITS CONTENTS to members of the public  
13 or in any court action unless the board is a party TO THE ACTION.

14 (4) (a) ~~Except when a decision to proceed with a disciplinary~~  
15 ~~action has been agreed upon by a majority of the board that licenses,~~  
16 ~~registers, or regulates such licensee, registrant, or unlicensed~~  
17 ~~psychotherapist, and a notice of formal complaint is drafted and served~~  
18 ~~on the licensee, registrant, or unlicensed psychotherapist by first-class~~  
19 ~~mail or upon final agency action unless the complaint is dismissed AS~~  
20 ~~PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (4), IF A COMPLAINT IS~~  
21 ~~DISMISSED, RECORDS OF investigations, examinations, hearings, meetings,~~  
22 ~~or any~~ AND other proceedings of the board conducted pursuant to ~~the~~  
23 ~~provisions of this section shall be~~ ARE exempt from ~~the provisions of the~~  
24 open records law, article 72 of title 24, C.R.S. ~~requiring that proceedings~~  
25 ~~of the board be conducted publicly or that the minutes or records of the~~  
26 ~~board with respect to action of the board taken pursuant to the provisions~~  
27 ~~of this section be open to public inspection.~~



1 (b) THE EXEMPTION FROM THE OPEN RECORDS LAW SPECIFIED IN  
2 PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (4) DOES NOT APPLY:

3 (I) WHEN A DECISION TO PROCEED WITH A DISCIPLINARY ACTION  
4 HAS BEEN AGREED UPON BY A MAJORITY OF THE APPLICABLE BOARD  
5 MEMBERS AND A NOTICE OF FORMAL COMPLAINT IS DRAFTED AND SERVED  
6 ON THE LICENSEE, REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER BY FIRST-CLASS  
7 MAIL; OR

8 (II) UPON FINAL AGENCY ACTION.

9 (c) IN any final agency action or ~~the filing of a~~ formal complaint,  
10 ~~when the board, determines it is~~ WHEN IT DEEMS necessary, shall redact  
11 all names of clients or other recipients of services to protect such persons'  
12 confidentiality.

13 (8) Any licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~  
14 CERTIFICATE HOLDER against whom a malpractice claim is settled or a  
15 judgment rendered in a court of competent jurisdiction shall notify the  
16 board that licenses, registers, or ~~regulates such~~ CERTIFIES THE licensee,  
17 registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER pursuant  
18 to this article of ~~such~~ THE judgment or settlement within sixty days after  
19 ~~such~~ THE disposition.

20 (9) Any licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist having~~  
21 CERTIFICATE HOLDER WHO HAS direct knowledge that ~~an unlicensed~~  
22 ~~psychotherapist~~ A LICENSEE, registrant, or ~~licensee~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER  
23 has violated ~~any of the provisions of~~ section 12-43-222 or 12-43-226 has  
24 a duty to report ~~such knowledge~~ THE VIOLATION to the board that licenses,  
25 registers, or ~~regulates such unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFIES THE  
26 LICENSEE, registrant, or ~~licensee~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER pursuant to this  
27 article unless ~~such report~~ REPORTING THE VIOLATION would violate the

1 prohibition against disclosure of confidential information without client  
2 consent pursuant to section 12-43-218.

3 **SECTION 35.** 12-43-225, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
4 to read:

5 **12-43-225. Reconsideration and review of action of a licensing**  
6 **board or the grievance board.** A board, on its own motion or upon  
7 application, at any time after the imposition of any discipline as provided  
8 in section 12-43-224, may reconsider its prior action and reinstate or  
9 restore such license, registration, or ~~listing or~~ CERTIFICATION; terminate  
10 probation; or reduce the severity of its prior disciplinary action. The  
11 ~~taking of any such~~ BOARD HAS SOLE DISCRETION TO DETERMINE WHETHER  
12 TO TAKE further action or ~~the holding of~~ HOLD a hearing with respect  
13 ~~thereto shall rest in the sole discretion of the board~~ TO ITS PRIOR  
14 DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

15 **SECTION 36.** 12-43-226 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended to read:

17 **12-43-226. Unauthorized practice - penalties.** (2) Any person  
18 who practices or offers or attempts to practice as a PSYCHOLOGIST, social  
19 worker, marriage and family therapist, LICENSED professional counselor,  
20 PSYCHOTHERAPIST, OR addiction counselor ~~or psychologist~~ without an  
21 active license, REGISTRATION, OR certification ~~or registration~~ issued under  
22 this article commits a class 2 misdemeanor and shall be punished as  
23 provided in section 18-1.3-501, C.R.S., for the first offense. Any person  
24 who commits a second or any subsequent offense commits a class 6  
25 felony and shall be punished as provided in section 18-1.3-401, C.R.S.

26 **SECTION 37.** 12-43-227, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
27 to read:

1           **12-43-227. Injunctive proceedings.** (1) A board may, in the  
2 name of the people of the state of Colorado, through the attorney general  
3 of the state of Colorado, apply for an injunction in any court of competent  
4 jurisdiction:

5           (a) To enjoin any person licensed, ~~regulated~~ or registered, OR  
6 CERTIFIED by that board pursuant to ~~part 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7~~ of this article from  
7 committing any act prohibited by ~~the provisions~~ of this article;

8           (b) To enjoin a licensee, ~~licensed~~ REGISTRANT, OR CERTIFICATE  
9 HOLDER REGULATED by that board from practicing the profession for  
10 which ~~such~~ THE person is licensed, REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED under this  
11 article ~~or to enjoin a registered psychologist candidate from practicing the~~  
12 ~~profession for which such person is registered under section 12-43-304,~~  
13 if ~~such~~ THE person has violated section 12-43-224 (2) (d) or 12-43-222.

14           (c) ~~To enjoin an unlicensed psychotherapist from practicing~~  
15 ~~psychotherapy if such person has violated the provisions of section~~  
16 ~~12-43-222.~~

17           (2) ~~If it is established~~ THE BOARD DEMONSTRATES that the  
18 defendant has been or is committing any act prohibited by this article, the  
19 court shall enter a decree perpetually enjoining ~~said~~ THE defendant from  
20 further committing ~~said~~ THE act or from practicing any profession  
21 licensed, registered, or ~~regulated~~ CERTIFIED pursuant to this article.

22           (3) ~~Such~~ Injunctive proceedings ~~shall be~~ ARE in addition to, and  
23 not in lieu of, ~~all~~ penalties and other remedies provided in this article.

24           (4) When seeking an injunction under this section, a board ~~shall~~  
25 IS not ~~be~~ required to allege or prove either that an adequate remedy at law  
26 does not exist or that substantial or irreparable damage would result from  
27 a continued violation.

1           **SECTION 38.** The introductory portion to 12-43-228 (1),  
2 12-43-228 (1) (a), the introductory portion to 12-43-228 (1) (c), and  
3 12-43-228 (2) and (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

4           **12-43-228. Minimum standards for testing.** (1) Every person  
5 licensed, registered, or ~~regulated~~ CERTIFIED under this article ~~shall~~ MUST  
6 meet the minimum professional preparation standards set forth in this  
7 section to engage in the administration, scoring, or interpretation of the  
8 following levels of psychometric or electrodiagnostic testing:

9           (a) **General use.** There is no educational or experience minimum  
10 necessary for a licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~  
11 CERTIFICATE HOLDER to administer standardized personnel selection,  
12 achievement, general aptitude, or proficiency tests.

