

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2023

HOUSE BILL No. 2340

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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1 AN ACT concerning the behavioral sciences; ~~increasing the membership~~  
2 ~~of the behavioral sciences regulatory board; requiring the behavioral~~  
3 **sciences regulatory board to process applications within a certain**  
4 **time and establish an expedited application process;** relating to  
5 licensure and regulation; professional counselors, social workers,  
6 marriage and family therapists, addiction counselors, behavior analysts,  
7 psychologists and master's level psychologists; decreasing the years of  
8 practice required for reciprocity licensure; ~~requiring that clinical social~~  
9 ~~work supervisors be approved by the board; providing additional~~  
10 **reduced diagnosis and treatment** continuing education requirements;  
11 establishing license categories for applicants from social work  
12 programs in candidacy for accreditation and for temporary  
13 reinstatement; extending the license period of temporary licenses;  
14 **establishing a community-based license for professional counselors,**  
15 **social workers, marriage and family therapists and psychologists;**  
16 amending K.S.A. 65-5802, 65-5806, 65-6302, 65-6313, 65-6314, 65-  
17 6402, 65-6407, 65-6608, 65-6614, 65-6618, 65-7504, 65-7505, 74-  
18 5302, 74-5318, 74-5361, 74-5365, 74-5366, 74-5367 and 74-7501 and  
19 K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-5804a, 65-5807, 65-5808, 65-6306, 65-6309, 65-  
20 6322, 65-6404, 65-6405, 65-6406, 65-6411, 65-6610, 65-6611, 65-  
21 6613, 74-5310, 74-5315, 74-5316, 74-5363 and 74-5375 and repealing  
22 the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 74-5339.

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24 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

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26 ~~New Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2024, any licensee~~  
27 ~~providing postgraduate clinical supervision for any individual working~~  
28 ~~toward licensure as a clinical social worker shall be a board-approved~~  
29 ~~clinical supervisor.~~

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30 ~~(b) An application for a board-approved clinical supervisor shall be~~  
31 ~~made to the board on a form and in the manner prescribed by the board~~  
32 ~~and shall be accompanied by the fee as provided by K.S.A. 65-6314, and~~  
33 ~~amendments thereto.~~

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34 ~~(c) Each applicant for board-approved clinical supervisor shall~~  
35 ~~furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:~~

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36 ~~(1) Is currently licensed by the board as a specialist clinical social~~  
~~worker and has practiced as a specialist clinical social worker for at least~~

1 two years following licensure;

2 ~~(2) is not the subject of any disciplinary action of the board that~~  
3 ~~would prohibit providing clinical supervision, as determined by the board;~~  
4 ~~and~~

5 ~~(3) (A) Has completed the minimum number of semester hours, or~~  
6 ~~the academic equivalent, of coursework related to the enhancement of~~  
7 ~~supervision skills approved by the board; or~~

8 ~~(B) has completed the minimum number of continuing education~~  
9 ~~hours related to the enhancement of supervision skills approved by the~~  
10 ~~board.~~

11 ~~(c) Each board-approved clinical supervisor shall complete, as a part~~  
12 ~~of the continuing education required under K.S.A. 65-6313, and~~  
13 ~~amendments thereto, at least three hours of continuing education related to~~  
14 ~~the enhancement of supervision skills, including at least one hour related~~  
15 ~~to ethics in supervision.~~

16 ~~(d) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the social~~  
17 ~~workers licensure act.~~

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

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

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

40 **(B) As used in this paragraph:**

41 **(i) "Military servicemember" means a current member of the**  
42 **army, navy, marine corps, air force, coast guard, space force, air or**  
43 **army national guard of any state or any branch of the military**

1 reserves of the United States or a former member who separated from  
2 service by honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable  
3 conditions.

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

8 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-5802 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
9 5802. As used in the professional counselors licensure act:

10 (a) "Assessment" means selecting, administering, scoring and  
11 interpreting instruments designed to describe an individual's aptitudes,  
12 abilities, achievements, interests and personal characteristics.

13 (b) "Board" means the behavioral sciences regulatory board created  
14 by K.S.A. 74-7501, and amendments thereto.

15 (c) "Consultation" means the application of principles, methods and  
16 techniques of the practice of counseling to assist in solving current or  
17 potential problems of individuals or groups in relation to a third party.

18 (d) "Extenuating circumstances" means any condition or situation  
19 caused by events beyond an individual's control that is sufficiently extreme  
20 in nature to result in the:

21 (1) Individual's inability to comply with requirements; or

22 (2) Inadvisability of requiring the individual to comply with  
23 requirements.

24 (e) "Licensed clinical professional counselor" means a person who  
25 engages in the independent practice of professional counseling including  
26 the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders specified in the edition of  
27 the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders of the American  
28 psychiatric association designated by the board by rules and regulations  
29 and who is licensed under this act.

30 (f) "Licensed professional counselor" means a person who is licensed  
31 under this act and who engages in the practice of professional counseling  
32 only under the direction of a licensed clinical professional counselor, a  
33 licensed psychologist, a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery  
34 or a person licensed to provide mental health services as an independent  
35 practitioner and whose licensure allows for the diagnosis and treatment of  
36 mental disorders.

37 (b)(g) "Practice of professional counseling" means assisting an  
38 individual or group for a fee, monetary or otherwise, through counseling,  
39 assessment, consultation and referral and includes the diagnosis and  
40 treatment of mental disorders as authorized under the professional  
41 counselors licensure act.

42 (e)(h) "Professional counseling" means to assist an individual or  
43 group to develop understanding of personal strengths and weaknesses, to

1 restructure concepts and feelings, to define goals and to plan actions as  
2 these are related to personal, social, educational and career development  
3 and adjustment.

4 ~~(d) "Assessment" means selecting, administering, scoring and~~  
5 ~~interpreting instruments designed to describe an individual's aptitudes,~~  
6 ~~abilities, achievements, interests and personal characteristics.~~

7 ~~(e) "Consultation" means the application of principles, methods and~~  
8 ~~techniques of the practice of counseling to assist in solving current or~~  
9 ~~potential problems of individuals or groups in relation to a third party.~~

10 ~~(f)(i) "Referral" means the evaluation of information to identify~~  
11 ~~problems and to determine the advisability of referral to other~~  
12 ~~practitioners.~~

13 ~~(g) "Licensed professional counselor" means a person who is licensed~~  
14 ~~under this act and who engages in the practice of professional counseling~~  
15 ~~except that on and after January 1, 2002, such person shall engage in the~~  
16 ~~practice of professional counseling only under the direction of a licensed~~  
17 ~~clinical professional counselor, a licensed psychologist, a person licensed~~  
18 ~~to practice medicine and surgery or a person licensed to provide mental~~  
19 ~~health services as an independent practitioner and whose licensure allows~~  
20 ~~for the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders.~~

21 ~~(h) "Licensed clinical professional counselor" means a person who~~  
22 ~~engages in the independent practice of professional counseling including~~  
23 ~~the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders specified in the edition of~~  
24 ~~the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders of the American~~  
25 ~~psychiatric association designated by the board by rules and regulations~~  
26 ~~and who is licensed under this act.~~

27 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-5804a is hereby amended to read as  
28 follows: 65-5804a. (a) Applications for licensure as a professional  
29 counselor shall be made to the board on a form and in the manner  
30 prescribed by the board. Each application shall be accompanied by the fee  
31 ~~fixed set~~ under K.S.A. 65-5808, and amendments thereto.

32 (b) Each applicant for licensure as a professional counselor shall  
33 furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

34 (1) Is at least 21 years of age;

35 (2) has completed 60 graduate semester hours including a graduate  
36 degree in counseling or a related field from a college or university  
37 approved by the board and that includes 45 graduate semester hours of  
38 counseling coursework distributed among each of the following areas:

39 (A) Counseling theory and practice;

40 (B) the helping relationship;

41 (C) group dynamics, processing and counseling;

42 (D) human growth and development;

43 (E) lifestyle and career development;

- 1 (F) appraisal of individuals;
- 2 (G) social and cultural foundations;
- 3 (H) research and evaluation;
- 4 (I) professional orientation; and
- 5 (J) supervised practicum and internship;
- 6 (3) has passed an examination required by the board; and
- 7 (4) has satisfied the board that the applicant is a person who merits
- 8 the public trust.

9 (c) (1) Applications for licensure as a clinical professional counselor  
10 shall be made to the board on a form and in the manner prescribed by the  
11 board. Each applicant shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that  
12 the applicant:

13 (A) Is licensed by the board as a licensed professional counselor or  
14 meets all requirements for licensure as a licensed professional counselor;

15 (B) has completed 15 credit hours, as part of or in addition to the  
16 requirements under subsection (b), supporting diagnosis or treatment of  
17 mental disorders with use of the American psychiatric association's  
18 diagnostic and statistical manual through identifiable study of the  
19 following content areas: Psychopathology, diagnostic assessment,  
20 interdisciplinary referral and collaboration, treatment approaches and  
21 professional ethics;

22 (C) has completed a graduate level supervised clinical practicum of  
23 supervised professional experience including psychotherapy and  
24 assessment with individuals, couples, families or groups, integrating  
25 diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders with use of the American  
26 psychiatric association's diagnostic and statistical manual, with not less  
27 than 280 hours of direct client contact or additional postgraduate  
28 supervised experience as determined by the board;

29 (D) has completed not less than two years of postgraduate supervised  
30 professional experience in accordance with a clinical supervision plan  
31 approved by the board of not less than 3,000 hours of supervised  
32 professional experience, including at least 1,500 hours of direct client  
33 contact conducting psychotherapy and assessments with individuals,  
34 couples, families or groups and not less than 100 hours of face-to-face  
35 clinical supervision, as defined by the board in rules and regulations,  
36 including not less than 50 hours of individual supervision, except that the  
37 board may waive the requirement that such supervision be face-to-face  
38 upon a finding of extenuating circumstances, integrating diagnosis and  
39 treatment of mental disorders with use of the American psychiatric  
40 association's diagnostic and statistical manual, except that the board may  
41 waive  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the hours required by this subparagraph for an individual who  
42 has a doctoral degree in professional counseling or a related field approved  
43 by the board and who completes the required  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the hours in not less

1 than one year of supervised professional experience;

2 (E) for persons who earned a degree under subsection (b) prior to  
3 July 1, 2003, in lieu of the education requirements under subparagraphs  
4 (B) and (C), has completed the education requirements for licensure as a  
5 professional counselor in effect on the day immediately preceding the  
6 effective date of this act;

7 (F) for persons who apply for and are eligible for a temporary permit  
8 to practice as a licensed professional counselor on the day immediately  
9 preceding the effective date of this act, in lieu of the education and training  
10 requirements under subparagraphs (B), (C) and (D), has completed the  
11 education and training requirements for licensure as a professional  
12 counselor in effect on the day immediately preceding the effective date of  
13 this act;

14 (G) has passed an examination approved by the board; and

15 (H) has paid the application fee ~~fixed set~~ under K.S.A. 65-5808, and  
16 amendments thereto.

