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LLS NO. 19-0383.01 Jennifer Berman x3286

**HOUSE BILL 19-1019**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101    **CONCERNING CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY**  
102    **REQUIREMENTS FOR PSYCHOTHERAPISTS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(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://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill establishes continuing professional competency requirements for psychotherapists registered in Colorado by the state board of registered psychotherapists (board). The requirements mirror the continuing professional competency requirements established for social workers, marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, and addiction counselors.

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

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
February 14, 2019

On or before March 1, 2020, the board is required to adopt rules establishing a continuing professional competency program that includes the following elements:

- ! A self-assessment of the knowledge and skills of a registered psychotherapist;
- ! The development, execution, and documentation of a learning plan; and
- ! Periodic demonstration of knowledge and skills through documentation of activities.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-43-713 as  
3 follows:

4 **12-43-713. Professional competency - rules.** (1) ON OR BEFORE  
5 MARCH 1, 2020, THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES ESTABLISHING THE  
6 FOLLOWING FOR REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPISTS:

7 (a) A MINIMUM STANDARD OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY TO  
8 ENTER THE PROFESSION, INCLUDING A REQUIREMENT OF HAVING OBTAINED  
9 A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR A PASSING SCORE ON THE GENERAL  
10 EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXAMINATION; AND

11 (b) A CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY PROGRAM.

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13 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-43-212, **amend**  
14 (2) as follows:

15 **12-43-212. Denial of license, registration, or certification -**  
16 **reinstatement.** (2) If a board determines that an applicant does not  
17 possess the applicable qualifications required by this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 43  
18 or, for a licensed clinical social worker, licensed social worker, licensed  
19 marriage and family therapist, licensed professional counselor,  
20 REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPIST, OR licensed addiction counselor or level

1 II or III certified addiction counselor, is unable to demonstrate his or her  
2 continued professional competence as required by section 12-43-411,  
3 12-43-506, 12-43-605, **12-43-713**, or 12-43-805, respectively, the board  
4 may deny the applicant a license, registration, or certification or deny the  
5 reinstatement of a license, registration, or certification. If the application  
6 is denied, the board shall provide the applicant with a statement in writing  
7 setting forth the basis of the board's determination that the applicant does  
8 not possess the qualifications or professional competence required by this  
9 ~~article~~ ARTICLE 43. The applicant may request a hearing on the  
10 determination as provided in section 24-4-104 (9). ~~C.R.S.~~

11 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add to article 245**  
12 **as relocated by House Bill 19-1172** 12-245-706 as follows:

13 **12-245-706. Professional competency - rules.** (1) ~~ON OR BEFORE~~  
14 ~~MARCH 1, 2020,~~ THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES ESTABLISHING THE  
15 FOLLOWING FOR REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPISTS:

16 (a) A MINIMUM STANDARD OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY TO  
17 ENTER THE PROFESSION, INCLUDING A REQUIREMENT OF HAVING OBTAINED  
18 A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR A PASSING SCORE ON THE GENERAL  
19 EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXAMINATION; AND

20 (b) A CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY PROGRAM.

21 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-245-214, **amend**  
22 **as relocated by House Bill 19-1172** (2) as follows:

23 **12-245-214. Denial of license, registration, or certification -**  
24 **reinstatement.** (2) If a board determines that an applicant does not  
25 possess the applicable qualifications required by this article 245 or, for a  
26 licensed clinical social worker, licensed social worker, licensed marriage  
27 and family therapist, licensed professional counselor, REGISTERED

1 PSYCHOTHERAPIST, licensed addiction counselor, or level II or III certified  
2 addiction counselor, is unable to demonstrate his or her continued  
3 professional competence as required by section 12-245-410, 12-245-506,  
4 12-245-606, **12-245-706**, or 12-245-806, respectively, the board may  
5 deny the applicant a license, registration, or certification or deny the  
6 reinstatement of a license, registration, or certification. If the application  
7 is denied, the board shall provide the applicant with a statement in writing  
8 setting forth the basis of the board's determination that the applicant does  
9 not possess the qualifications or professional competence required by this  
10 article 245. The applicant may request a hearing on the determination as  
11 provided in section 24-4-104 (9).

12 **SECTION 5. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage;  
13 except that sections 3 and 4 of this act take effect only if House Bill  
14 19-1172 becomes law, in which case sections 3 and 4 take effect on  
15 October 1, 2019.

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