13           (c) **Advanced use.** A licensee, registrant, or ~~unlicensed~~  
14 ~~psychotherapist~~ ~~shall~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER MUST meet all the  
15 requirements of paragraph (b) of this subsection (1) and, in addition,  
16 completion, at a regionally accredited university or college certified by  
17 the accrediting agency or body to award graduate degrees, of at least one  
18 graduate-level course in six of the following areas: Cognition, emotion,  
19 attention, sensory-perceptual function, psychopathology, learning,  
20 encephalopathy, neuropsychology, psychophysiology, personality, growth  
21 and development, projective testing, and neuropsychological testing and  
22 completion of one year of experience in advanced use practice under the  
23 supervision of a person fully qualified under this paragraph (c) in order  
24 to practice projective testing, neuropsychological testing, or ~~utilization~~  
25 USE of a battery of three or more tests to:

26           (2) The board licensing, registering, or ~~regulating~~ CERTIFYING any  
27 person violating ~~any provision~~ of this section may bring disciplinary

1 proceedings or injunctive proceedings against ~~such~~ THE person pursuant  
2 to section 12-43-224 or 12-43-227.

3 (3) (a) ~~Any person licensed under this article on July 1, 1998, shall~~  
4 ~~not be required to comply with the education requirements of paragraphs~~  
5 ~~(b) and (c) of subsection (1) of this section if such person has, on such~~  
6 ~~date, been licensed under this article for a period of seven consecutive~~  
7 ~~years.~~

8 (b) ~~Any person licensed under this article on July 1, 1998, shall~~  
9 ~~not be required to comply with the supervision requirements of paragraph~~  
10 ~~(c) of subsection (1) of this section if such person has, on such date, been~~  
11 ~~licensed under this article for a period of five consecutive years.~~

12 **SECTION 39.** 12-43-302 (2), the introductory portion to  
13 12-43-302 (4) (b), and 12-43-302 (4) (b) (II), Colorado Revised Statutes,  
14 are amended to read:

15 **12-43-302. State board of psychologist examiners.** (2) The  
16 board ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of seven members who are citizens of the  
17 United States and residents of the state of Colorado as follows:

18 (a) ~~Three~~ FOUR board members ~~shall~~ MUST be licensed  
19 psychologists, at least two of whom shall be engaged in the direct practice  
20 of psychology; except that, if, after a good-faith attempt, the governor  
21 determines that an applicant for membership on the board pursuant to this  
22 paragraph (a) who is engaged in the direct practice of psychology is not  
23 available to serve on the board for a particular term, the governor may  
24 appoint a licensed psychologist who is not engaged in the direct practice  
25 of psychology.

26 (b) ~~Four~~ THREE board members ~~shall~~ MUST be representatives of  
27 the general public, one of whom may be a mental health consumer or

1 family member of a mental health consumer. These individuals ~~shall~~  
2 MUST have never been psychologists, applicants or former applicants for  
3 licensure as psychologists, members of another mental health profession,  
4 or members of households that include psychologists or members of  
5 another mental health profession or otherwise have conflicts of interest  
6 or the appearance of such conflicts with their duties as board members.

7 (4) (b) The terms of office of the members on the board ~~as of~~  
8 ~~August 3, 2007, shall be~~ ARE modified as follows in order to ensure  
9 staggered terms of office:

10 (II) The initial term of office of the one board member  
11 representing the general public whose initial term would otherwise expire  
12 on June 30, 2009, shall expire on May 31, 2009, and the board member  
13 ~~shall be~~ IS eligible to serve one additional four-year term commencing on  
14 June 1, 2009, and expiring on May 31, 2013. On and after the expiration  
15 of this board member's term ~~persons appointed~~ OR A VACANCY IN THIS  
16 POSITION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST to  
17 this position on the board, ~~shall~~ WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO serve terms as  
18 described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (4) commencing on June 1  
19 of the applicable year.

20 **SECTION 40.** 12-43-303 (1) and (2), Colorado Revised Statutes,  
21 are amended to read:

22 **12-43-303. Practice of psychology defined.** (1) For the  
23 purposes of this part 3, the "practice of psychology" ~~is defined as~~ MEANS  
24 the observation, description, evaluation, interpretation, ~~treatment,~~ or  
25 modification of HUMAN behavior ~~cognitions, or emotions~~ by the  
26 application of psychological ~~behavioral, and physical~~ principles, methods,  
27 or procedures, for the purpose of:

1 (a) Preventing, ~~or~~ eliminating, EVALUATING, ASSESSING, OR  
2 PREDICTING symptomatic, maladaptive, or undesired behavior; ~~cognitions,~~  
3 ~~or emotions and of enhancing interpersonal relationships, work and life~~  
4 ~~adjustment, personal effectiveness, behavioral health, and mental health.~~  
5 ~~Psychologists use any and all psychological principles, methods, and~~  
6 ~~devices to consider the full range of possible causes of patients' illnesses~~  
7 ~~and select and apply the appropriate treatment methods.~~

8 (b) EVALUATING, ASSESSING, OR FACILITATING THE ENHANCEMENT  
9 OF INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS, INCLUDING  
10 PERSONAL EFFECTIVENESS, ADAPTIVE BEHAVIOR, INTERPERSONAL  
11 RELATIONSHIPS, WORK AND LIFE ADJUSTMENT, HEALTH, AND INDIVIDUAL,  
12 GROUP, OR ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE; OR

13 (c) ASSISTING IN LEGAL DECISION-MAKING.

14 (2) The practice of psychology includes: ~~but is not limited to:~~

15 (a) Psychological testing and the evaluation or assessment of  
16 personal characteristics such as intelligence; personality; COGNITIVE,  
17 PHYSICAL, OR EMOTIONAL abilities; SKILLS; interests; ~~and~~ aptitudes; AND  
18 NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING;

19 (b) ~~Neuropsychological tests, assessments, diagnoses, and~~  
20 ~~treatment of neuropsychological and brain disorders~~ COUNSELING,  
21 PSYCHOANALYSIS, PSYCHOTHERAPY, HYPNOSIS, BIOFEEDBACK, AND  
22 BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS AND THERAPY;

23 (c) ~~Psychotherapy, which may include psychoanalytic, existential,~~  
24 ~~cognitive, and behavioral therapies, hypnosis, and biofeedback~~  
25 DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT, AND MANAGEMENT OF MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL  
26 DISORDER OR DISABILITY, SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, DISORDERS OF  
27 HABIT OR CONDUCT, AS WELL AS OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF

1 PHYSICAL ILLNESS, ACCIDENT, INJURY, OR DISABILITY;

2 (d) ~~Clinical and counseling psychology, which are the sciences of~~  
3 ~~diagnosis and treatment of mental, neurological, psychophysiological, and~~  
4 ~~emotional disorder or disability, alcoholism and substance abuse,~~  
5 ~~behavioral abuse including dangerousness to self or others, and disorders~~  
6 ~~of habit or conduct~~ PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL EVALUATION, THERAPY, AND  
7 REMEDIATION;

8 (e) ~~Rehabilitation psychology, which is the science of psychology~~  
9 ~~dealing with the psychological aspects of physical illness, accident,~~  
10 ~~injury, or disability and rehabilitation therefrom~~ CONSULTATION WITH  
11 PHYSICIANS, OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, AND PATIENTS  
12 REGARDING ALL AVAILABLE TREATMENT OPTIONS, INCLUDING  
13 MEDICATION, WITH RESPECT TO PROVISION OF CARE FOR A SPECIFIC  
14 PATIENT OR CLIENT;

15 (f) ~~Health psychology, which is the science of psychology dealing~~  
16 ~~with the role of psychological factors in health and illness~~ THE PROVISION  
17 OF DIRECT SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
18 ENHANCING INDIVIDUAL AND THEREBY ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS,  
19 USING PSYCHOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES, METHODS, OR PROCEDURES TO ASSESS  
20 AND EVALUATE INDIVIDUALS ON PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS FOR  
21 INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT OR BEHAVIOR CHANGE OR FOR MAKING  
22 DECISIONS ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL, SUCH AS SELECTION; AND

23 (g) ~~Forensic psychology, which is the science of psychology that~~  
24 ~~deals with the relation and application of psychological research and~~  
25 ~~knowledge to legal issues, including, but not limited to, assessments of~~  
26 ~~competency in civil or criminal matters, legal questions of sanity, or civil~~  
27 ~~commitment proceedings;~~ THE SUPERVISION OF ANY OF THE PRACTICES