17 (2) A person who was licensed or registered as a professional  
18 counselor in Kansas at any time prior to the effective date of this act, who  
19 has been actively engaged in the practice of professional counseling as a  
20 registered or licensed professional counselor within five years prior to the  
21 effective date of this act and whose last license or registration in Kansas  
22 prior to the effective date of this act was not suspended or revoked, upon  
23 application to the board, payment of fees pursuant to K.S.A. 65-5808, and  
24 amendments thereto, and completion of applicable continuing education  
25 requirements, shall be licensed as a licensed clinical professional  
26 counselor by providing demonstration of competence to diagnose and treat  
27 mental disorders through at least two of the following areas acceptable to  
28 the board:

29 (A) Either: (i) Graduate coursework; or (ii) passing a national,  
30 clinical examination;

31 (B) either: (i) Three years of clinical practice in a community mental  
32 health center, its contracted affiliate or a state mental hospital; or (ii) three  
33 years of clinical practice in other settings with demonstrated experience in  
34 diagnosing or treating mental disorders; or

35 (C) attestation from one professional licensed to diagnose and treat  
36 mental disorders in independent practice or licensed to practice medicine  
37 and surgery that the applicant is competent to diagnose and treat mental  
38 disorders.

39 (3) A licensed clinical professional counselor may engage in the  
40 independent practice of professional counseling and is authorized to  
41 diagnose and treat mental disorders specified in the edition of the  
42 diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders of the American  
43 psychiatric association designated by the board by rules and regulations.

1 When a client has symptoms of a mental disorder, a licensed clinical  
2 professional counselor shall consult with the client's primary care  
3 physician or psychiatrist to determine if there may be a medical condition  
4 or medication that may be causing or contributing to the client's symptoms  
5 of a mental disorder. A client may request in writing that such consultation  
6 be waived and such request shall be made a part of the client's record. A  
7 licensed clinical professional counselor may continue to evaluate and treat  
8 the client until such time that the medical consultation is obtained or  
9 waived.

10 (4) A licensed professional counselor may diagnose and treat mental  
11 disorders specified in the edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of  
12 mental disorders of the American psychiatric association designated by the  
13 board by rules and regulations only under the direction of a licensed  
14 clinical professional counselor, licensed psychologist, person licensed to  
15 practice medicine and surgery or person licensed to provide mental health  
16 services as an independent practitioner and whose licensure allows for the  
17 diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. When a client has symptoms  
18 of a mental disorder, a licensed professional counselor shall consult with  
19 the client's primary care physician or psychiatrist to determine if there may  
20 be a medical condition or medication that may be causing or contributing  
21 to the client's symptoms of a mental disorder. A client may request in  
22 writing that such consultation be waived and such request shall be made a  
23 part of the client's record. A licensed professional counselor may continue  
24 to evaluate and treat the client until such time that the medical consultation  
25 is obtained or waived.

26 (d) The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the  
27 criteria that a college or university shall satisfy in order to be approved by  
28 the board. The board may send a questionnaire developed by the board to  
29 any college or university for which the board does not have sufficient  
30 information to determine whether the school meets the requirements for  
31 approval and rules and regulations adopted under this section. The  
32 questionnaire providing the necessary information shall be completed and  
33 returned to the board in order for the college or university to be considered  
34 for approval. The board may contract with investigative agencies,  
35 commissions or consultants to assist the board in obtaining information  
36 about colleges and universities. In entering such contracts, the authority to  
37 approve college and universities shall remain solely with the board.

38 (e) A person who is waiting to take the examination required by the  
39 board may apply to the board for a temporary *professional counselor*  
40 license to practice as a licensed professional counselor by:

41 (1) Paying an application fee of not more than \$150; and

42 (2) meeting the application requirements as stated in K.S.A. 65-  
43 5804a(b)(1), (2) and (4), and amendments thereto.

1 (f) (1) A temporary *professional counselor* license may be issued by  
2 the board after the application has been reviewed and approved by the  
3 board and the applicant has paid the appropriate fee set by the board for  
4 issuance of a temporary license.

5 (2) Absent extenuating circumstances approved by the board, a  
6 temporary *professional counselor* license issued by the board shall expire  
7 upon the date the board issues or denies a license to practice professional  
8 counseling or ~~12~~ 24 months after the date of issuance of the temporary  
9 license. No temporary license will be renewed or issued again on any  
10 subsequent application for the same license level. The preceding  
11 provisions in no way limit the number of times an applicant may take the  
12 examination.

13 (g) A person practicing professional counseling with a temporary  
14 *professional counselor* license may not use the title "licensed professional  
15 counselor" or the initials "LPC" independently. The word "licensed" may  
16 be used only when followed by the words "by temporary license," such as  
17 licensed professional counselor by temporary license, or professional  
18 counselor licensed by temporary license.

19 (h) No person may practice professional counseling under a  
20 temporary *professional counselor* license except under the supervision of a  
21 person licensed by the behavioral sciences regulatory board at the  
22 independent level.

23 (i) Nothing in this section shall affect any temporary license to  
24 practice issued under this section prior to the effective date of this act and  
25 in effect on the effective date of this act. Such temporary license shall be  
26 subject to the provisions of this section in effect at the time of its issuance  
27 and shall continue to be effective until the date of expiration of the  
28 temporary license provided under this section at the time of issuance of  
29 such temporary license.

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

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

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

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

43 **(ii) 24 months after the date of issuance of the community-based**



1 professional counselor license.

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

6 (4) A person practicing professional counseling with a  
7 community-based professional counselor license may use the title  
8 "licensed professional counselor" or the initials "LPC" independently.

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

13 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 65-5806 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
14 5806. (a) An applicant who meets the requirements for licensure pursuant  
15 to ~~this the professional counselors licensure act~~, has paid the license fee  
16 provided for by K.S.A. 65-5808, and amendments thereto, and has  
17 otherwise complied with the provisions of this act shall be licensed by the  
18 board.

19 (b) Licenses issued pursuant to this act shall expire 24 months from  
20 the date of issuance unless revoked prior to that time. A license may be  
21 renewed upon application and payment of the fee provided for by K.S.A.  
22 65-5808, and amendments thereto. The application for renewal shall be  
23 accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has  
24 completed during the previous 24 months the continuing education  
25 required by rules and regulations of the board. *Prior to July 1, 2025*, as  
26 part of such continuing education, a licensee shall complete not less than  
27 six continuing education hours relating to diagnosis and treatment of  
28 mental disorders and not less than three continuing education hours of  
29 professional ethics. *On and after July 1, 2025, as part of such continuing*  
30 *education, a licensee shall complete not less than three continuing*  
31 *education hours relating to diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders;*  
32 *and not less than three continuing education hours of professional ethics*  
33 *and not less than three continuing education hours in cultural diversity;*  
34 *Acceptable continuing education hours in cultural diversity shall include;*  
35 *but not be limited to, professional development regarding age, disability;*  
36 *ethnicity, gender, gender identity, language, national origin, race, religion,*  
37 *cultural, sexual orientation and socioeconomic status.*

38 (c) (1) A licensee who is unable to complete the required continuing  
39 education hours for renewal may request additional time to complete any  
40 remaining continuing education hours. Such request shall be made to the  
41 board not later than 30 calendar days prior to the expiration of the license  
42 and shall include:

43 (A) The licensee's reason for requesting additional time, showing

1 *extenuating circumstances for why the hours could not be completed*  
2 *during the license period; and*

3 *(B) a plan outlining the manner in which the licensee intends to*  
4 *complete the remaining continuing education hours.*

5 *(2) The board may grant a licensee up to three additional months*  
6 *beyond the license expiration date to complete the required continuing*  
7 *education hours.*

8 *(3) A licensee who receives additional time to complete continuing*  
9 *education hours under this subsection shall:*

10 *(A) Renew the license prior to the license expiration date and report*  
11 *to the board the number of continuing education hours completed on such*  
12 *date;*

13 *(B) notify the board upon completing the remaining continuing*  
14 *education hours; and*

15 *(C) be subject to an audit by the board of the total number of*  
16 *continuing education hours completed for the applicable license period.*

17 *(4) Continuing education hours completed during additional time*  
18 *granted under this subsection shall be credited only toward the*  
19 *requirements for the license period for which additional time is granted.*

20 *(5) A licensee shall not be approved for additional time to complete*  
21 *continuing education requirements in consecutive license periods.*

22 *(d) A person whose license has been suspended or revoked may make*  
23 *written application to the board requesting reinstatement of the license*  
24 *upon termination of the period of suspension or revocation in a manner*  
25 *prescribed by the board, ~~which~~ and such application shall be accompanied*  
26 *by the fee provided for by K.S.A. 65-5808, and amendments thereto.*

27 *(e) (1) A person whose license has expired may make written*  
28 *application to the board requesting reinstatement of the license in a*  
29 *manner prescribed by the board, and such application shall be*  
30 *accompanied by:*

31 *(A) The renewal fee established under K.S.A. 65-5808, and*  
32 *amendments thereto, and, for any person whose license has been expired*  
33 *for one year or less, an additional fee equal to the renewal fee; and*

34 *(B) evidence satisfactory to the board that the person has completed*  
35 *during the previous 24 months the continuing education requirements for*  
36 *one license period.*

37 *(2) A person requesting to reinstate a license that has been expired*  
38 *for longer than one year who has not completed the necessary continuing*  
39 *education hours for reinstatement may submit an application for a six-*  
40 *month reinstatement temporary license in a manner prescribed by the*  
41 *board, and such application shall be accompanied by the fee as provided*  
42 *by K.S.A. 65-5808, and amendments thereto. A licensee practicing under a*  
43 *six-month reinstatement temporary license shall complete the continuing*

1 *education requirements required for a permanent license prior to the*  
2 *expiration of the temporary license and notify the board upon such*  
3 *completion. A six-month reinstatement temporary license shall not be*  
4 *extended or renewed.*

5 ~~(d)~~(f) Within 30 days after any change of permanent address, a  
6 licensee shall notify the board of such change.

