

# HOUSE BILL No. 5944

November 12, 2014, Introduced by Reps. McMillin and Haveman and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 18107 and 18111 (MCL 333.18107 and 333.18111), section 18107 as amended by 1989 PA 262 and section 18111 as added by 1988 PA 421, and by adding section 18108.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 18107. (1) The board may grant a professional counselor  
2 license to an individual who is or does all of the following:

3           (a) Is not less than 21 years of age.

4           (b) Has received a ~~masters~~**MASTER'S** or doctoral degree in  
5 counseling or student personnel work in a program approved by the  
6 board. ~~The~~**SUBJECT TO SECTION 18108, THE** board shall promulgate  
7 rules to establish standards to approve only those programs that  
8 include graduate studies in the following areas: research, group

1 techniques, counseling theories, ethics, counseling techniques,  
2 counseling philosophy, testing procedures, career development,  
3 consulting, practicum, and internship.

4 (c) ~~Has~~ **FOR A LICENSE GRANTED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1994, HAS**  
5 at least 2 years of counseling experience under the supervision of  
6 a licensed professional counselor. The board may decrease the  
7 required length of counseling experience under the supervision of a  
8 licensed professional counselor to 1 year if an applicant has  
9 completed 30 hours of graduate study in counseling beyond the  
10 master's degree. An applicant shall not be licensed before  
11 completing 1 year of counseling experience under the supervision of  
12 a licensed professional counselor. ~~This subdivision shall take~~  
13 ~~effect on October 1, 1994.~~

14 (2) ~~By~~ **BEFORE** October 1, 1993, an individual who meets the  
15 requirement of subsection (1)(a), has 2 years of experience, and  
16 holds a master's or doctoral degree in counseling or student  
17 personnel work that does not meet the requirements of subsection  
18 (1)(b), may be granted a license by the board.

19 **SEC. 18108. FOR PURPOSES OF SECTIONS 18107 AND 18111, THE**  
20 **BOARD SHALL NOT DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

21 (A) **APPROVE AN EDUCATION PROGRAM UNDER THIS PART UNLESS THE**  
22 **PROGRAM HAS A WRITTEN POLICY IN EFFECT THAT PROHIBITS A STUDENT**  
23 **FROM BEING EXCLUDED, EXPELLED, OR OTHERWISE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST**  
24 **BECAUSE HE OR SHE REFUSES TO PROVIDE COUNSELING THAT MAY RESULT IN**  
25 **GOALS, OUTCOMES, OR BEHAVIORS THAT VIOLATE THE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OF**  
26 **THE STUDENT.**

27 (B) **AS A CONDITION TO APPROVING AN EDUCATION PROGRAM UNDER**

1 THIS PART, REQUIRE THAT THE PROGRAM BE ACCREDITED BY AN AGENCY OR  
2 ASSOCIATION THAT WILL NOT ACCREDIT AN EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT HAS A  
3 STUDENT RELIGIOUS CONSCIENCE PROTECTION POLICY.

4 Sec. 18111. (1) The board may grant a limited license to an  
5 individual who meets both of the following criteria:

6 (a) Is not less than 21 years of age.

7 (b) Has received, from an accredited college or university  
8 approved by the department, a ~~masters~~**MASTER'S** or doctoral degree  
9 in counseling or student personnel work in a program approved by  
10 the board. ~~The~~**SUBJECT TO SECTION 18108, THE** board shall approve  
11 only those programs that include graduate studies in the following  
12 areas: research, group techniques, counseling theories, ethics,  
13 counseling techniques, counseling philosophy, testing procedures,  
14 career development, consulting, practicum, and internship.

15 (2) A limited license issued under this section shall require  
16 that the individual confine his or her practice to a program of  
17 counseling experience under the supervision of a licensed  
18 professional counselor.