1 DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2).

2 (h) ~~Organizational psychology, which is the science of assessment~~  
3 ~~and intervention by an employee within his or her organization or by a~~  
4 ~~consultant retained by such organization;~~

5 (i) ~~Community psychology, which is the science of psychology~~  
6 ~~emphasizing prevention and early discovery of potential difficulties,~~  
7 ~~rather than awaiting initiation of therapy by affected individuals or~~  
8 ~~groups, and which is generally practiced outside of an office setting;~~

9 (j) ~~Sports psychology, which is the science of psychology dealing~~  
10 ~~with enhancement of athletic performance utilizing principles of~~  
11 ~~psychological research, assessment, and knowledge;~~

12 (k) ~~Psychoeducational evaluation, therapy, remediation, and~~  
13 ~~consultation; and~~

14 (l) ~~Research psychology, which is the application of research~~  
15 ~~methodologies, statistics, and experimental design to psychological data.~~

16 **SECTION 41.** 12-43-306 (6), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended to read:

18 **12-43-306. Exemptions.** (6) Nothing in this part 3 ~~shall be~~  
19 ~~construed to prevent~~ PREVENTS the practice of psychotherapy by  
20 ~~unlicensed persons who are listed~~ REGISTERED with the state grievance  
21 board pursuant to section 12-43-702.5.

22 **SECTION 42.** 12-43-401 (8), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
23 amended to read:

24 **12-43-401. Definitions.** As used in this part 4, unless the context  
25 otherwise requires:

26 (8) "Licensed social worker" means a person licensed under ~~the~~  
27 ~~provisions of this part 4~~ AS A LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER.

1           **SECTION 43.** 12-43-402 (2), the introductory portion to  
2 12-43-402 (3) (b), and 12-43-402 (3) (b) (II), Colorado Revised Statutes,  
3 are amended, and the said 12-43-402 is further amended BY THE  
4 ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

5           **12-43-402. State board of social work examiners.** (2) (a) ~~Three~~  
6 FOUR board members shall be licensed clinical social workers, at least  
7 two of whom shall be engaged in direct social work practice; except that,  
8 if, after a good-faith attempt, the governor determines that an applicant  
9 for membership on the board pursuant to this paragraph (a) who is  
10 engaged in direct social work practice is not available to serve on the  
11 board for a particular term, the governor may appoint a licensed clinical  
12 social worker who is not engaged in direct social work practice.

13           (b) ~~Four~~ THREE board members shall be representatives of the  
14 general public. These individuals shall have never been a social worker,  
15 an applicant or former applicant for licensure as a social worker, a  
16 member of another mental health profession, or a member of a household  
17 that includes a social worker or a member of another mental health  
18 profession or otherwise have conflicts of interest or the appearance of  
19 such conflicts with his or her duties as a board member.

20           (3) (b) The terms of office of the members on the board ~~as of~~  
21 ~~August 3, 2007, shall be~~ ARE modified as follows in order to ensure  
22 staggered terms of office:

23           (II) The initial term of office of one of the board members  
24 representing the general public whose initial term would otherwise expire  
25 on July 25, 2010, ~~shall expire~~ EXPIRES on June 30, 2008, and the board  
26 member ~~shall be~~ IS eligible to serve one additional four-year term  
27 commencing on July 1, 2008, and expiring on June 30, 2012. On and

1 after the expiration of this board member's term ~~persons appointed~~ OR A  
2 VACANCY IN THIS POSITION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A LICENSED  
3 CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER to this position on the board, ~~shall~~ WHO IS  
4 ELIGIBLE TO serve terms as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection  
5 (3) commencing on July 1 of the applicable year.

6 (7) THE BOARD MAY APPOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO ASSIST  
7 IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES AS FOLLOWS:

8 (a) WHEN PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT SPECIFIC TO CLINICAL  
9 PRACTICE IS REQUIRED IN THE REVIEW OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF  
10 SECTION 12-43-222, THE BOARD MAY APPOINT AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
11 OF CLINICAL PRACTITIONERS TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS  
12 TO THE BOARD; OR

13 (b) A LICENSEE MAY REQUEST THE BOARD TO APPOINT AN  
14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHEN PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT SPECIFIC TO  
15 CLINICAL PRACTICE IS REQUIRED.

16 **SECTION 44.** 12-43-403 (1), (2) (t), and (2) (u), Colorado  
17 Revised Statutes, are amended, and the said 12-43-403 (2) is further  
18 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH, to read:

19 **12-43-403. Social work practice defined.** (1) For the purposes  
20 of this part 4, "social work practice" means the professional application  
21 of social work theory and methods by a graduate with a master's degree  
22 in social work OR a doctoral degree in social work ~~or a bachelor's degree~~  
23 ~~in social work~~ from an accredited social work program, for the purpose  
24 of prevention, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention with individual,  
25 family, group, organizational, and societal problems, including alcohol  
26 and substance abuse and domestic violence, based on the promotion of  
27 biopsychosocial developmental processes, person-in environment

1 transactions, and empowerment of the client system. Social work theory  
2 and methods are based on known accepted principles that are taught in  
3 professional schools of social work in colleges or universities accredited  
4 by the council on social work education.

5 (2) Professional social work practice may include, but is not  
6 limited to:

7 (t) Psychotherapy; and

8 (u) Consultation, supervision, and teaching in higher education;

9 AND

10 (v) COUNSELING.

11 **SECTION 45.** 12-43-405 (1) and (2), Colorado Revised Statutes,  
12 are amended to read:

13 **12-43-405. Rights and privileges of licensure and a social work**  
14 **degree.** (1) Any person who possesses a valid, unsuspended, and  
15 unrevoked ~~certificate~~ LICENSE as a ~~licensed~~ social worker ~~and who has~~  
16 ~~received a license~~ THAT WAS ISSUED pursuant to section 12-43-404 has the  
17 right to practice social work under supervision and use the title "licensed  
18 social worker", "social worker", and the abbreviation "LSW". No other  
19 person shall assume these titles or use these abbreviations on any work or  
20 letter, sign, figure, or device to indicate that the person using the same is  
21 a licensed social worker or a social worker.

22 (2) Any person who possesses a valid, unsuspended, and  
23 unrevoked ~~certificate~~ LICENSE as a ~~licensed~~ clinical social worker ~~whose~~  
24 ~~license~~ THAT was granted pursuant to the provisions of section 12-43-404  
25 is entitled to engage in the private, independent practice of clinical social  
26 work and has the right to practice and supervise clinical social work  
27 practice and use the title "licensed clinical social worker", "clinical social

1 worker", "social worker", or "licensed social worker", and the  
2 abbreviation "LCSW". No other person shall assume these titles or use  
3 these abbreviations on any work or letter, sign, figure, or device to  
4 indicate that the person using the same is a licensed clinical social worker  
5 or social worker.

6 **SECTION 46.** 12-43-406 (2) and (5), Colorado Revised Statutes,  
7 are amended to read:

8 **12-43-406. Scope of part.** (2) No person may state that he or she  
9 is engaged in the practice of social work as a social worker, or refer to  
10 himself or herself as a social worker, unless ~~such~~ THE person is licensed  
11 ~~or registered~~ pursuant to this part 4 or possesses an earned social work  
12 degree, as defined in section 12-43-401 (11). No person may practice as  
13 a clinical social worker unless licensed pursuant to section 12-43-404 (2)  
14 or licensed ~~or registered~~ to practice social work and supervised pursuant  
15 to section 12-43-404 (1) or (2).

16 (5) Nothing in this part 4 ~~shall be construed to prevent~~ PREVENTS  
17 the practice of psychotherapy by ~~unlicensed~~ persons ~~who are listed~~  
18 REGISTERED with the state grievance board pursuant to section  
19 12-43-702.5.