7 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-5807 is hereby amended to read as  
8 follows: 65-5807. (a) The board may issue a license to an individual who  
9 is currently registered, certified or licensed to practice professional  
10 counseling in another jurisdiction if the board determines that:

11 (1) The standards for registration, certification or licensure to practice  
12 professional counseling in the other jurisdiction are substantially  
13 equivalent to the requirements of this state; or

14 (2) the applicant demonstrates on forms provided by the board  
15 compliance with the following standards as adopted by the board:

16 (A) Registration, certification or licensure to practice professional  
17 counseling *with a similar scope of practice* for at least ~~48 of the last 54~~ 12  
18 months immediately preceding the application ~~with at least the minimum~~  
19 ~~professional experience as established by rules and regulations of the~~  
20 ~~board;~~

21 (B) the absence of disciplinary actions of a serious nature brought by  
22 a registration, certification or licensing board or agency; and

23 (C) at least a master's degree in counseling or a related field from a  
24 regionally accredited university or college.

25 (b) Applicants for licensure as a clinical professional counselor shall  
26 additionally demonstrate competence to diagnose and treat mental  
27 disorders through meeting the requirements of either subsection (a)(1) or  
28 (a)(2) and at least two of the following areas acceptable to the board:

29 (1) Either graduate coursework as established by rules and  
30 regulations of the board or passing a national clinical examination  
31 approved by the board;

32 (2) three years of clinical practice with demonstrated experience in  
33 diagnosing or treating mental disorders; or

34 (3) attestation from a professional licensed to diagnose and treat  
35 mental disorders in independent practice or licensed to practice medicine  
36 and surgery stating that the applicant is competent to diagnose and treat  
37 mental disorders.

38 (c) An applicant for a license under this section shall pay an  
39 application fee established by the board under K.S.A. 65-5808, and  
40 amendments thereto, if required by the board. *Upon notification from the*  
41 *board that all eligibility requirements have been satisfied, the applicant*  
42 *shall submit the license fee as provided by K.S.A. 65-5808, and*  
43 *amendments thereto.*

1 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-5808 is hereby amended to read as  
 2 follows: 65-5808. (a) The board may ~~fix~~ *collect* the following fees, and  
 3 any such fees shall be established by rules and regulations adopted by the  
 4 board:

5 (1) For application for licensure as a professional counselor, not more  
 6 than \$100;

7 (2) for an original license as a professional counselor, not more than  
 8 \$175;

9 (3) for a temporary license as a professional counselor, not more than  
 10 \$175;

11 (4) *for a six-month reinstatement temporary license as a professional*  
 12 *counselor; not more than \$50;*

13 (5) for renewal for licensure as a professional counselor, not more  
 14 than \$150;

15 ~~(5)~~(6) for application for licensure as a clinical professional  
 16 counselor, not more than \$175;

17 ~~(6)~~(7) for licensure as a clinical professional counselor, not more than  
 18 \$175;

19 ~~(7)~~(8) for renewal for licensure as a clinical professional counselor,  
 20 not more than \$175;

21 (9) *for a six-month reinstatement temporary license as a clinical*  
 22 *professional counselor; not more than \$50;*

23 ~~(8)~~(10) **for a community-based professional counselor license, not**  
 24 **more than \$175;**

25 (11) for late renewal penalty, an amount equal to the fee for renewal  
 26 of a license;

27 ~~(9)~~~~(11)~~(12) for reinstatement of a license, not more than \$175;

28 ~~(10)~~~~(12)~~(13) for replacement of a license, not more than \$20;

29 ~~(11)~~~~(13)~~(14) for a wallet card license, not more than \$5; and

30 ~~(12)~~~~(14)~~(15) for application as a board-approved clinical supervisor,  
 31 not more than \$50.

32 (b) Fees paid to the board are not refundable.

33 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 65-6302 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
 34 6302. As used in ~~this~~ *the social workers licensure act*, unless the context  
 35 clearly requires otherwise, ~~the following words and phrases shall have the~~  
 36 ~~meaning ascribed to them in this section:~~

37 (a) "Board" means the behavioral sciences regulatory board created  
 38 by K.S.A. 74-7501, *and amendments thereto*.

39 (b) "*Extenuating circumstances*" means *any condition or situation*  
 40 *caused by events beyond a person's control that is sufficiently extreme in*  
 41 *nature to result in the:*

42 (1) *Person's inability to comply with requirements; or*

43 (2) *inadvisability of requiring the person to comply with*

1 requirements.

2 (c) "Psychotherapy" means the use of psychological and social  
3 methods within a professional relationship to assist the person or persons  
4 to achieve a better psychosocial adaptation to acquire greater human  
5 realization of psychosocial potential and adaptation to modify internal  
6 and external conditions that affect individuals, groups or communities in  
7 respect to behavior, emotions and thinking and in respect to their intra-  
8 personal and inter-personal processes. Forms of "psychotherapy" include,  
9 but are not limited to, individual psychotherapy, conjoint marital therapy,  
10 family therapy and group psychotherapy.

11 (d) "Social work practice" means the professional activity of helping  
12 individuals, groups or communities enhance or restore their capacity for  
13 physical, social and economic functioning and the professional application  
14 of social work values, principles and techniques in areas such as  
15 psychotherapy, social service administration, social planning, social work  
16 consultation and social work research to one or more of the following  
17 ends: Helping people obtain tangible services; counseling with individuals,  
18 families and groups; helping communities or groups provide or improve  
19 social and health services; and participating in relevant social action. The  
20 practice of social work requires knowledge of human development and  
21 behavior; of social, economic and cultural institutions and forces; and of  
22 the interaction of all these factors. Social work practice includes the  
23 teaching of practicum courses in social work and includes the diagnosis  
24 and treatment of mental disorders as authorized under K.S.A. 65-6306 and  
25 65-6319, and amendments thereto.

26 ~~(e) "Psychotherapy" means the use of psychological and social  
27 methods within a professional relationship, to assist the person or persons  
28 to achieve a better psychosocial adaptation to acquire greater human  
29 realization of psychosocial potential and adaptation; to modify internal and  
30 external conditions which affect individuals, groups or communities in  
31 respect to behavior, emotions and thinking, in respect to their intra-  
32 personal and inter-personal processes. Forms of psychotherapy include but  
33 are not restricted to individual psychotherapy, conjoint marital therapy,  
34 family therapy and group psychotherapy.~~

35 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-6306 is hereby amended to read as  
36 follows: 65-6306. (a) The board shall issue a license as a baccalaureate  
37 social worker to an applicant who has:

38 (1) A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university,  
39 including completion of a social work program recognized and approved  
40 by the board, pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the board;

41 (2) passed an examination approved by the board for this purpose;  
42 and

43 (3) satisfied the board that the applicant is a person who merits the

1 public trust; and

2 (4) *paid an application fee established by the board under K.S.A. 65-*  
3 *6314, and amendments thereto, and, upon notification from the board that*  
4 *all eligibility requirements have been satisfied, the license fee established*  
5 *by the board pursuant to K.S.A. 65-5808, and amendments thereto.*

6 (b) (1) *An applicant for a baccalaureate social work license who*  
7 *received a baccalaureate degree from a social work program in candidacy*  
8 *status from an accrediting body recognized by the board may request a*  
9 *temporary candidacy baccalaureate social work license upon:*

10 (A) *Demonstrating receipt of a baccalaureate degree from a college*  
11 *or university, including completion of a social work program in candidacy*  
12 *from an accrediting body recognized by the board;*

13 (B) *passing an examination approved by the board for the purpose of*  
14 *such temporary candidacy licensure;*

15 (C) *submitting a completed, signed temporary candidacy*  
16 *baccalaureate social work license application on a form and in a manner*  
17 *provided by the board;*

18 (D) *satisfying the board that the applicant is a person who merits the*  
19 *public trust; and*

20 (E) *paying the temporary candidacy baccalaureate social worker fee*  
21 *as established under K.S.A. 65-6314, and amendments thereto, upon*  
22 *notification from the board that all eligibility requirements have been*  
23 *satisfied.*

