103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

SB0136

Introduced 1/24/2023, by Sen. Neil Anderson

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 107/46 new

Amends the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act. Provides for the designation of counselors in training by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and sets forth qualifications for counselors in training. Provides that all billing for services provided by the counselor in training shall be under the license of the supervising licensed clinical professional counselor. Provides that the counselor in training designation shall expire one year after the date the person was designated as a counselor in training. Provides that the Department shall develop the requirements for supervision of counselors in training.

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A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Professional Counselor and Clinical 5 Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act is amended 6 by adding Section 46 as follows:

7 (225 ILCS 107/46 new)

8 Sec. 46. Counselor in training.

9 <u>(a) The Department shall designate a person as a counselor</u> 10 <u>in training and authorize the practice of professional</u> 11 <u>counseling under the supervision of a licensed clinical</u> 12 professional counselor to an applicant who:

13 (1) has applied in writing on the prescribed form and
14 <u>has paid the required fee;</u>

15 (2) is at least 21 years of age and has not engaged in 16 conduct or activities that would constitute grounds for 17 discipline under this Act;

18 <u>(3) holds a master's degree in mental health</u> 19 <u>counseling from a program accredited by the Council for</u> 20 <u>Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational</u> 21 <u>Programs;</u>

22 (4) has submitted all transcripts and test scores
23 required by the National Board for Certified Counselors;

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1	(5) has identified an approved supervising licensed
2	clinical professional counselor who has signed the
3	application; and
4	(6) has paid the fees required by this Act.
5	(b) The counselor in training designation shall expire one
6	year after the date the person was designated as a counselor in
7	training.
8	(c) All billing for services provided by the counselor in
9	training shall be under the license of the supervising
10	licensed clinical professional counselor.
11	(d) The Department shall develop, by rule, the
12	requirements for the supervision of counselors in training
13	under this Section.