20 **SECTION 47. Repeal.** 12-43-408 (1), Colorado Revised  
21 Statutes, is repealed as follows:

22 **12-43-408. School social workers.** (1) ~~Any person who holds a~~  
23 ~~valid master's degree in social work and has obtained the special services~~  
24 ~~license with social work endorsement issued by the department of~~  
25 ~~education pursuant to the "Colorado Educator Licensing Act of 1991",~~  
26 ~~article 60.5 of title 22, C.R.S., shall be issued the "LISW" certificate upon~~  
27 ~~application and payment of said fees and shall be subject to the provisions~~

1 of this article:

2 **SECTION 48.** 12-43-409, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
3 to read:

4 **12-43-409. Clinical social work practice of psychotherapy.** For  
5 the purpose of licensure, the practice, UNDER THIS PART 4, of  
6 psychotherapy ~~under this part 4 shall be~~ AND OTHER CLINICAL ACTIVITIES  
7 WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN SECTION 12-43-403  
8 IS limited to licensed clinical social workers or licensed social workers  
9 supervised by licensed clinical social workers.

10 **SECTION 49.** 12-43-410, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
11 to read:

12 **12-43-410. Employees of social services.** (1) Notwithstanding  
13 the exemption in section 12-43-215 (3), ~~no~~ AN employee of the  
14 department of human services, employee of a county department of social  
15 services, or personnel under the direct control or supervision of such  
16 departments, shall NOT state that he or she is engaged in the practice of  
17 social work as a social worker or refer to himself or herself as a social  
18 worker unless ~~such~~ THE person is licensed ~~or registered~~ pursuant to this  
19 part 4 or possesses an earned social work degree, as defined in section  
20 12-43-401 (11).

21 (2) Notwithstanding the exemption in section 12-43-215 (3), any  
22 employee licensed ~~or registered~~ pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ this article  
23 who is terminated from employment by the department of human services  
24 or a county department of social services is subject to review and  
25 disciplinary action by the board that licenses ~~registers~~, or regulates ~~such~~  
26 THE employee.

27 (3) An employee of the state department of human services or a

1 county department of social services who has earned a ~~bachelor's or~~  
2 master's degree in social work may apply to the board, for purposes  
3 related to licensure under this part 4, for approval for supervision by a  
4 person other than a licensed clinical social worker. The board shall  
5 consider input from representatives of the state department of human  
6 services and the county departments of social services when promulgating  
7 the rule concerning what qualifications or experience a person is required  
8 to possess in order to supervise an employee pursuant to this subsection  
9 (3).

10 **SECTION 50.** 12-43-502 (2) (a), the introductory portion to  
11 12-43-502 (4) (b), and 12-43-502 (4) (b) (III), Colorado Revised Statutes,  
12 are amended to read:

13 **12-43-502. State board of marriage and family therapist**  
14 **examiners.** (2) (a) The members of the board shall be appointed by the  
15 governor as follows:

16 (I) ~~Four~~ THREE members of the general public who are not  
17 regulated by this article; and

18 (II) ~~Three~~ FOUR marriage and family therapists.

19 (4) (b) The terms of office of the members on the board ~~as of~~  
20 ~~August 3, 2007, shall be~~ ARE modified as follows in order to ensure  
21 staggered terms of office:

22 (III) The term of office of the one board member representing the  
23 general public who, as of August 12, 2009, would have served one full  
24 four-year term and one partial four-year term ~~shall expire~~ EXPIRES on July  
25 31, 2009. This board member ~~shall be~~ IS eligible to serve one additional  
26 four-year term commencing on August 1, 2009, and expiring on July 31,  
27 2013. On and after the expiration of this board member's term ~~persons~~

1 ~~appointed~~ OR A VACANCY IN THIS POSITION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL  
2 APPOINT A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST to this position on the  
3 board, ~~shall~~ WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO serve terms as described in paragraph (a)  
4 of this subsection (4) commencing on August 1 of the applicable year.

5 **SECTION 51.** 12-43-505 (5), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended to read:

7 **12-43-505. Rights and privileges of licensure and registration.**

8 (5) Nothing in this part 5 ~~shall be construed to prevent~~ PREVENTS the  
9 practice of psychotherapy by ~~unlicensed persons who are listed~~  
10 REGISTERED with the state grievance board pursuant to section  
11 12-43-702.5.

12 **SECTION 52.** 12-43-601 (2), (4), and (5), Colorado Revised  
13 Statutes, are amended to read:

14 **12-43-601. Definitions.** As used in this part 6, unless the context  
15 otherwise requires:

16 (2) ~~"Clinical mental health counseling" includes:~~

17 ~~(a) Assessment, counseling activities, consultation, and referral;~~  
18 ~~and~~

19 ~~(b) Treatment, diagnosis, testing, assessment, psychotherapy, or~~  
20 ~~counseling in a professional relationship to assist individuals or groups~~  
21 ~~to alleviate mental and emotional disorders, understand unconscious or~~  
22 ~~conscious motivation, resolve emotional, relationship, or attitudinal~~  
23 ~~conflicts, or modify behaviors that interfere with effective emotional,~~  
24 ~~social, or intellectual functioning.~~

25 (4) "Licensed professional counselor" means a professional  
26 counselor who practices professional counseling ~~or mental health~~  
27 ~~counseling~~ and who is licensed pursuant to this part 6.



1           (5) (a) "~~Professional counseling~~" means:

2           ~~(I) Those activities that assist the person receiving counseling in~~  
3 ~~developing an understanding of personal, emotional, social, educational,~~  
4 ~~alcohol and substance abuse, domestic violence, and vocational~~  
5 ~~development and in planning and effecting actions to increase functioning~~  
6 ~~or gain control of his or her behavior in such areas. Such activities~~  
7 ~~include, but are not limited to, skill-building in communications,~~  
8 ~~decision-making, and problem-solving, clarifying values, promoting~~  
9 ~~adaptation to loss and other life changes, developing social skills,~~  
10 ~~restructuring cognitive patterns, defining educational and career goals,~~  
11 ~~and facilitating adjustment to personal crises and conflicts.~~

12           ~~(II) The selecting, administering, scoring, and interpreting of~~  
13 ~~instruments designed to measure aptitudes, attitudes, abilities,~~  
14 ~~achievements, interests, emotions, and other personal characteristics and~~  
15 ~~includes the application of nonstandardized methods, such as interviews,~~  
16 ~~to evaluate a person receiving counseling and to evaluate such personal~~  
17 ~~and social functioning;~~

18           ~~(III) A voluntary relationship between a counselor and a client in~~  
19 ~~which the counselor assists a person, couple, group, or organization to~~  
20 ~~cope with matters that include relationships, conflicts, problem-solving,~~  
21 ~~decision-making, and competencies by interpreting, reporting on, or~~  
22 ~~applying counseling theory;~~

23           ~~(IV) Rendering of or offering to render counseling services that~~  
24 ~~facilitate effective personal, emotional, social, educational, and vocational~~  
25 ~~development in individuals, couples, groups, and organizations, with an~~  
26 ~~emphasis on the natural aspects of human development and with an~~  
27 ~~educational orientation.~~

1           ~~(b) Professional counseling follows a planned procedure of~~  
2 ~~intervention that takes place on a regular basis, over a period of time, or~~  
3 ~~in the cases of testing, assessment, and brief professional counseling, it~~  
4 ~~can be a single intervention.~~

5           **SECTION 53.** 12-43-602 (2) (a), the introductory portion to  
6 12-43-602 (4) (b), and 12-43-602 (4) (b) (II), Colorado Revised Statutes,  
7 are amended to read:

8           **12-43-602. State board of licensed professional counselor**  
9 **examiners.** (2) (a) The members of the board shall be appointed by the  
10 governor as follows:

11           (I) ~~Four~~ THREE members of the general public who are not  
12 regulated under this article; and

13           (II) ~~Three~~ FOUR licensed professional counselors.