24 (2) *A temporary candidacy baccalaureate social work license shall*  
25 *expire on the last day of the 24<sup>th</sup> month after the temporary candidacy*  
26 *baccalaureate social work license's effective date. Such license is*  
27 *nonrenewable, but, upon request by the license holder using a form*  
28 *approved by the board and paying the appropriate fee, the license shall be*  
29 *extended upon a showing that the social work program remains in*  
30 *candidacy status with the accrediting body recognized by the board. In all*  
31 *professional use of the social worker's name, an individual with a*  
32 *temporary candidacy baccalaureate social work license shall represent*  
33 *themselves as a temporary candidacy baccalaureate social worker. An*  
34 *individual with such license may not use the credentials "LBSW." The*  
35 *word "licensed" may be used only when followed by the words "by*  
36 *temporary candidacy license." An individual issued a temporary*  
37 *candidacy baccalaureate social work license shall practice under*  
38 *supervision and shall not be required to complete continuing education. If*  
39 *the accrediting body recognized by the board grants accreditation to the*  
40 *program in candidacy status, the holder of the temporary candidacy*  
41 *baccalaureate social work license shall receive a permanent license upon*  
42 *payment of the appropriate fee. If the accrediting body recognized by the*  
43 *board does not grant accreditation to the program in candidacy status, the*

1 *board shall immediately revoke the temporary license and notify the*  
2 *licensee of the revocation of such license.*

3 (c) The board shall issue a license as a master social worker to an  
4 applicant who has:

5 (1) ~~Except as provided in subsection (f),~~ A master's degree from an  
6 accredited college or university, including completion of a social work  
7 program recognized and approved by the board, pursuant to rules and  
8 regulations adopted by the board;

9 (2) passed an examination approved by the board for this purpose;

10 ~~and~~

11 (3) satisfied the board that the applicant is a person who merits the  
12 public trust; *and*

13 (4) *paid an application fee established by the board under K.S.A. 65-*  
14 *6314, and amendments thereto, and, upon notification from the board that*  
15 *all eligibility requirements have been satisfied, paid the license fee*  
16 *established under K.S.A. 65-5808, and amendments thereto.*

17 (d) (1) *An applicant for a master social work license who received a*  
18 *master's degree from a social work program in candidacy status from an*  
19 *accrediting body recognized by the board may request a temporary*  
20 *candidacy master social work license upon:*

21 (A) *Demonstrating receipt of a master's degree from a college or*  
22 *university, including completion of a social work program in candidacy*  
23 *from an accrediting body recognized by the board;*

24 (B) *passing an examination approved by the board for the purpose of*  
25 *such temporary candidacy licensure;*

26 (C) *submitting a completed, signed temporary candidacy master*  
27 *social work license application on a form and in a manner provided by the*  
28 *board;*

29 (D) *satisfying the board that the applicant is a person who merits the*  
30 *public trust; and*

31 (E) *paying the temporary candidacy master social worker fee as*  
32 *established under K.S.A. 65-6314, and amendments thereto, upon*  
33 *notification from the board that all eligibility requirements have been*  
34 *satisfied.*

35 (2) *A temporary candidacy master social work license shall expire on*  
36 *the last day of the 24<sup>th</sup> month after the temporary candidacy master social*  
37 *work license's effective date. Such license is nonrenewable, but, upon*  
38 *request by the license holder using a form approved by the board and*  
39 *paying the appropriate fee, the license shall be extended upon a showing*  
40 *that the social work program remains in candidacy status with the*  
41 *accrediting body recognized by the board. In all professional use of the*  
42 *social worker's name, an individual with a temporary candidacy master*  
43 *social work license shall represent themselves as a temporary candidacy*

1 *master social worker. An individual with such license shall not use the*  
 2 *credentials "LMSW." The word "licensed" may be used only when followed*  
 3 *by the words "by temporary candidacy license." An individual issued a*  
 4 *temporary candidacy master social work license shall practice under*  
 5 *supervision and shall not be required to complete continuing education. If*  
 6 *the accrediting body recognized by the board grants accreditation to the*  
 7 *program in candidacy status, the holder of the temporary candidacy*  
 8 *master social work license shall receive a permanent license upon*  
 9 *payment of the appropriate fee. If the accrediting body recognized by the*  
 10 *board does not grant accreditation to the program in candidacy status, the*  
 11 *board shall immediately revoke the temporary license and notify the*  
 12 *licensee of the revocation of such license.*

13 ~~(e)~~(e) The board shall issue a license in one of the social work  
 14 specialties to an applicant who has:

15 (1) A master's or doctor's degree from an accredited graduate school  
 16 of social work, including completion of a social work program recognized  
 17 and approved by the board, pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by  
 18 the board;

19 (2) had two years of full-time post-master's or post-doctor's degree  
 20 experience under the supervision of a licensed social worker in the area of  
 21 the specialty in which such applicant seeks to be licensed;

22 (3) passed an examination approved by the board for this purpose;  
 23 ~~and~~

24 (4) satisfied the board that the applicant is a person who merits the  
 25 public trust; *and*

26 (5) *upon notification from the board that all eligibility requirements*  
 27 *have been satisfied, paid the license fee established under K.S.A. 65-6314,*  
 28 *and amendments thereto.*

29 ~~(f)~~(f) (1) The board shall issue a license as a specialist clinical social  
 30 worker to an applicant who:

31 (A) Has met the requirements of subsection~~(e)~~ (e);

32 (B) has completed~~15~~ 3 credit hours as part of or in addition to the  
 33 requirements under subsection~~(e)~~ (e) supporting diagnosis or treatment of  
 34 mental disorders with use of the American psychiatric association's  
 35 diagnostic and statistical manual, through identifiable study of~~the~~  
 36 ~~following content areas: psychopathology, diagnostic assessment,~~  
 37 ~~interdisciplinary referral and collaboration, treatment approaches and~~  
 38 ~~professional ethics;~~

39 (C) has completed a graduate level supervised clinical practicum of  
 40 supervised professional experience, including, **but not limited to**,  
 41 psychotherapy and assessment, integrating diagnosis **or diagnostic**  
 42 **impressions** and treatment of mental disorders with use of the American  
 43 psychiatric association's diagnostic and statistical manual or additional



1 postgraduate supervised experience as determined by the board;

2 (D) has completed as part of or in addition to the requirements of  
3 subsection—(e) (e) not less than two years of postgraduate supervised  
4 professional experience, in accordance with a clinical supervision plan  
5 approved by the board of not less than 3,000 hours of supervised  
6 professional experience including at least 1,500 hours of direct client  
7 contact, **including, but not limited to**, conducting psychotherapy and  
8 assessments with individuals, couples, families or groups **integrating**  
9 **diagnosis or diagnostic impressions and treatment of mental disorders**  
10 **with use of the American psychiatric association's diagnostic and**  
11 **statistical manual** and not less than 100 hours of face-to-face clinical  
12 supervision, as defined by the board in rules and regulations, including not  
13 less than 50 hours of individual supervision, except that the board may  
14 waive the requirement that such supervision be face-to-face upon a finding  
15 of extenuating circumstances, integrating diagnosis and treatment of  
16 mental disorders with use of the American psychiatric association's  
17 diagnostic and statistical manual;

18 (E) for persons earning a degree under subsection (c) prior to July 1,  
19 2003, in lieu of the education and training requirements under  
20 subparagraphs (B) and (C), has completed the education requirements for  
21 licensure as a specialist clinical social worker in effect on the day  
22 immediately preceding the effective date of this act;

23 (F) for persons who apply for and are eligible for a temporary license  
24 to practice as a specialist clinical social worker on the day immediately  
25 preceding the effective date of this act, in lieu of the education and training  
26 requirements under subparagraphs (B), (C) and (D), has completed the  
27 education and training requirements for licensure as a specialist clinical  
28 social worker in effect on the day immediately preceding the effective date  
29 of this act;

30 (G) has passed an examination approved by the board; and

31 (H) has paid the application fee.

32 (2) A licensed specialist clinical social worker may engage in the  
33 social work practice and is authorized to diagnose and treat mental  
34 disorders specified in the edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of  
35 mental disorders of the American psychiatric association designated by the  
36 board by rules and regulations. When a client has symptoms of a mental  
37 disorder, a licensed specialist clinical social worker shall consult with the  
38 client's primary care physician or psychiatrist to determine if there may be  
39 a medical condition or medication that may be causing or contributing to  
40 the client's symptoms of a mental disorder. A client may request in writing  
41 that such consultation be waived and such request shall be made a part of  
42 the client's record. A licensed specialist clinical social worker may  
43 continue to evaluate and treat the client until such time that the medical

1 consultation is obtained or waived.

2 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a licensed  
3 master social worker who has provided to the board an acceptable clinical  
4 supervision plan for licensure as a specialist clinical social worker prior to  
5 the effective date of this act shall be licensed as a specialist clinical social  
6 worker under this act upon completion of the requirements in effect for  
7 licensure as a specialist clinical social worker at the time the acceptable  
8 training plan is submitted to the board.

9 (4) A person licensed as a specialist clinical social worker on the day  
10 immediately preceding the effective date of this act shall be deemed to be  
11 a licensed specialist clinical social worker under this act. Such person shall  
12 not be required to file an original application for licensure as a specialist  
13 clinical social worker under this act.

14 ~~(e)~~(g) The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the  
15 criteria that a social work program of a college or university shall satisfy to  
16 be recognized and approved by the board under this section. The board  
17 may send a questionnaire developed by the board to any college or  
18 university conducting a social work program for which the board does not  
19 have sufficient information to determine whether the program should be  
20 recognized and approved by the board and whether the program meets the  
21 rules and regulations adopted under this section. The questionnaire  
22 providing the necessary information shall be completed and returned to the  
23 board in order for the program to be considered for recognition and  
24 approval. The board may contract with investigative agencies,  
25 commissions or consultants to assist the board in obtaining information  
26 about a social work program of a college or university. In entering such  
27 contracts the authority to recognize and approve a social work program of  
28 a college or university shall remain solely with the board.

29 ~~(f)~~(h) (1) Notwithstanding any pending candidacy for accreditation of  
30 the masters of social work program at Fort Hays state university, the board  
31 shall:

32 (A) Accept a master's degree from such program as from an  
33 accredited college or university for the purpose of issuing a license as a  
34 master social worker to an applicant under subsection (b); and

35 (B) not impose any additional or alternative requirements to  
36 accreditation upon an applicant with such degree based on such program's  
37 pending candidacy for accreditation.

