

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Health and Human Services** recommends **HB 2340** be amended on page 1, by striking all in lines 21 through 36;

On page 2, by striking all in lines 1 through 13; following line 13, by inserting:

"New Section 1. (a) Within 15 business days after receipt of an application for any license, registration, permit or certificate issued by the behavioral sciences regulatory board, the board shall notify the applicant whether the board believes that the application is complete. If the application is determined to be incomplete, the board shall notify the applicant of the information needed in order to complete the application. Once the application is determined to be complete, the board shall complete the review of the application and issue a decision thereon within 30 business days.

(b) (1) The behavioral sciences regulatory board shall adopt rules and regulations to establish an expedited application process for any license, registration, permit or certificate issued by the board. Upon request on the application to expedite the processing of such application and payment of the fee, the board shall complete the review of the application and issue a decision thereon within 15 business days.

(2) (A) The board shall set the fee for an expedited application process by adopting rules and regulations. Such fee shall be in addition to any other fee established for the application but shall not exceed \$100. The board shall not charge such fee for an expedited application process to any applicant who is a military servicemember or military spouse.

(B) As used in this paragraph:

(i) "Military servicemember" means a current member of the army, navy, marine corps, air force, coast guard, space force, air or army national guard of any state or any branch of the military reserves of the United States or a former member who separated from service by honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions.

(ii) "Military spouse" means the spouse of an individual who is a current member of the army, navy, marine corps, air force, coast guard, space force, air or army national guard of any state or any branch of the military reserves of the United States.";

On page 7, following line 35, by inserting:

"(j) (1) An individual may apply to the board for a community-based professional counselor license to practice professional counseling in the scope of employment by a community mental health center, as defined in K.S.A. 39-2002, and amendments thereto.

(2) A community-based professional counselor license may be issued by the board after the board reviews and approves the application and the applicant has paid the fee set by the board for issuance of a community-based professional counselor license.

(3) (A) Absent extenuating circumstances approved by the board, a community-based professional counselor license issued by the board shall expire:

(i) Upon the date the board issues or denies a license to practice professional counseling;
or

(ii) 24 months after the date of issuance of the community-based professional counselor license.

(B) No community-based professional counselor license shall be renewed or issued again on any subsequent application for the same license level. This paragraph shall not be construed to limit the number of times an applicant may take the examination.

(4) A person practicing professional counseling with a community-based professional

counselor license may use the title "licensed professional counselor" or the initials "LPC" independently.

(5) No person may practice professional counseling under a community-based professional counselor license except under the supervision of a person licensed by the board to practice at the independent level.";

On page 8, in line 11, by striking the comma and inserting "and"; in line 12, by striking "and"; by striking all in lines 13 through 16; in line 17, by striking all before the period;

On page 11, in line 3, after "(10)" by inserting "for a community-based professional counselor license, not more than \$175;

(11)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

On page 15, in line 10, by striking "15" and inserting "3"; in line 13, by striking "the"; in line 14, by striking all before "psychopathology"; also in line 14, by striking all after "psychopathology"; by striking all in line 15; in line 16, by striking all before the semicolon; in line 18, after "including" by inserting ", but not limited to,"; in line 19, after "diagnosis" by inserting "or diagnostic impressions"; in line 28, after "contact" by inserting ", including, but not limited to,"; in line 29, after "groups" by inserting "integrating diagnosis or diagnostic impressions and treatment of mental disorders with use of the American psychiatric association's diagnostic and statistical manual";

On page 17, following line 14, by inserting:

"(i) (1) An individual may apply to the board for a community-based social work license to practice social work in the scope of employment by a community mental health center, as defined in K.S.A. 39-2002, and amendments thereto.

(2) A community-based social work license may be issued by the board after the board

reviews and approves the application and the applicant has paid the fee set by the board for issuance of a community-based social work license.

(3) (A) Absent extenuating circumstances approved by the board, a community-based social work license issued by the board shall expire:

- (i) Upon the date the board issues or denies a license to practice social work; or
- (ii) 24 months after the date of issuance of the community-based social work license.

(B) No community-based social work license shall be renewed or issued again on any subsequent application for the same license level. This paragraph shall not be construed to limit the number of times an applicant may take the examination.