14           (4) (b) The terms of office of the members on the board ~~as of~~  
15 ~~August 3, 2007, shall be~~ ARE modified as follows in order to ensure  
16 staggered terms of office:

17           (II) The term of office of the one board member representing the  
18 public whose initial term would otherwise expire on September 12, 2009,  
19 ~~shall expire~~ EXPIRES on August 31, 2009, and the board member ~~shall be~~  
20 IS eligible to serve one additional four-year term, commencing on  
21 September 1, 2009, and expiring on August 31, 2013. On and after the  
22 expiration of this board member's term ~~persons appointed~~ OR A VACANCY  
23 IN THIS POSITION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A LICENSED  
24 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR to this position on the board, ~~shall~~ WHO IS  
25 ELIGIBLE TO serve terms as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection  
26 (4) commencing on September 1 of the applicable year.

27           **SECTION 54.** Part 6 of article 43 of title 12, Colorado Revised

1 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to  
2 read:

3 **12-43-602.5. Practice of licensed professional counseling**  
4 **defined.** (1) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PART 6, "PRACTICE OF LICENSED  
5 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING" MEANS THE APPLICATION OF MENTAL  
6 HEALTH, PSYCHOLOGICAL, OR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES  
7 THROUGH COGNITIVE, AFFECTIVE, BEHAVIORAL, OR SYSTEMATIC  
8 INTERVENTION STRATEGIES THAT ADDRESS WELLNESS, PERSONAL  
9 GROWTH, OR CAREER DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS PATHOLOGY. A  
10 LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR MAY RENDER THE APPLICATION OF  
11 THESE PRINCIPLES TO INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES, FAMILIES, OR GROUPS.

12 (2) THE PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING INCLUDES:

- 13 (a) EVALUATION;
- 14 (b) ASSESSMENT;
- 15 (c) TESTING;
- 16 (d) DIAGNOSIS;
- 17 (e) TREATMENT OR INTERVENTION;
- 18 (f) PLANNING;
- 19 (g) CONSULTATION;
- 20 (h) CASE MANAGEMENT;
- 21 (i) EDUCATION;
- 22 (j) SUPERVISION;
- 23 (k) CONSULTATION;
- 24 (l) RESEARCH;
- 25 (m) REFERRAL; AND
- 26 (n) CRISIS INTERVENTION.

27 **SECTION 55.** 12-43-604 (1), (2), and (4), Colorado Revised

1 Statutes, are amended to read:

2 **12-43-604. Rights and privileges of licensure.** (1) Any person  
3 who possesses a valid, unsuspended, and unrevoked ~~certificate~~ LICENSE  
4 as a licensed professional counselor has the right to use the title for which  
5 he or she is licensed pursuant to section 12-43-603. A LICENSED  
6 professional counselor licensed pursuant to section 12-43-603 has the  
7 right to use the abbreviation "LPC". No other person shall assume this  
8 title or use this abbreviation on any work or letter, sign, figure, or device  
9 to indicate that the person using the same is a licensed professional  
10 counselor.

11 (2) Any person duly licensed as a licensed professional counselor  
12 ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ required to obtain any other license or certification to  
13 practice professional counseling ~~as defined in section 12-43-601~~ unless  
14 otherwise required by the board of licensed professional counselor  
15 examiners.

16 (4) Nothing in this part 6 ~~shall be construed to prevent~~ PREVENTS  
17 the practice of psychotherapy by ~~unlicensed~~ persons ~~who are listed~~  
18 REGISTERED with the state grievance board pursuant to section  
19 12-43-702.5.

20 **SECTION 56.** 12-43-702 (2), (3), and (6), Colorado Revised  
21 Statutes, are amended to read:

22 **12-43-702. State grievance board - creation - subject to**  
23 **termination.** (2) ~~Four~~ THREE members of the grievance board shall be  
24 appointed by the governor from the general public who are not regulated  
25 by this article with a good faith effort to achieve broad-based  
26 geographical representation. Such members ~~shall~~ ARE ELIGIBLE TO serve  
27 terms of three years. ~~No such~~ A member ~~shall~~ MUST NOT have any direct

1 involvement or interest in the provision of psychotherapy; except that  
2 such member may be or may have been a consumer of such services.

3 (3) ~~Three~~ FOUR members of the grievance board ~~shall~~ MUST be  
4 ~~unlicensed~~ REGISTERED psychotherapists. ~~shall be appointed by~~ The  
5 governor ~~and~~ shall APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE GRIEVANCE BOARD TO serve  
6 terms of four years.

7 (6) (a) Each member ~~shall~~ IS ELIGIBLE TO hold office until the  
8 expiration of his or her appointed term or until a successor is duly  
9 appointed. When the term of each grievance board member expires, the  
10 governor shall appoint his or her successor for a term of four years. Any  
11 vacancy occurring in the grievance board membership other than by the  
12 expiration of a term shall be filled by the governor by appointment for the  
13 unexpired term of such member.

14 (b) FOR PURPOSES OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD MADE ON OR  
15 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, AS AMENDED, UPON THE  
16 OCCURRENCE OF A VACANCY IN A POSITION HELD BY A MEMBER  
17 REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC OR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE SECOND  
18 TERM OF OFFICE OF A MEMBER REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC, WHICHEVER  
19 OCCURS FIRST, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A REGULATED  
20 PSYCHOTHERAPIST TO THAT POSITION ON THE BOARD, WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO  
21 SERVE TERMS AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS (3) AND (5) OF THIS SECTION.

22 (c) The governor may remove any grievance board member for  
23 misconduct, incompetence, or neglect of duty. Actions constituting  
24 neglect of duty shall include, but not be limited to, the failure of board  
25 members to attend three consecutive meetings or at least three-quarters  
26 of the board's meetings in any one calendar year.

27 **SECTION 57.** 12-43-710, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended

1 to read:

2 **12-43-710. Jurisdiction.** If the licensee, registrant, ~~or unlicensed~~  
3 ~~psychotherapist~~ OR CERTIFICATE HOLDER is regulated by more than one  
4 board, the investigation or case being adjudicated shall be referred to the  
5 board as determined APPROPRIATE by the director ~~of the division of~~  
6 ~~registrations~~ for final adjudication.

7 **SECTION 58. Repeal.** 12-43-711, Colorado Revised Statutes,  
8 is repealed as follows:

9 **12-43-711. Records.** ~~The grievance board shall maintain records~~  
10 ~~of all cases considered and decisions rendered by said board.~~

11 **SECTION 59.** 12-43-803, Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
12 REPEALED AND REENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, to read:

13 **12-43-803. Practice of addiction counseling defined - scope of**  
14 **practice.** (1) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 8, "ADDICTION  
15 COUNSELING" MEANS THE APPLICATION OF GENERAL COUNSELING  
16 THEORIES AND TREATMENT METHODS ADAPTED SPECIFICALLY FOR  
17 WORKING WITH ADDICTIVE AND OTHER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS.  
18 ADDICTION COUNSELORS WORK IN A BROAD VARIETY OF DISCIPLINES BUT  
19 SHARE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ADDICTIVE PROCESS. AN ADDICTION  
20 COUNSELOR IDENTIFIES A VARIETY OF HELPING STRATEGIES THAT CAN BE  
21 TAILORED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CLIENT. ADDICTION COUNSELING  
22 RELIES ON THE USE OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES THAT HAVE BEEN  
23 SHOWN TO BE EFFECTIVE IN TREATING ADDICTIVE DISORDERS.

24 (2) THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF ADDICTION COUNSELING FOCUSES  
25 ON THE FOLLOWING FOUR TRANS-DISCIPLINARY FOUNDATIONS THAT  
26 UNDERLIE THE WORK OF ALL ADDICTION COUNSELORS:

27 (a) **Understanding addiction:** INCLUDES KNOWLEDGE OF

1 MODELS AND THEORIES OF ADDICTION; RECOGNITION OF SOCIAL,  
2 POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL CONTEXTS WITHIN WHICH  
3 ADDICTION EXISTS; UNDERSTANDING THE BEHAVIORAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL,  
4 PHYSICAL HEALTH, AND SOCIAL EFFECTS OF USING ADDICTIVE SUBSTANCES  
5 OR ENGAGING IN ADDICTIVE BEHAVIORS; AND RECOGNIZING AND  
6 UNDERSTANDING CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS.

7 (b) **Treatment knowledge:** INCLUDES THE PHILOSOPHIES,  
8 PRACTICES, POLICIES, AND OUTCOMES OF THE MOST GENERALLY ACCEPTED  
9 AND SCIENTIFICALLY SUPPORTED MODELS, ALONG WITH RESEARCH AND  
10 OUTCOME DATA, OF TREATMENT, RECOVERY, RELAPSE PREVENTION, AND  
11 CONTINUING CARE FOR ADDICTIVE DISORDERS. TREATMENT KNOWLEDGE  
12 INCLUDES THE ABILITY TO WORK EFFECTIVELY WITH FAMILIES,  
13 SIGNIFICANT OTHERS, SOCIAL NETWORKS, AND COMMUNITY SYSTEMS IN  
14 THE TREATMENT PROCESS AND UNDERSTANDING THE VALUE OF A  
15 MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO ADDICTION TREATMENT.

16 (c) **Application to practice:** INCLUDES THE ABILITY TO PROPERLY  
17 DIAGNOSE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS USING APPROPRIATE  
18 ASSESSMENT AND TESTING INSTRUMENTS AND PLACEMENT CRITERIA;  
19 STABILIZATION TO REDUCE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF PROBLEMATIC  
20 BEHAVIORS; DEVELOPING HELPING STRATEGIES AND TREATMENT LEVELS  
21 OF CARE BASED ON THE CLIENT'S STAGE OF READINESS FOR CHANGE;  
22 CULTURAL COMPETENCY; AND FAMILIARITY WITH MEDICAL AND  
23 PHARMACOLOGICAL RESOURCES FOR TREATMENT.

24 (d) **Professional readiness:** INCLUDES AN UNDERSTANDING OF  
25 DIVERSE CULTURES; CULTIVATION OF A HIGH LEVEL OF SELF-AWARENESS;  
26 ABILITY TO USE CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS; ADHERENCE TO ETHICAL  
27 STANDARDS OF CONDUCT; ONGOING USE OF CLINICAL SUPERVISION AND

1 CONSULTATION; CRISIS MANAGEMENT; AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE  
2 IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTION AND RECOVERY MANAGEMENT.

3 (3) THE PRIMARY PRACTICE DIMENSIONS OF ADDICTION  
4 COUNSELING INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING COMPETENCIES:

5 (a) CLINICAL EVALUATION, INCLUDING SCREENING AND  
6 ASSESSMENT;

7 (b) CLINICAL INTAKE, DISCHARGE, DISCHARGE PLANNING, AND  
8 REFERRAL;

9 (c) TREATMENT PLANNING;

10 (d) SERVICE COORDINATION, INCLUDING CLIENT ADVOCACY,  
11 CONTINUING CARE PLANNING, AND COLLABORATION WITH OTHER  
12 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS;

13 (e) COUNSELING OF INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, FAMILIES, COUPLES,  
14 AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS;

15 (f) RECOVERY MANAGEMENT;

16 (g) CASE MANAGEMENT;

17 (h) CLIENT, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION;

18 (i) DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR A CLINICAL RECORD;

19 (j) PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL PRACTICES; AND

20 (k) CLINICAL SUPERVISION.

21 (4) **Scope of practice - licensed addiction counselors.** BASED  
22 ON EDUCATION, TRAINING, KNOWLEDGE, AND EXPERIENCE, THE SCOPE OF  
23 PRACTICE OF A LICENSED ADDICTION COUNSELOR INCLUDES BEHAVIORAL  
24 HEALTH COUNSELING AND MAY INCLUDE THE TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE  
25 USE DISORDERS, ADDICTIVE BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS, AND CO-OCCURRING  
26 DISORDERS, INCLUDING CLINICAL EVALUATION AND DIAGNOSIS,  
27 TREATMENT PLANNING, SERVICE COORDINATION, CASE MANAGEMENT,



1 CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION, PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL  
2 RESPONSIBILITIES, EDUCATION AND PSYCHOTHERAPY WITH CLIENTS,  
3 FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY, AND CLINICAL SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES.

4 **SECTION 60.** 12-43-804, Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
5 REPEALED AND REENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, to read:

6 **12-43-804. Requirements for licensure and certification -**  
7 **rules.** (1) THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE AS AN ADDICTION  
8 COUNSELOR TO AN APPLICANT WHO FILES AN APPLICATION IN THE FORM  
9 AND MANNER APPROVED BY THE BOARD, SUBMITS THE FEE REQUIRED BY  
10 THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-43-204, AND SUBMITS EVIDENCE  
11 SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD THAT HE OR SHE:

12 (a) IS AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE;

13 (b) IS NOT IN VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE OR  
14 ANY RULES PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD;

15 (c) HOLDS A MASTER'S OR DOCTORATE DEGREE IN THE  
16 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SCIENCES FROM AN ACCREDITED SCHOOL, COLLEGE,  
17 OR UNIVERSITY OR AN EQUIVALENT PROGRAM AS DETERMINED BY THE  
18 BOARD;

19 (d) HAS DEMONSTRATED PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE BY:

20 (I) PASSING A NATIONAL EXAMINATION DEMONSTRATING SPECIAL  
21 KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS COUNSELING  
22 AS DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IN THE  
23 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD; AND

24 (II) PASSING A WRITTEN, COMPUTER-BASED OR MAIL-IN  
25 JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
26 REGULATORY AGENCIES;

27 (e) HAS MET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF

1 ADDICTION COUNSELING, LEVEL III;

2 (f) HAS COMPLETED AT LEAST THREE HUNDRED CLOCK HOURS OF  
3 ADDICTION-SPECIFIC TRAINING, INCLUDING TRAINING IN EVIDENCE-BASED  
4 TREATMENT APPROACHES, CLINICAL SUPERVISION, ETHICS, AND  
5 CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS; AND

6 (g) HAS COMPLETED AT LEAST FIVE THOUSAND HOURS OF  
7 CLINICALLY SUPERVISED WORK EXPERIENCE.

8 (2) THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATION AS AN ADDICTION  
9 COUNSELOR TO AN APPLICANT WHO FILES AN APPLICATION IN THE FORM  
10 AND MANNER APPROVED BY THE BOARD, SUBMITS THE FEE REQUIRED BY  
11 THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-43-204, AND SUBMITS EVIDENCE  
12 SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD THAT HE OR SHE:

13 (a) IS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE;

14 (b) IS NOT IN VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE OR  
15 ANY RULES PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD OR BY THE STATE BOARD OF  
16 HUMAN SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;

17 (c) HAS MET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AT A  
18 PARTICULAR CERTIFICATION LEVEL AS SPECIFIED IN RULES ADOPTED  
19 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION BY THE STATE BOARD OF  
20 HUMAN SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

21 (3) THE STATE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT  
22 OF HUMAN SERVICES SHALL PROMULGATE RULES, WITH APPROVAL OF THE  
23 BOARD, FOR CERTIFICATION OF ADDICTION COUNSELORS.

