



HOUSE BILL No. 6143

September 25, 1996, Introduced by Reps. Law, Hammerstrom, McManus, Porreca, Rocca, Griffin, Crissman and Palamara and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Affairs.

A bill to amend section 16909 of Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, entitled as amended
"Public health code,"
as added by Act No. 126 of the Public Acts of 1995, being section 333.16909 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 16909 of Act No. 368 of the Public Acts
2 of 1978, as added by Act No. 126 of the Public Acts of 1995,
3 being section 333.16909 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 16909. (1) The board shall grant a license as a mar-
6 riage and family therapist to an individual who meets all of the
7 following requirements:

8 (a) Provides satisfactory evidence to the board of meeting
9 either of the following educational qualifications:

1 (i) Has a master's or higher graduate degree from an
2 accredited training program in marriage and family therapy
3 approved by the board.

4 (ii) Has a master's or higher graduate degree from an
5 accredited college or university approved by the board and has
6 completed all of the following graduate-level courses at an
7 accredited college or university approved by the board:

8 (A) Three courses in family studies that total at least 6
9 semester or 9 quarter hours.

10 (B) Three courses in family therapy methodology that total
11 at least 6 semester or 9 quarter hours.

12 (C) Three courses in human development, personality theory,
13 or psychopathology that total at least 6 semester or 9 quarter
14 hours.

15 (D) At least 2 semester or 3 quarter hours in ethics, law,
16 and standards of professional practice.

17 (E) At least 2 semester or 3 quarter hours in research.

18 (b) ~~Provides~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION
19 (2), PROVIDES satisfactory evidence to the board of having com-
20 pleted supervised clinical marriage and family therapy experience
21 in conjunction with the applicant's educational program. The
22 clinical marriage and family therapy experience described in this
23 subdivision shall meet all of the following requirements:

24 (i) Be obtained either in a clinical practicum during gradu-
25 ate education or in a postgraduate marriage and family institute
26 training program acceptable to the board.

(ii) Be obtained over not less than 8 consecutive months.

(iii) Be verified by ~~the supervising licensed marriage and family therapist~~ A SUPERVISOR WHO HAS A MASTER'S OR HIGHER GRADUATE DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY APPROVED BY THE BOARD AND MEETS 1 OF THE FOLLOWING:

(A) IS A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST.

(B) IS A CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER OR A SOCIAL WORKER REGISTERED UNDER ARTICLE 16 OF THE OCCUPATIONAL CODE, ACT NO. 299 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1980, BEING SECTIONS 339.1601 TO 339.1610 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS.

(C) IS A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18101.

(D) IS A PHYSICIAN AS DEFINED IN SECTION 17001 OR 17501 AND PRACTICING IN A MENTAL HEALTH SETTING.

(E) IS A FULLY LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18201.

(F) IS AN APPROVED SUPERVISOR OR SUPERVISOR-IN-TRAINING THROUGH A PROGRAM CONDUCTED BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

(iv) Include not less than 300 direct client contact hours in supervised clinical marriage and family therapy experience, at least 1/2 of which were completed in a setting in which families, couples, or subsystems of families were physically present in the therapy room.

(v) Be supervised in a ratio of at least 1 hour of supervision for each 5 hours of direct client contact, for a total of

1 not less than 60 hours of supervision concurrent with the 300
2 hours of supervised direct client contact.

3 (c) ~~Provides~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION
4 (2), PROVIDES satisfactory evidence to the board of having com-
5 pleted ~~, over a period of not more than 5 years,~~ a minimum of
6 ~~2,000~~ 1,000 direct client contact hours in supervised marriage
7 and family therapy experience, at least 1/2 of which was com-
8 pleted with families, couples, or subsystems of families physi-
9 cally present in the therapy room, that meets all of the follow-
10 ing conditions:

11 (i) Is verified by the supervising licensed marriage and
12 family therapist.

13 (ii) Is obtained following the completion of the degree
14 required by subdivision (a)(i) or the completion of the degree
15 and course work required by subdivision (a)(ii), or is obtained
16 as part of a doctoral program in marriage and family therapy from
17 an accredited college or university approved by the board, which
18 experience may include experience obtained under
19 subdivision (b)(i).

20 (iii) Is supervised in a ratio of at least 1 hour of super-
21 vision for each ~~10~~ 5 hours of experience, for a total of not
22 less than 200 hours of supervision concurrent with the ~~2,000~~
23 1,000 hours of supervised experience. Not less than 100 hours of
24 supervision under this subparagraph shall be individual supervi-
25 sion with no more than 1 other supervisee present. The remaining
26 supervision under this subparagraph may be group supervision
27 involving no more than 6 supervisees with 1 supervisor. The

1 supervision shall be given in face-to-face contact with the
2 individual obtaining marriage and family therapy experience.

3 (2) THE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION
4 (1)(B) AND (C) FOR AN APPLICANT WHO PROVIDES SATISFACTORY EVI-
5 DENCE TO THE BOARD OF HAVING OBTAINED A DOCTORAL DEGREE FROM AN
6 ACCREDITED DOCTORAL TRAINING PROGRAM IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THER-
7 APY APPROVED BY THE BOARD.