(4) A person practicing social work with a community-based social work license may use the title "licensed baccalaureate social worker" or "licensed master social worker" or the initials "LBSW" or "LMSW" independently.

(5) No person may practice social work under a community-based social work license except under the supervision of a person licensed by the board to practice at the independent level.";

On page 21, in line 2, after "(10)" by inserting "Community-based license fee for a baccalaureate social worker, master social worker or social work specialty shall be not more than \$175.

(11)";

Also on page 21, by striking all in lines 11 and 12;

On page 26, following line 28, by inserting:

"(c) (1) An individual may apply to the board for a community-based marriage and family therapist license to practice marriage and family therapy in the scope of employment by a community mental health center, as defined in K.S.A. 39-2002, and amendments thereto.

(2) A community-based marriage and family therapist license may be issued by the board after the board reviews and approves the application and the applicant has paid the fee set by the board for issuance of a community-based marriage and family therapist license.

(3) (A) Absent extenuating circumstances approved by the board, a community-based marriage and family therapist license issued by the board shall expire:

(i) Upon the date the board issues or denies a license to practice marriage and family therapy; or

(ii) 24 months after the date of issuance of the community-based marriage and family therapist license.

(B) No community-based marriage and family therapist license shall be renewed or issued again on any subsequent application for the same license level. This paragraph shall not be construed to limit the number of times an applicant may take the examination.

(4) A person practicing marriage and family therapy with a community-based marriage and family therapist license may use the title "licensed marriage and family therapist" or the initials "LMFT" independently.

(5) No person may practice marriage and family therapy under a community-based marriage and family therapist license except under the supervision of a person licensed by the board to practice at the independent level.";

On page 29, in line 7, by striking the comma and inserting "and"; in line 8, by striking "and"; by striking all in lines 9 through 12; in line 13, by striking all before the period;

On page 31, in line 5, after "(10)" by inserting "for community-based licensure as a marriage and family therapist, not to exceed \$175;

(11)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

On page 40, in line 18, by striking the colon; in line 19, by striking "(1)" and inserting a comma; in line 21, by striking the semicolon; by striking all in lines 22 through 28; in line 29, by striking all before the period;

On page 47, following line 20, by inserting:

"(c) (1) An individual may apply to the board for a community-based psychologist license to practice psychology in the scope of employment by a community mental health center, as defined in K.S.A. 39-2002, and amendments thereto.

(2) A community-based psychologist license may be issued by the board after the board reviews and approves the application and the applicant has paid the fee set by the board for issuance of a community-based psychologist license.

(3) (A) Absent extenuating circumstances approved by the board, a community-based psychologist license issued by the board shall expire:

- (i) Upon the date the board issues or denies a license to practice psychology; or
- (ii) 24 months after the date of issuance of the community-based psychologist license.

(B) No community-based psychologist license shall be renewed or issued again on any subsequent application for the same license level. This paragraph shall not be construed to limit the number of times an applicant may take the examination.

(4) A person practicing psychology with a community-based psychologist license may use the title "licensed psychologist" or the initials "LP" independently.

(5) No person may practice psychology under a community-based psychologist license except under the supervision of a person licensed by the board to practice at the independent level.

(6) The board shall adopt rules and regulations to set the fee, if required by the board, for the issuance of a community-based psychologist license in an amount not to exceed \$225.";

On page 49, in line 40, by striking the comma and inserting "and"; in line 41, by striking "and"; by striking all in lines 42 and 43;

On page 50, by striking all in lines 1 and 2; in line 3, by striking all before the period;

On page 56, in line 7, by striking the comma and inserting "and"; in line 8, by striking all after "ethics"; by striking all in lines 9 through 12; in line 13, by striking all before the period;

On page 60, in line 8, by striking "13" and inserting "12"; in line 17, by striking all before "and";

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking all after the semicolon; in line 2, by striking all before "relating" and inserting "requiring the behavioral sciences regulatory board to process applications within a certain time and establish an expedited application process;"; in line 6, by striking all after the semicolon; in line 7, by striking all before "providing"; also in line 7, by striking "additional" and inserting "reduced diagnosis and treatment"; in line 11, after the semicolon by inserting "establishing a community-based license for professional counselors, social workers, marriage and family therapists and psychologists;"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson