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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1148**

Final Reading

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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to marriage and family therapists; to amend  
2 section 38-2133, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to  
3 change provisions relating to qualified supervisors and  
4 supervision requirements for certification; and to repeal  
5 the original section.

6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1                   Section 1. Section 38-2133, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3                   38-2133 (1) A person who applies to the department for  
4 certification as a marriage and family therapist shall be qualified  
5 for such certification if he or she:

6                   (a) Provides evidence to the department that he or she  
7 has a master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy from  
8 a program approved by the board or a graduate degree in a field  
9 determined by the board to be related to marriage and family therapy  
10 and graduate-level course work determined by the board to be  
11 equivalent to a master's degree in marriage and family therapy;

12                   (b) Provides evidence to the department that he or she  
13 has had at least three thousand hours of experience in marriage and  
14 family therapy under a qualified supervisor following receipt of the  
15 graduate degree. The three thousand hours shall include at least one  
16 thousand five hundred hours of direct-client contact during the five  
17 years preceding application for certification. During the course of  
18 completing the client-contact hours, there shall be at least one  
19 hundred hours of supervisor-supervisee contact hours with a qualified  
20 supervisor and supervision shall be provided at least one hour per  
21 week or two hours every two weeks; and

22                   (c) Completes an application and passes an examination  
23 approved by the board.

24                   (2) For purposes of this section:

25                   (a) Actively engaged in the practice of marriage and

1 family therapy may include (i) services and activities provided under  
2 the direct supervision of a person with at least a master's degree in  
3 marriage and family therapy from a program approved by the board or  
4 (ii) services and activities that are classified by title or by  
5 description of duties and responsibilities as marriage and family  
6 therapy practice;

7 (b) Qualified supervisor means (i) a licensed mental  
8 health practitioner, a psychologist licensed to engage in the  
9 practice of psychology, or a licensed physician who holds a  
10 designation of approved supervisor from an association which  
11 establishes standards for marriage and family therapy in conformity  
12 with accepted industry standards; such ~~who meets supervisory~~  
13 standards established by ~~shall be specified in rules and regulations~~  
14 ~~of approved by the board and adopted and promulgated by the~~  
15 department or (ii) a marriage and family therapist who has practiced  
16 for five years and has completed a five-hour supervision course that  
17 may be provided by an association which establishes standards for  
18 marriage and family therapy in conformity with accepted industry  
19 standards; such standards shall be specified in rules and regulations  
20 approved by the board and adopted and promulgated by the department;  
21 and

22 (c) Supervision means face-to-face contact between an  
23 applicant and a qualified supervisor during which the applicant  
24 apprises the supervisor of the diagnosis and treatment of each  
25 client, the clients' cases are discussed, the supervisor provides the

1 applicant with oversight and guidance in treating and dealing with  
2 clients, and the supervisor evaluates the applicant's performance. In  
3 order for a supervised period of time to be credited toward the time  
4 of supervision required by subsection (1) of this section, it shall  
5 consist of the following:

6 ~~(i) A minimum of a ratio of two hours of supervision per~~  
7 ~~fifteen hours of the applicant's contact with clients;~~

8 ~~(ii)~~(i) Focus on raw data from the applicant's clinical  
9 work which is made directly available to the supervisor through such  
10 means as written clinical materials, direct observation, and video  
11 and audio recordings;

12 ~~(iii)~~(ii) A process which is distinguishable from  
13 personal psychotherapy or didactic instruction; and

14 ~~(iv)~~(iii) A proportion of individual and group  
15 supervision as determined by the rules and regulations of the board.

16 Sec. 2. Original section 38-2133, Reissue Revised  
17 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.