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HOUSE BILL 19-1019

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Williams A.,

House Committees
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Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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.

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. [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]

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.