24 (4) NOTHING IN THIS PART 8 PREVENTS MEMBERS OF OTHER  
25 PROFESSIONS LICENSED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE FROM RENDERING  
26 SERVICES WITHIN THEIR SCOPE OF PRACTICE AS SET FORTH IN THE  
27 STATUTES REGULATING THEIR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES SO LONG AS THEY

1 DO NOT REPRESENT THEMSELVES TO BE CERTIFIED OR LICENSED  
2 ADDICTION COUNSELORS.

3 **SECTION 61.** Part 8 of article 43 of title 12, Colorado Revised  
4 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to  
5 read:

6 **12-43-804.5. Rights and privileges of certification and**  
7 **licensure.** (1) ANY PERSON WHO POSSESSES A VALID, UNSUSPENDED, AND  
8 UNREVOKED CERTIFICATE AS A LEVEL I, II, OR III CERTIFIED ADDICTION  
9 COUNSELOR HAS THE RIGHT TO PRACTICE ADDICTION COUNSELING UNDER  
10 SUPERVISION OR CONSULTATION AS REQUIRED BY THE RULES OF THE STATE  
11 BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; A  
12 LEVEL III CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR HAS THE RIGHT TO SUPERVISE  
13 ADDICTION COUNSELING PRACTICE; AND ALL LEVELS OF CERTIFICATION  
14 HAVE THE RIGHT TO USE THE TITLE "CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR"  
15 AND THE ABBREVIATIONS "CAC I", "CAC II", OR "CAC III", AS  
16 APPLICABLE. NO OTHER PERSON SHALL ASSUME THESE TITLES OR USE  
17 THESE ABBREVIATIONS ON ANY WORK OR MEDIA TO INDICATE THAT THE  
18 PERSON USING THE TITLE OR ABBREVIATION IS A CERTIFIED ADDICTION  
19 COUNSELOR.

20 (2) ANY PERSON WHO POSSESSES A VALID, UNSUSPENDED, AND  
21 UNREVOKED LICENSE AS AN ADDICTION COUNSELOR HAS THE RIGHT TO  
22 PRACTICE ADDICTION COUNSELING AND TO USE THE TITLE "LICENSED  
23 ADDICTION COUNSELOR" OR THE ABBREVIATION "LAC". NO OTHER  
24 PERSON SHALL ASSUME THESE TITLES OR USE THESE ABBREVIATIONS ON  
25 ANY WORK OR MEDIA TO INDICATE THAT THE PERSON USING THE TITLE OR  
26 ABBREVIATION IS A LICENSED ADDICTION COUNSELOR.

27 **SECTION 62.** 12-43-805 (1), (2) (a), and (3), Colorado Revised

1 Statutes, are amended to read:

2 **12-43-805. Continuing professional competency - rules -**

3 **repeal.** (1) (a) In accordance with sections 12-43-803 and 12-43-804,  
4 the ~~director~~ BOARD issues a license or certificate to practice addiction  
5 counseling based on whether the applicant satisfies minimum educational  
6 and experience requirements that demonstrate professional competency  
7 to practice addiction counseling. After a license or a certificate as a  
8 LEVEL I, level II, or level III addiction counselor is issued to an applicant,  
9 the licensed or LEVEL I, level II, or level III certified addiction counselor  
10 shall maintain continuing professional competency to practice addiction  
11 counseling.

12 (b) The ~~director~~ BOARD, in consultation with the ~~alcohol and drug~~  
13 ~~abuse~~ division OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH in the department of human  
14 services and other stakeholders, shall adopt rules establishing a  
15 continuing professional competency program that includes, at a minimum,  
16 the following elements:

17 (I) A self-assessment of the knowledge and skills of a licensed or  
18 LEVEL I, level II, or level III certified addiction counselor seeking to  
19 renew or reinstate a license;

20 (II) Development, execution, and documentation of a learning  
21 plan based on the assessment; and

22 (III) Periodic demonstration of knowledge and skills through  
23 documentation of activities necessary to ensure at least minimal ability to  
24 safely practice the profession. Nothing in this subparagraph (III) shall  
25 require a licensed or LEVEL I, level II, or level III certified addiction  
26 counselor to retake any examination required pursuant to section  
27 12-43-804 in connection with initial licensure or certification.

1           (c) ~~The director shall establish that~~ A licensed or LEVEL I, level II,  
2 or level III certified addiction counselor ~~is deemed to satisfy~~ SATISFIES the  
3 continuing competency requirements of this section if the licensed or  
4 LEVEL I, level II, or level III certified addiction counselor meets the  
5 continued professional competence requirements of one of the following  
6 entities:

7           (I) A state department, including continued professional  
8 competence requirements imposed through a contractual arrangement  
9 with a provider;

10           (II) An accrediting body recognized by the ~~director~~ BOARD; or

11           (III) An entity approved by the ~~director~~ BOARD.

12           (d) (I) After the program is established, a licensed or LEVEL I,  
13 level II, or level III certified addiction counselor shall satisfy the  
14 requirements of the program in order to renew or reinstate a license or  
15 certificate to practice addiction counseling in Colorado.

16           (II) The requirements of this section apply to individual addiction  
17 counselors who are licensed or LEVEL I, level II, or level III certified  
18 pursuant to this part 8, and nothing in this section shall be construed to  
19 require a person who employs or contracts with a licensed or LEVEL I,  
20 level II, or level III certified addiction counselor to comply with the  
21 requirements of this section.

22           (2) (a) Records of assessments or other documentation developed  
23 or submitted in connection with the continuing professional competency  
24 program are confidential and not subject to inspection by the public or  
25 discovery in connection with a civil action against a licensed or certified  
26 addiction counselor. The records or documents shall be used only by the  
27 board for purposes of determining whether a licensed or LEVEL I, level II,

1 or level III certified addiction counselor is maintaining continuing  
2 professional competency to engage in the profession.

3 (3) As used in this section, "continuing professional competency"  
4 means the ongoing ability of a licensed or LEVEL I, level II, or level III  
5 certified addiction counselor to learn, integrate, and apply the knowledge,  
6 skill, and judgment to practice as an addiction counselor according to  
7 generally accepted industry standards and professional ethical standards  
8 in a designated role and setting.

9 **SECTION 63.** The introductory portion to 10-16-104 (5) and  
10 10-16-104 (5) (b) (III), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

11 **10-16-104. Mandatory coverage provisions - definitions.**

12 (5) **Mental illness.** Every small group policy providing hospitalization  
13 or medical benefits by an entity subject to the provisions of part 2 or 3 of  
14 this article ~~shall~~ MUST provide benefits for conditions arising from mental  
15 illness at least equal to the following:

16 (b) (III) For purposes of this subsection (5), "licensed clinical  
17 social worker" means a person who is licensed as a clinical social worker  
18 under part 4 of article 43 of title 12, C.R.S., and who has at least five  
19 years of experience in psychotherapy, as defined in section ~~12-43-701 (3)~~  
20 12-43-201, C.R.S., under appropriate supervision, beyond a master's  
21 degree; "licensed professional counselor" means a person who is licensed  
22 as a professional counselor under part 6 of article 43 of title 12, C.R.S.,  
23 and who has at least five years of experience in psychotherapy, as defined  
24 in section ~~12-43-701 (3)~~ 12-43-201, C.R.S., under appropriate  
25 supervision, beyond a master's degree; and "licensed marriage and family  
26 therapist" means a person who is licensed as a marriage and family  
27 therapist under part 5 of article 43 of title 12, C.R.S., and who has at least

1 five years of experience in psychotherapy, as defined in section  
2 ~~12-43-701 (3)~~ 12-43-201, C.R.S., under appropriate supervision, beyond  
3 a master's degree.

4 **SECTION 64.** The introductory portion to 13-4-102 (2) and  
5 13-4-102 (2) (s), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

6 **13-4-102. Jurisdiction.** (2) The court of appeals ~~shall have~~ HAS  
7 initial jurisdiction to:

8 (s) Review final actions and orders of the boards, as defined in  
9 section 12-43-201 (1), C.R.S., that are appropriate for judicial review and  
10 final actions; ~~and orders of the director of the division of registrations~~  
11 ~~pertaining to addiction counselors pursuant to part 8 of article 43 of title~~  
12 ~~12, C.R.S., that are appropriate for judicial review;~~

13 **SECTION 65.** 13-21-115.5 (3) (c) (II) (P) and (3) (c) (II) (S),  
14 Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

15 **13-21-115.5. Volunteer service act - immunity - exception for**  
16 **operation of motor vehicles.** (3) As used in this section, unless the  
17 context otherwise requires:

18 (c) (II) "Volunteer" includes:

19 (P) A licensed professional counselor governed by ~~the provisions~~  
20 ~~of article 43 of title 12, C.R.S., performing~~ PRACTICING professional  
21 counseling as defined in section ~~12-43-601 (5)~~, 12-43-602.5, C.R.S., as  
22 a volunteer for a nonprofit organization, a nonprofit corporation, a  
23 governmental entity, or a hospital;

24 (S) A licensed or certified addiction counselor governed by ~~the~~  
25 ~~provisions of~~ article 43 of title 12, C.R.S., performing addiction  
26 counseling, as defined in section ~~12-43-802~~ 12-43-803, C.R.S., as a  
27 volunteer for a nonprofit organization, a nonprofit corporation, a

1 governmental entity, or a hospital.

