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Seventy-second General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PREAMENDED**

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LLS NO. 19-0383.01 Jennifer Berman x3286

**HOUSE BILL 19-1019**

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**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

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**House Committees**  
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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.

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. Continuing professional competency - rules.** ON OR  
5 BEFORE MARCH 1, 2020, THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES ESTABLISHING  
6 A CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY PROGRAM FOR REGISTERED  
7 PSYCHOTHERAPISTS. [REDACTED]

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

10 **12-43-212. Denial of license, registration, or certification -**  
11 **reinstatement.** (2) If a board determines that an applicant does not  
12 possess the applicable qualifications required by this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 43  
13 or, for a licensed clinical social worker, licensed social worker, licensed  
14 marriage and family therapist, licensed professional counselor,  
15 REGISTERED PSYCHOTHERAPIST, OR licensed addiction counselor or level  
16 II or III certified addiction counselor, is unable to demonstrate his or her  
17 continued professional competence as required by section 12-43-411,  
18 12-43-506, 12-43-605, **12-43-713**, or 12-43-805, respectively, the board  
19 may deny the applicant a license, registration, or certification or deny the  
20 reinstatement of a license, registration, or certification. If the application

1 is denied, the board shall provide the applicant with a statement in writing  
2 setting forth the basis of the board's determination that the applicant does  
3 not possess the qualifications or professional competence required by this  
4 ~~article~~ ARTICLE 43. The applicant may request a hearing on the  
5 determination as provided in section 24-4-104 (9). ~~C.R.S.~~

6 **SECTION 3. 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.