CHAPTER 140

PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

HOUSE BILL 06-1318

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Cloer, Berens, Coleman, Frangas, Kerr, McGihon, Todd, Benefield, and Green; also SENATOR(S) Mitchell.

AN ACT

CONCERNING CLINICAL PRACTICE HOURS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST LICENSE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. The introductory portion to 12-43-504 (1) and 12-43-504 (1) (d), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

12-43-504. Qualifications - examination - licensure and registration. (1) The board shall issue a license as a marriage and family therapist to each applicant who files an application upon a form and in such manner as the board prescribes, accompanied by a fee as is required by section 12-43-204, (1), and who furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that he or she:

(d) Subsequent to receiving his or her master's or doctoral degree, has had at least two years of post-master's or one year postdoctoral practice in individual and marriage and family therapy, including at least one thousand FIVE HUNDRED hours of face-to-face DIRECT CLIENT contact with couples and families AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD for the purpose of assessment and intervention under board-approved supervision; and

SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability. This act shall take effect January 1, 2007, and shall apply to licenses issued on or after said date.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: April 18, 2006

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.