38 (2) The provisions of this subsection shall apply retroactively and  
39 shall expire on July 1, 2023.

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

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

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

8       **(i) Upon the date the board issues or denies a license to practice**  
9 **social work; or**

10       **(ii) 24 months after the date of issuance of the community-based**  
11 **social work license.**

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

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

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

23       Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-6309 is hereby amended to read as  
24 follows: 65-6309. (a) An applicant shall be exempted from the requirement  
25 for any examination provided for herein, if the applicant has taken and  
26 passed an examination similar to that for which exemption is sought, as  
27 determined by the board.

28       (b) Upon application, the board shall issue ~~a temporary—licenses-~~  
29 *bachelor's social work license or a temporary master's social work license*  
30 to persons who have submitted documentation and met all qualifications  
31 for licensure under provisions of this act, except passage of the required  
32 examination, and who have paid the required fee.

33       (c) Absent extenuating circumstances approved by the board, a  
34 temporary *bachelor's social work license or a temporary master's social*  
35 *work license* issued by the board shall expire upon the date the board  
36 issues or denies a license to practice social work ~~or 24~~ 24 months after the  
37 date of issuance of the temporary license. No temporary *bachelor's social*  
38 *work license or temporary master's social work license* will be renewed or  
39 issued again on any subsequent applications for the same license level. The  
40 preceding provisions in no way limit the number of times an applicant may  
41 take the examination.

42       (d) No person ~~may~~ shall work under a temporary *bachelor's social*  
43 *work license or a temporary master's social work license* except under the

1 supervision of a licensed social worker.

2 (e) Nothing in this section shall affect any temporary license to  
3 practice issued under this section prior to the effective date of this act and  
4 in effect on the effective date of this act. Such temporary license shall be  
5 subject to the provisions of this section in effect at the time of its issuance  
6 and shall continue to be effective until the date of expiration of the license  
7 as provided under this section at the time of issuance of such temporary  
8 license.

9 (f) Any individual employed by a hospital and working in the area of  
10 hospital social services to patients of such hospital on July 1, 1974, is  
11 exempt from the provisions of this act.

12 (g) A person practicing social work with a temporary license may not  
13 use the title "licensed baccalaureate social worker" or "licensed master  
14 social worker" or use the initials "LBSW" or "LMSW," independently. The  
15 word "licensed" may be used only when followed by the words "by  
16 temporary license."

17 Sec. 10. K.S.A. 65-6313 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
18 6313. (a) All licenses issued shall be effective upon the date issued and  
19 shall expire at the end of 24 months from the date of issuance.

20 (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 65-6311, and  
21 amendments thereto, a license may be renewed by the payment of the  
22 renewal fee set forth in K.S.A. 65-6314, and amendments thereto, and the  
23 execution and submission of a signed statement, on a form to be provided  
24 by the board, attesting that the applicant's license has been neither revoked  
25 nor currently suspended and that applicant has met the requirements for  
26 continuing education established by the board including not less than three  
27 continuing education hours of professional ethics.

28 (2) *On and after July 1, 2025, an applicant for renewal of a license,*  
29 *as part of such continuing education, shall complete not less than three*  
30 *continuing education hours in cultural diversity. Acceptable continuing*  
31 *education hours in cultural diversity shall include, but not be limited to,*  
32 *professional development regarding age, disability, ethnicity, gender,*  
33 *gender identity, language, national origin, race, religion, cultural, sexual*  
34 *orientation and socioeconomic status.*

35 (3) *Prior to July 1, 2025, an applicant for renewal of a license as a*  
36 *master social worker or a specialist clinical social worker, as part of such*  
37 *continuing education, shall complete not less than six continuing education*  
38 *hours relating to diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. On and after*  
39 *July 1, 2025, such applicant shall complete not less than three continuing*  
40 *education hours relating to diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders.*

41 ~~(4)~~ (4) An applicant for first time licensure renewal as a baccalaureate  
42 social worker, master social worker or specialist clinical social worker, as  
43 part of such continuing education, shall complete not less than six hours of

1 social worker safety awareness training. If the applicant for first time  
2 licensure renewal has already taken such training, as part of a previous  
3 level of social work licensure renewal, then the applicant is not required to  
4 complete an additional six hours of social worker safety training.

5 (c) The application for renewal shall be made on or before the date of  
6 the expiration of the license or on or before the date of the termination of  
7 the period of suspension.

8 ~~(d) If the application for renewal, including payment of the required  
9 renewal fee, is not made on or before the date of the expiration of the  
10 license, the license is void, and no license shall be reinstated except upon  
11 payment of the required renewal fee established under K.S.A. 65-6314,  
12 and amendments thereto, plus a penalty equal to the renewal fee, and proof  
13 satisfactory to the board of the completion of 40 hours of continuing  
14 education within two years prior to application for reinstatement. Upon  
15 receipt of such payment and proof, the board shall reinstate the license. A  
16 license shall be reinstated under this subsection, upon receipt of such  
17 payment and proof, at any time after the expiration of such license. (1) A  
18 licensee who is unable to complete the required continuing education  
19 hours for renewal may request additional time to complete any remaining  
20 continuing education hours. Such request shall be made to the board not  
21 later than 30 calendar days prior to the expiration of the license and shall  
22 include:~~

23 *(A) The licensee's reason for requesting additional time, showing  
24 extenuating circumstances for why the hours could not be completed  
25 during the license period; and*

26 *(B) a plan outlining the manner in which the licensee intends to  
27 complete the remaining continuing education hours.*

28 *(2) The board may grant a licensee up to three additional months  
29 beyond the license expiration date to complete the required continuing  
30 education hours.*

31 *(3) A licensee who receives additional time to complete continuing  
32 education hours under this subsection shall:*

33 *(A) Renew the license prior to the license expiration date and report  
34 to the board the number of continuing education hours completed on such  
35 date;*

36 *(B) notify the board upon completing the remaining continuing  
37 education hours; and*

38 *(C) be subject to an audit by the board of the total number of  
39 continuing education hours completed for the applicable license period.*

40 *(4) Continuing education hours completed during additional time  
41 granted under this subsection shall be credited only toward the  
42 requirements for the license period for which additional time is granted.*

43 *(5) A licensee shall not be approved for additional time to complete*

1 continuing education requirements in consecutive license periods.

2 (e) (1) A person whose license has expired may make written  
3 application to the board requesting reinstatement of the license in a  
4 manner prescribed by the board, and such application shall be  
5 accompanied by:

6 (A) The renewal fee established under K.S.A. 65-6314, and  
7 amendments thereto, and, for any person whose license has been expired  
8 for one year or less, an additional fee equal to the renewal fee; and

9 (B) evidence satisfactory to the board that the person has completed  
10 during the previous 24 months the continuing education requirements for  
11 one license period.

12 (2) A person requesting to reinstate a license that has been expired  
13 for longer than one year who has not completed the necessary continuing  
14 education hours for reinstatement may submit an application for a six-  
15 month reinstatement temporary license in a manner prescribed by the  
16 board, and such application shall be accompanied by the fee established  
17 under K.S.A. 65-6314, and amendments thereto. A licensee practicing  
18 under a six-month reinstatement temporary license shall complete the  
19 continuing education requirements required for a permanent license prior  
20 to the expiration of the temporary license and notify the board upon such  
21 completion. A six-month reinstatement temporary license shall not be  
22 extended or renewed.

23 ~~(e)~~(f) In case of a lost or destroyed license, and upon satisfactory  
24 proof of the loss or destruction thereof, the board may issue a duplicate  
25 license and shall charge a fee as set forth in K.S.A. 65-6314, and  
26 amendments thereto, for such duplicate license.

27 ~~(f)~~(g) Within 30 days after any change of permanent address, a  
28 licensee shall notify the board of such change.

29 Sec. 11. K.S.A. 65-6314 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
30 6314. (a) The following fees may be established by the board in  
31 accordance with the following limitations, and any such fees shall be  
32 established by rules and regulations adopted by the board:

33 (1) Renewal or reinstatement fee for a license as a social work  
34 associate shall be not more than \$150.

35 (2) Application, new license, reinstatement or renewal fee for a  
36 license as a baccalaureate social worker shall be not more than \$150.

37 (3) Application, new license, reinstatement or renewal fee for a  
38 license as master social worker shall be not more than \$150.

39 (4) Application, new license, reinstatement or renewal fee for a  
40 license in a social work specialty shall be not more than \$150.

41 (5) Replacement fee for reissuance of a license certificate due to loss  
42 or name change shall be not more than \$20.

43 (6) Replacement fee for reissuance of a wallet card shall be not more

1 than \$5.

2 (7) Temporary license fee for a baccalaureate social worker, master  
3 social worker or a social work specialty shall be not more than \$50.

4 (8) *Temporary candidacy license fee for a baccalaureate social*  
5 *worker, master social worker or a social work specialty shall be not more*  
6 *than \$75.*

7 (9) *Six-month reinstatement temporary license fee for a*  
8 *baccalaureate social worker, master social worker or a social work*  
9 *specialty shall be not more than \$50.*

10 (10) **Community-based license fee for a baccalaureate social**  
11 **worker, master social worker or social work specialty shall be not**  
12 **more than \$175.**

13 (11) Application fee for approval as board-approved continuing  
14 education sponsors shall be as follows:

15 (A) Initial application fee for one year provisionally approved  
16 providers shall be not more than \$125;

17 (B) three-year renewal fees for approved providers shall be not more  
18 than \$350; and

19 (C) application fees for single program providers shall be not more  
20 than \$50 for each separately offered continuing education activity for  
21 which prior approval is sought.

22 ~~(11) Application for approval as a board-approved clinical~~  
23 ~~supervisor shall be not more than \$50.~~

24 (b) Fees paid to the board are not refundable.