2 **SECTION 66.** 13-90-107 (1) (g), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **13-90-107. Who may not testify without consent.** (1) There are  
5 particular relations in which it is the policy of the law to encourage  
6 confidence and to preserve it inviolate; therefore, a person shall not be  
7 examined as a witness in the following cases:

8 (g) A licensed psychologist, professional counselor, marriage and  
9 family therapist, social worker, ~~unlicensed~~ OR ADDICTION COUNSELOR, A  
10 REGISTERED psychotherapist, or ~~licensed~~ A CERTIFIED addiction counselor  
11 shall not be examined without the consent of ~~such~~ THE licensee's,  
12 CERTIFICATE HOLDER'S, or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist's~~ REGISTRANT'S  
13 client as to any communication made by the client to ~~such~~ THE licensee,  
14 or ~~unlicensed psychotherapist~~ CERTIFICATE HOLDER, OR REGISTRANT or  
15 ~~such~~ THE licensee's, CERTIFICATE HOLDER'S, or ~~unlicensed~~  
16 ~~psychotherapist's~~ REGISTRANT'S advice given ~~thereon~~ in the course of  
17 professional employment; nor shall any secretary, stenographer, or clerk  
18 employed by a licensed psychologist, professional counselor, marriage  
19 and family therapist, social worker, ~~unlicensed~~ OR ADDICTION  
20 COUNSELOR, A REGISTERED psychotherapist, or ~~licensed~~ A CERTIFIED  
21 addiction counselor be examined without the consent of the employer of  
22 ~~such~~ THE secretary, stenographer, or clerk concerning any fact, the  
23 knowledge of which ~~such~~ THE employee has acquired in such capacity;  
24 nor shall any person who has participated in any psychotherapy,  
25 conducted under the supervision of a person authorized by law to conduct  
26 such therapy, including ~~but not limited to~~ group therapy sessions, be  
27 examined concerning any knowledge gained during the course of such



1 therapy without the consent of the person to whom the testimony sought  
2 relates.

3 **SECTION 67.** The introductory portion to 18-3-405.5 (4) and  
4 18-3-405.5 (4) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

5 **18-3-405.5. Sexual assault on a client by a psychotherapist.**

6 (4) As used in this section, unless the context ~~requires otherwise~~  
7 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

8 (b) "Psychotherapist" means any person who performs or purports  
9 to perform psychotherapy, whether ~~or not such~~ THE person is licensed OR  
10 REGISTERED by the state pursuant to title 12, C.R.S., or certified by the  
11 state pursuant to part 5 of article 1 of title 25, C.R.S.

12 **SECTION 68.** The introductory portion to 19-1-307 (2) (e.5) (I)  
13 and 19-1-307 (2) (e.5) (I) (G), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended  
14 to read:

15 **19-1-307. Dependency and neglect records and information -**  
16 **access - fee - rules - records and reports fund - misuse of information**  
17 **- penalty. (2) Records and reports - access to certain persons -**  
18 **agencies.** Except as otherwise provided in section 19-1-303, only the  
19 following persons or agencies shall be given access to child abuse or  
20 neglect records and reports:

21 (e.5) (I) A mandatory reporter specified in this subparagraph (I)  
22 who is and continues to be officially and professionally involved in the  
23 ongoing care of the child who was the subject of the report, but only with  
24 regard to information that the mandatory reporter has a need to know in  
25 order to fulfill his or her professional and official role in maintaining the  
26 child's safety. A county department may request written affirmation from  
27 a mandatory reporter stating that the reporter continues to be officially

1 and professionally involved in the ongoing care of the child who was the  
2 subject of the report and describing the nature of the involvement. This  
3 subparagraph (I) ~~shall apply~~ APPLIES to:

4 (G) ~~Unlicensed~~ REGISTERED psychotherapists;

5 **SECTION 69.** The introductory portion to 19-3-304 (2) and  
6 19-3-304 (2) (z), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

7 **19-3-304. Persons required to report child abuse or neglect.**

8 (2) Persons required to report such abuse or neglect or circumstances or  
9 conditions ~~shall include~~ INCLUDES any:

10 (z) ~~Unlicensed~~ REGISTERED psychotherapists;

11 **SECTION 70.** 24-34-110 (3) (a) (XVII), (3) (a) (XVIII), and (3)  
12 (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended, and the said 24-34-110 (3)  
13 (a) is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW  
14 SUBPARAGRAPH, to read:

15 **24-34-110. Medical transparency act of 2010 - disclosure of**  
16 **information about health care licensees - fines - rules - short title -**  
17 **legislative declaration.** (3) (a) As used in this section, "applicant"  
18 means a person applying for a new, active license, certification, or  
19 registration or to renew, reinstate, or reactivate an active license,  
20 certification, or registration to practice:

21 (XVII) Professional counseling pursuant to part 6 of article 43 of  
22 title 12, C.R.S.; and

23 (XVIII) ~~Addiction counseling pursuant to part 8 of article 43 of~~  
24 ~~title 12, C.R.S.~~ PSYCHOTHERAPY PURSUANT TO PART 7 OF ARTICLE 43 OF  
25 TITLE 12, C.R.S.; AND

26 (XIX) ADDICTION COUNSELING PURSUANT TO PART 8 OF ARTICLE  
27 43 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S.

1 (b) ~~"Applicant" includes an unlicensed therapist engaged in the~~  
2 ~~practice of psychotherapy who is obligated to comply with recording~~  
3 ~~requirements pursuant to section 12-43-702.5, C.R.S.~~

4 **SECTION 71.** 27-65-105 (1) (a) (II) (D), Colorado Revised  
5 Statutes, is amended to read:

6 **27-65-105. Emergency procedure.** (1) Emergency procedure  
7 may be invoked under either one of the following two conditions:

8 (a) (II) The following persons may effect a seventy-two-hour hold  
9 as provided in subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (a):

10 (D) A licensed marriage and family therapist, ~~or~~ licensed  
11 professional counselor, OR ADDICTION COUNSELOR licensed under ~~the~~  
12 ~~provisions of part 5, or 6, OR 8 of article 43 of title 12, C.R.S., or an~~  
13 ~~addiction counselor licensed pursuant to section 12-43-804 (3), C.R.S.,~~  
14 who by reason of postgraduate education and additional preparation has  
15 gained knowledge, judgment, and skill in psychiatric or clinical mental  
16 health therapy, forensic psychotherapy, or the evaluation of mental  
17 disorders; or

18 **SECTION 72.** The introductory portion to 30-10-606 (6) (a) and  
19 30-10-606 (6) (a) (II), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

20 **30-10-606. Coroner - inquiry - grounds - postmortem - jury -**  
21 **certificate of death.** (6) (a) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ sections  
22 12-43-218 and 13-90-107 (1) (d) or (1) (g), C.R.S., the coroner holding  
23 an inquest or investigation pursuant to this section has the authority to  
24 request and receive a copy of:

25 (II) Any information, record, or report related to treatment,  
26 consultation, counseling, or therapy services from any licensed  
27 psychologist, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, social

1 worker, OR addiction counselor, CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR, or  
2 ~~unlicensed~~ REGISTERED psychotherapist if ~~such~~ THE report, record, or  
3 information is relevant to the inquest or investigation.

4 **SECTION 73. Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1,  
5 2011.

6 **SECTION 74. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
7 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
8 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.