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**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010**

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DISCUSSION DRAFT

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; EXTENDING THE TRANSITION PERIOD FOR A CERTIFIED ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELOR TO BECOME A LICENSED ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELOR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 61-9A-14.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2007, Chapter 166, Section 4) is amended to read:

"61-9A-14.3. ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELOR-- REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANDFATHERED LICENSURE.--

A. Effective [~~July 1, 2007~~] through July 1, [~~2010~~ 2012], the board shall license as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor a person who holds a [~~current~~] certified alcohol and drug abuse counselor certification issued between July 1, 1996 and July 1, 2010 and files a completed application accompanied by the required fees and submits satisfactory evidence that the

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1 applicant:

2 (1) is of good moral character with conduct  
3 consistent with the code of ethics;

4 (2) has reached the age of twenty-one;

5 (3) has submitted evidence of having  
6 participated in a total of six thousand client contact hours  
7 and three hundred supervised face-to-face hours; and

8 (4) has completed two hundred seventy-six  
9 clock hours of education or training that includes ninety hours  
10 in each area of the fields of alcohol and drug abuse counseling  
11 and six hours of training in professional ethics acquired  
12 within two years of receipt of the application.

13 B. An applicant who meets the requirements of  
14 Subsection A of this section will not be required to complete  
15 an examination."

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