25 Sec. 12. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-6322 is hereby amended to read as  
26 follows: 65-6322. (a) The board may issue a license to an individual who  
27 is currently registered, certified or licensed to practice social work in  
28 another jurisdiction, if the board determines that:

29 (1) The standards for registration, certification or licensure to practice  
30 social work at the baccalaureate level in another jurisdiction are  
31 substantially the equivalent of the requirements in the social workers  
32 licensure act and rules and regulations of the board for licensure as a  
33 baccalaureate social worker; or

34 (2) the applicant demonstrates compliance on forms set by the board;  
35 with the following standards as adopted by the board:

36 (A) Registration, certification or licensure to practice social work at  
37 the baccalaureate level *with a similar scope of practice* for at least 48 of  
38 ~~the last 54~~ 12 months immediately preceding the application, ~~with at least~~  
39 ~~the minimum professional experience as established by rules and~~  
40 ~~regulations of the board;~~

41 (B) the absence of disciplinary actions of a serious nature brought by  
42 a registration, certification or licensing board or agency; and

43 (C) completion of a baccalaureate degree in social work from a

1 regionally accredited university.

2 (b) The board may issue a license to an individual who is currently  
3 registered, certified or licensed to practice social work in another  
4 jurisdiction, if the board determines that:

5 (1) The standards for registration, certification or licensure to practice  
6 social work at the master's level in another jurisdiction are substantially the  
7 equivalent of the requirements in the social workers licensure act and rules  
8 and regulations of the board for licensure as a master social worker; or

9 (2) the applicant demonstrates compliance on forms set by the board;  
10 with the following standards as adopted by the board:

11 (A) Registration, certification or licensure to practice social work at  
12 the master level *with a similar scope of practice* for at least ~~48 of the last~~  
13 ~~54~~ 12 months immediately preceding the application ~~with at least the~~  
14 ~~minimum professional experience as established by rules and regulations~~  
15 ~~of the board;~~

16 (B) the absence of disciplinary actions of a serious nature brought by  
17 a registration, certification or licensing board or agency; and

18 (C) completion of a master's degree in social work from a regionally  
19 accredited university.

20 (c) Applicants for licensure as a specialist clinical social worker shall  
21 demonstrate:

22 (1) That the applicant meets the requirements of subsection (b);

23 (2) that the applicant is currently licensed to practice social work at  
24 the clinical level in another state; and

25 (3) competence to diagnose and treat mental disorders by meeting at  
26 least two of the following areas acceptable to the board:

27 (A) Passing a national clinical examination approved by the board;

28 (B) three years of clinical practice with demonstrated experience in  
29 diagnosing or treating mental disorders; or

30 (C) attestation from a professional licensed to diagnose and treat  
31 mental disorders in independent practice or licensed to practice medicine  
32 and surgery, stating that the applicant is competent to diagnose and treat  
33 mental disorders.

34 (d) An applicant for a license under this section shall pay an  
35 application fee established by the board under K.S.A. 65-6411, and  
36 amendments thereto, if required by the board. *Upon notification from the*  
37 *board that all eligibility requirements have been satisfied, the applicant*  
38 *shall submit the license fee as provided in K.S.A. 65-6411, and*  
39 *amendments thereto.*

40 Sec. 13. K.S.A. 65-6402 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
41 6402. As used in the marriage and family therapists licensure act:

42 (a) "Board" means the behavioral sciences regulatory board created  
43 under K.S.A. 74-7501 and amendments thereto.



1 ~~(b) "Marriage and family therapy" means the assessment and~~  
2 ~~treatment of cognitive, affective or behavioral problems within the context~~  
3 ~~of marital and family systems and includes the diagnosis and treatment of~~  
4 ~~mental disorders as authorized under the marriage and family therapists~~  
5 ~~licensure act.~~

6 ~~(c) "Licensed marriage and family therapist" means a person who~~  
7 ~~engages in the practice of marriage and family therapy and who is licensed~~  
8 ~~under this act except that on and after January 1, 2002, such person shall~~  
9 ~~engage in the practice of marriage and family therapy only under the~~  
10 ~~direction of a licensed clinical marriage and family therapist, a licensed~~  
11 ~~psychologist, a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or a~~  
12 ~~person licensed to provide mental health services as an independent~~  
13 ~~practitioner and whose licensure allows for the diagnosis and treatment of~~  
14 ~~mental disorders. "Extenuating circumstances" means any condition or~~  
15 ~~situation caused by events beyond an individual's control that is~~  
16 ~~sufficiently extreme in nature to result in the:~~

17 ~~(1) Individual's inability to comply with requirements; or~~

18 ~~(2) inadvisability of requiring the individual to comply with~~  
19 ~~requirements.~~

20 ~~(d)(c) "Licensed clinical marriage and family therapist" means a~~  
21 ~~person who engages in the independent practice of marriage and family~~  
22 ~~therapy including the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders specified~~  
23 ~~in the edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders~~  
24 ~~of the American psychiatric association designated by the board by rules~~  
25 ~~and regulations and is licensed under this act.~~

26 ~~(d) "Licensed marriage and family therapist" means a person who~~  
27 ~~engages in the practice of marriage and family therapy, is licensed under~~  
28 ~~this act and engages in the practice of marriage and family therapy only~~  
29 ~~under the direction of a licensed clinical marriage and family therapist, a~~  
30 ~~licensed psychologist, a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery~~  
31 ~~or a person licensed to provide mental health services as an independent~~  
32 ~~practitioner and whose licensure allows for the diagnosis and treatment of~~  
33 ~~mental disorders.~~

34 ~~(e) "Marriage and family therapy" means the assessment and~~  
35 ~~treatment of cognitive, affective or behavioral problems within the context~~  
36 ~~of marital and family systems and includes the diagnosis and treatment of~~  
37 ~~mental disorders as authorized under the marriage and family therapists~~  
38 ~~licensure act.~~

39 Sec. 14. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-6404 is hereby amended to read as  
40 follows: 65-6404. (a) An applicant for licensure as a marriage and family  
41 therapist shall furnish evidence that the applicant has:

42 (1) Attained 21 years of age;

43 (2) (A) completed a master's or doctoral degree from a marriage and

1 family therapy program, in an educational institution with standards  
2 approved by the board; (B) has completed a master's or doctoral degree  
3 from an educational institution in a related field for which the course work  
4 is considered by the board to be equivalent to that provided in  
5 subparagraph (A) and consists of a minimum of nine semester hours in  
6 human development, nine semester hours in theories of marriage and  
7 family functioning, nine semester hours of marital and family assessment  
8 and therapy, three semester hours in professional studies and three  
9 semester hours in research *and has completed an academically supervised*  
10 *practicum in the master's degree program with at least 300 hours of direct*  
11 *client contact or a combined 300 hours of direct client contact and*  
12 *additional postgraduate supervised experience; or (C) completed a*  
13 *master's or doctoral degree from an educational institution in a related field*  
14 *with additional work from an educational program in marriage and family*  
15 *therapy approved by the board and such degree program and additional*  
16 *work includes the course work requirements provided in subparagraph (B);*

17 (3) passed an examination approved by the board;

18 (4) satisfied the board that the applicant is a person who merits the  
19 public trust; and

20 (5) paid the application fee established by the board under K.S.A. 65-  
21 6411, and amendments thereto.

22 (b) (1) Applications for licensure as a clinical marriage and family  
23 therapist shall be made to the board on a form and in the manner  
24 prescribed by the board. Each applicant shall furnish evidence satisfactory  
25 to the board that the applicant:

26 (A) Is licensed by the board as a licensed marriage and family  
27 therapist or meets all requirements for licensure as a marriage and family  
28 therapist;

29 (B) has completed 15 credit hours as part of or in addition to the  
30 requirements under subsection (a) supporting diagnosis or treatment of  
31 mental disorders with use of the American psychiatric association's  
32 diagnostic and statistical manual, through identifiable study of the  
33 following content areas: Psychopathology, diagnostic assessment,  
34 interdisciplinary referral and collaboration, treatment approaches and  
35 professional ethics;

36 (C) has completed a graduate level supervised clinical practicum of  
37 supervised professional experience including psychotherapy and  
38 assessment with individuals, couples, families or groups, integrating  
39 diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders with use of the American  
40 psychiatric association's diagnostic and statistical manual, with not less  
41 than ~~350~~ 300 hours of direct client contact or additional postgraduate  
42 supervised experience as determined by the board;

43 (D) has completed not less than two years of postgraduate supervised

1 professional experience in accordance with a clinical supervision plan  
2 approved by the board of not less than 3,000 hours of supervised  
3 professional experience including at least 1,500 hours of direct client  
4 contact conducting psychotherapy and assessments with individuals,  
5 couples, families or groups and not less than 100 hours of face-to-face  
6 clinical supervision, as defined by the board in rules and regulations,  
7 including not less than 50 hours of individual supervision, except that the  
8 board may waive the requirement that such supervision be face-to-face  
9 upon a finding of extenuating circumstances, integrating diagnosis and  
10 treatment of mental disorders with use of the American psychiatric  
11 association's diagnostic and statistical manual, except that the board may  
12 waive  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the hours required by this subparagraph for an individual who  
13 has a doctor's degree in marriage and family therapy or a related field  
14 acceptable to the board and who completes the required  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the hours in  
15 not less than one year of supervised professional experience;

16 (E) for persons who earned a degree under subsection (a) prior to July  
17 1, 2003, in lieu of the education and training requirements under  
18 subparagraphs (B) and (C), has completed the education requirements for  
19 licensure as a marriage and family therapist in effect on the day  
20 immediately preceding the effective date of this act;

21 (F) for persons who apply for and are eligible for a temporary permit  
22 to practice as a licensed marriage and family therapist on the day  
23 immediately preceding the effective date of this act, in lieu of the  
24 education and training requirements under subparagraphs (B), (C) and (D),  
25 has completed the education and training requirements for licensure as a  
26 marriage and family therapist in effect on the day immediately preceding  
27 the effective date of this act;

28 (G) has passed an examination approved by the board; and

29 (H) has paid the application fee ~~fixed~~ set under K.S.A. 65-6411, and  
30 amendments thereto.

31 (2) A person who was licensed or registered as a marriage and family  
32 therapist in Kansas at any time prior to the effective date of this act, who  
33 has been actively engaged in the practice of marriage and family therapy  
34 as a registered or licensed marriage and family therapist within five years  
35 prior to the effective date of this act and whose last license or registration  
36 in Kansas prior to the effective date of this act was not suspended or  
37 revoked, upon application to the board, payment of fees and completion of  
38 applicable continuing education requirements, shall be licensed as a  
39 licensed clinical marriage and family therapist by providing demonstration  
40 of competence to diagnose and treat mental disorders through at least two  
41 of the following areas acceptable to the board:

42 (A) Either: (i) Graduate coursework; or (ii) passing a national,  
43 clinical examination;

1 (B) either: (i) Three years of clinical practice in a community mental  
2 health center, its contracted affiliate or a state mental hospital; or (ii) three  
3 years of clinical practice in other settings with demonstrated experience in  
4 diagnosing or treating mental disorders; or

5 (C) attestation from one professional licensed to diagnose and treat  
6 mental disorders in independent practice or licensed to practice medicine  
7 and surgery that the applicant is competent to diagnose and treat mental  
8 disorders.

9 (3) A licensed clinical marriage and family therapist may engage in  
10 the independent practice of marriage and family therapy and is authorized  
11 to diagnose and treat mental disorders specified in the edition of the  
12 diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders of the American  
13 psychiatric association designated by the board by rules and regulations.  
14 When a client has symptoms of a mental disorder, a licensed clinical  
15 marriage and family therapist shall consult with the client's primary care  
16 physician or psychiatrist to determine if there may be a medical condition  
17 or medication that may be causing or contributing to the client's symptoms  
18 of a mental disorder. A client may request in writing that such consultation  
19 be waived and such request shall be made a part of the client's record. A  
20 licensed clinical marriage and family therapist may continue to evaluate  
21 and treat the client until such time that the medical consultation is obtained  
22 or waived.

23 (4) On and after January 1, 2002, a licensed marriage and family  
24 therapist may diagnose and treat mental disorders specified in the edition  
25 of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders of the  
26 American psychiatric association designated by the board by rules and  
27 regulations only under the direction of a licensed clinical marriage and  
28 family therapist, licensed psychologist, person licensed to practice  
29 medicine and surgery or person licensed to provide mental health services  
30 as an independent practitioner and whose licensure allows for the  
31 diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. When a client has symptoms  
32 of a mental disorder, a licensed marriage and family therapist shall consult  
33 with the client's primary care physician or psychiatrist to determine if there  
34 may be a medical condition or medication that may be causing or  
35 contributing to the client's symptoms of a mental disorder. A client may  
36 request in writing that such consultation be waived and such request shall  
37 be made a part of the client's record. A licensed marriage and family  
38 therapist may continue to evaluate and treat the client until such time that  
39 the medical consultation is obtained or waived.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24       Sec. 15. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-6405 is hereby amended to read as  
25 follows: 65-6405. (a) A person who is waiting to take the examination  
26 required by the board may apply to the board for a temporary *marriage*  
27 *and family therapy* license to practice as a licensed marriage and family  
28 therapist by:

29       (1) ~~Paying an application a temporary license~~ fee as established by  
30 the board under K.S.A. 65-6411, and amendments thereto; and

31       (2) meeting the application requirements as stated in K.S.A. 65-  
32 6404(a)(1), (a)(2) ~~and~~, (a)(4) and (a)(5), and amendments thereto.

33       (b) *A person who is waiting to take the license examination required*  
34 *by the board, and who has not completed a practicum including 300 hours*  
35 *of direct client contact but has been approved by the board to complete*  
36 *other postgraduate experience totaling 300 hours, may apply to the board*  
37 *for a temporary marriage and family therapy license to practice as a*  
38 *licensed marriage and family therapist by:*

39       (1) *Paying a temporary license fee established by the board under*  
40 *K.S.A. 65-6411, and amendments thereto; and*

41       (2) *meeting the application requirements as stated in K.S.A. 65-*  
42 *6404(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(4) and (a)(5), and amendments thereto, and, except*  
43 *for the requirement to complete a practicum or other postgraduate*

1 *experience, the requirements of K.S.A. 65-6404(a)(2), and amendments*  
2 *thereto.*

3 (c) (1) A temporary *marriage and family therapy* license may be  
4 issued by the board after the application has been reviewed and approved  
5 by the board and the applicant has paid the appropriate fee as established  
6 by the board under K.S.A. 65-6411, and amendments thereto.

7 (2) Absent extenuating circumstances approved by the board, a  
8 temporary license issued by the board shall expire upon the date the board  
9 issues or denies the person a license to practice marriage and family  
10 therapy or ~~12~~ 24 months after the date of issuance of the temporary  
11 license.

12 (3) No temporary license shall be renewed or issued again on any  
13 subsequent application for the same license level. The preceding provision  
14 in no way limits the number of times an applicant may take the  
15 examination.

16 (c) A person practicing marriage and family therapy with a temporary  
17 *marriage and family therapy* license may not use the title "licensed  
18 marriage and family therapist" or the initials "LMFT" independently. The  
19 word "licensed" may be used only when followed by the words "by  
20 temporary license."

21 (d) No person may practice marriage and family therapy under a  
22 temporary *marriage and family therapy* license except under the  
23 supervision of a person licensed by the behavioral sciences regulatory  
24 board at the independent level.

25 (e) Nothing in this section shall affect any temporary license to  
26 practice issued under this section prior to the effective date of this act and  
27 in effect on the effective date of this act. Such temporary license shall be  
28 subject to the provisions of this section in effect at the time of its issuance  
29 and shall continue to be effective until the date of expiration of the license  
30 as provided under this section at the time of issuance of such temporary  
31 license.

32 Sec. 16. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-6406 is hereby amended to read as  
33 follows: 65-6406. (a) The board may issue a license to an individual who  
34 is currently registered, certified or licensed to practice marriage and family  
35 therapy in another jurisdiction if the board determines that:

36 (1) The standards for registration, certification or licensure to practice  
37 marriage and family therapy in the other jurisdiction are substantially the  
38 equivalent of the requirements of the marriage and family therapists  
39 licensure act and rules and regulations of the board; *or*

40 (2) the applicant demonstrates on forms provided by the board  
41 compliance with the following standards as adopted by the board:

42 (A) Registration, certification or licensure to practice marriage and  
43 family therapy *with a similar scope of practice* for at least ~~48 of the last~~ 54

1 ~~12 months immediately preceding the application with at least the~~  
2 ~~minimum professional experience as established by rules and regulations~~  
3 ~~of the board;~~

4 (B) the absence of disciplinary actions of a serious nature brought by  
5 a registration, certification or licensing board or agency; and

6 (C) completion of at least a master's degree in marriage and family  
7 therapy or a related field as approved by the board from a regionally  
8 accredited university.

9 (b) Applicants for licensure as a clinical marriage and family therapist  
10 shall additionally demonstrate competence to diagnose and treat mental  
11 disorders through meeting the requirements of either subsection (a)(1) or  
12 (a)(2) and at least two of the following areas acceptable to the board:

13 (1) Either graduate coursework as established by rules and  
14 regulations of the board or passing a national clinical examination  
15 approved by the board;

16 (2) three years of clinical practice with demonstrated experience in  
17 diagnosing or treating mental disorders; or

18 (3) attestation from a professional licensed to diagnose and treat  
19 mental disorders in independent practice or licensed to practice medicine  
20 and surgery stating that the applicant is competent to diagnose and treat  
21 mental disorders.

22 (c) An applicant for a license under this section shall pay an  
23 application fee established by the board under K.S.A. 65-6411, and  
24 amendments thereto, if required by the board. *Upon notification from the*  
25 *board that all eligibility requirements have been satisfied, the applicant*  
26 *shall pay the license fee as provided in K.S.A. 65-6411, and amendments*  
27 *thereto.*

28 Sec. 17. K.S.A. 65-6407 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
29 6407. (a) An applicant who meets the requirements for licensure pursuant  
30 to this act, has paid the license fee provided for by K.S.A. 65-6411, and  
31 amendments thereto, and has otherwise complied with the provisions of  
32 this act shall be licensed by the board.

33 (b) Licenses issued pursuant to this act shall expire 24 months from  
34 the date of issuance unless revoked prior to that time. A license may be  
35 renewed upon application and payment of the fee provided for by K.S.A.  
36 65-6411, and amendments thereto. The application for renewal shall be  
37 accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has  
38 completed during the previous 24 months the continuing education  
39 required by rules and regulations of the board. *Prior to July 1, 2025, as*  
40 *part of such continuing education, the applicant shall complete not less*  
41 *than six continuing education hours relating to diagnosis and treatment of*  
42 *mental disorders and not less than three continuing education hours of*  
43 *professional ethics. On and after July 1, 2025, as part of such continuing*

1 education, a licensee shall complete not less than three continuing  
2 education hours relating to diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders;  
3 **and not less than three continuing education hours of professional ethics**  
4 ~~and not less than three continuing education hours in cultural diversity.~~  
5 ~~Acceptable continuing education hours in cultural diversity shall include,~~  
6 ~~but not be limited to, professional development regarding age, disability,~~  
7 ~~ethnicity, gender, gender identity, language, national origin, race, religion,~~  
8 ~~cultural, sexual orientation and socioeconomic status.~~

9 (c) (1) A licensee who is unable to complete the required continuing  
10 education hours for renewal may request additional time to complete any  
11 remaining continuing education hours. Such request shall be made to the  
12 board not later than 30 calendar days prior to the expiration of the license  
13 and shall include:

14 (A) The licensee's reason for requesting additional time, showing  
15 extenuating circumstances for why the hours could not be completed  
16 during the license period; and

17 (B) a plan outlining the manner in which the licensee intends to  
18 complete the remaining continuing education hours.

19 (2) The board may grant a licensee up to three additional months  
20 beyond the license expiration date to complete the required continuing  
21 education hours.

22 (3) A licensee who receives additional time to complete continuing  
23 education hours under this subsection shall:

24 (A) Renew the license prior to the license expiration date and report  
25 to the board the number of continuing education hours completed on such  
26 date;

27 (B) notify the board upon completing the remaining continuing  
28 education hours; and

29 (C) be subject to an audit by the board of the total number of  
30 continuing education hours completed for the applicable license period.

31 (4) Continuing education hours completed during additional time  
32 granted under this subsection shall be credited only toward the  
33 requirements for the license period for which additional time is granted.

34 (5) A licensee shall not be approved for additional time to complete  
35 continuing education requirements in consecutive license periods.

36 (d) A person whose license has been suspended or revoked may make  
37 written application to the board requesting reinstatement of the license  
38 upon termination of the period of suspension or revocation in a manner  
39 prescribed by the board, which application shall be accompanied by the  
40 fee provided for by K.S.A. 65-6411, and amendments thereto.

41 (e) (1) A person whose license has expired may make written  
42 application to the board requesting reinstatement of the license in a  
43 manner prescribed by the board, and such application shall be



1 accompanied by:

2 (A) *The renewal fee established under K.S.A. 65-6411, and*  
3 *amendments thereto, and, for any person whose license has been expired*  
4 *for one year or less, an additional fee equal to the renewal fee; and*

5 (B) *evidence satisfactory to the board that the person has completed*  
6 *during the previous 24 months the continuing education requirements for*  
7 *one license period.*

8 (2) *A person requesting to reinstate a license that has been expired*  
9 *for longer than one year who has not completed the necessary continuing*  
10 *education hours for reinstatement may submit an application for a six-*  
11 *month reinstatement temporary license in a manner prescribed by the*  
12 *board, and such application shall be accompanied by the fee established*  
13 *under K.S.A. 65-6411, and amendments thereto. A licensee practicing*  
14 *under a six-month reinstatement temporary license shall complete the*  
15 *continuing education requirements required for a permanent license prior*  
16 *to the expiration of the temporary license and notify the board upon such*  
17 *completion. A six-month reinstatement temporary license shall not be*  
18 *extended or renewed.*

19 ~~(d)~~(f) Within 30 days after any change of permanent address, a  
20 licensee shall notify the board of such change.

21 Sec. 18. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-6411 is hereby amended to read as  
22 follows: 65-6411. (a) The board may ~~fix~~ collect the following fees, and  
23 any such fees shall be established by rules and regulations adopted by the  
24 board:

25 (1) For application for licensure as a marriage and family therapist,  
26 not to exceed \$150;

27 (2) for temporary licensure as a marriage and family therapist, not to  
28 exceed \$175;

29 (3) for original licensure as a marriage and family therapist, not to  
30 exceed \$175;

31 (4) for renewal for licensure as a marriage and family therapist, not to  
32 exceed \$175;

33 (5) *for a six-month reinstatement temporary license as a marriage*  
34 *and family therapist, not to exceed \$50;*

35 (6) for application for licensure as a clinical marriage and family  
36 therapist, not to exceed \$175;

37 ~~(6)~~(7) for original licensure as a clinical marriage and family  
38 therapist, not to exceed \$175;

39 ~~(7)~~(8) for renewal for licensure as a clinical marriage and family  
40 therapist, not to exceed \$175;

41 (9) *for a six-month reinstatement temporary license as a clinical*  
42 *marriage and family therapist, not more than \$50;*

43 ~~(8)~~(10) **for community-based licensure as a marriage and family**

1 **therapist, not to exceed \$175;**

2 **(11)** for reinstatement of a license, not to exceed \$175;

3 ~~(9)(11)~~**(12)** for replacement of a license, not to exceed \$20;

4 ~~(10)(12)~~**(13)** for renewal penalty, an amount equal to the renewal of  
5 license;

6 ~~(11)(13)~~**(14)** for a wallet card license, not to exceed \$5; and

7 ~~(12)(14)~~**(15)** for application for approval as a board-approved clinical  
8 supervisor, not to exceed \$50.

9 (b) Fees paid to the board are not refundable.

10 Sec. 19. K.S.A. 65-6608 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
11 6608. As used in the addiction counselor licensure act:

12 (a) ~~"Board" means the behavioral sciences regulatory board created~~  
13 ~~under K.S.A. 74-7501, and amendments thereto.~~

14 (b) "Addiction counseling" means the utilization of special skills to  
15 assist persons with addictions, and to assist such persons' families and  
16 friends to achieve resolution of addiction through the exploration of the  
17 disease and its ramifications, the examination of attitudes and feelings, the  
18 consideration of alternative solutions and decision making, as these relate  
19 specifically to addiction. Evaluation and assessment, treatment including  
20 treatment plan development, crisis intervention, referral, record keeping  
21 and clinical consultation specifically related to addiction are within the  
22 scope of addiction counseling. Additionally, at the clinical level of  
23 licensure, addiction counseling includes independent practice and the  
24 diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorders.

25 (b) *"Board" means the behavioral sciences regulatory board created*  
26 *under K.S.A. 74-7501, and amendments thereto.*

27 (c) *"Extenuating circumstances" means any condition or situation*  
28 *caused by events beyond an individual's control that is sufficiently extreme*  
29 *in nature to result in the:*

30 (1) *Individual's inability to comply with requirements; or*

31 (2) *inadvisability of requiring the individual to comply with*  
32 *requirements.*

33 (d) "Licensed addiction counselor" means a person who engages in  
34 the practice of addiction counseling limited to substance use disorders and  
35 who is licensed under this act. Such person shall engage in the practice of  
36 addiction counseling in a state-licensed or certified alcohol and other drug  
37 treatment program or in completing a Kansas domestic violence offender  
38 assessment for participants in a certified batterer intervention program  
39 pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7d01 through 75-7d13, and amendments thereto,  
40 unless otherwise exempt from licensure under K.S.A. 59-29b46(n), and  
41 amendments thereto.

42 ~~(d) "Licensed master's addiction counselor" means a person who~~  
43 ~~engages in the practice of addiction counseling limited to substance use~~

1 ~~disorders and who is licensed under this act. Such person may diagnose~~  
2 ~~substance use disorders only under the direction of a licensed clinical~~  
3 ~~addiction counselor, a licensed psychologist, a person licensed to practice~~  
4 ~~medicine and surgery or a person licensed to provide mental health~~  
5 ~~services as an independent practitioner and whose licensure allows for the~~  
6 ~~diagnosis and treatment of substance abuse disorders or mental disorders.~~

7 (e) "Licensed clinical addiction counselor" means a person who  
8 engages in the independent practice of addiction counseling and diagnosis  
9 and treatment of substance use disorders specified in the edition of the  
10 American psychiatric association's diagnostic and statistical manual of  
11 mental disorders (DSM) designated by the board by rules and regulations  
12 and is licensed under this act.

13 (f) *"Licensed master's addiction counselor" means a person who*  
14 *engages in the practice of addiction counseling limited to substance use*  
15 *disorders and who is licensed under the addiction counselor licensure act.*  
16 *Such person may diagnose substance use disorders only under the*  
17 *direction of a licensed clinical addiction counselor, a licensed*  
18 *psychologist, a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or a*  
19 *person licensed to provide mental health services as an independent*  
20 *practitioner and whose licensure allows for the diagnosis and treatment of*  
21 *substance abuse disorders or mental disorders.*

22 Sec. 20. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-6610 is hereby amended to read as  
23 follows: 65-6610. (a) An applicant for licensure as an addiction counselor  
24 shall furnish evidence that the applicant:

25 (1) Has attained 21 years of age;

26 (2) (A) has completed at least a baccalaureate degree from an  
27 addiction counseling program that is part of a college or university  
28 approved by the board;

29 (B) has completed at least a baccalaureate degree from a college or  
30 university approved by the board. As part of, or in addition to, the  
31 baccalaureate degree coursework, such applicant shall also complete a  
32 minimum number of semester hours of coursework on substance use  
33 disorders as approved by the board;

34 (C) is currently licensed in Kansas as a licensed baccalaureate social  
35 worker and has completed a minimum number of semester hours of  
36 coursework on substance use disorders as approved by the board; or

37 (D) is currently licensed in Kansas by the board as a master social  
38 worker, specialist clinical social worker, professional counselor, clinical  
39 professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, clinical marriage  
40 and family therapist, master's level psychologist, clinical psychotherapist  
41 or psychologist. Such licensees shall be eligible to take the examination as  
42 required by paragraph (3);

43 (3) has passed an examination approved by the board;

1 (4) has satisfied the board that the applicant is a person who merits  
2 the public trust; and

3 (5) has paid the application fee established by the board under K.S.A.  
4 65-6618, and amendments thereto, *and, upon notification from the board*  
5 *that all eligibility requirements have been satisfied, paid the license fee*  
6 *established under K.S.A. 65-6618, and amendments thereto.*

7 (b) Applications for licensure as a master's addiction counselor shall  
8 be made to the board on a form and in the manner prescribed by the board.  
9 Each applicant shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the  
10 applicant:

11 (1) (A) Has attained 21 years of age;

12 (B) (i) has completed at least a master's degree from an addiction  
13 counseling program that is part of a college or university approved by the  
14 board;

15 (ii) has completed at least a master's degree from a college or  
16 university approved by the board. As part of or in addition to the master's  
17 degree coursework, such applicant shall also complete a minimum number  
18 of semester hours of coursework supporting the diagnosis and treatment of  
19 substance use disorders as approved by the board; or

20 (iii) is currently licensed in Kansas as a licensed master social  
21 worker, licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and family  
22 therapist or licensed master's level psychologist;

23 (C) has passed an examination approved by the board;

24 (D) has satisfied the board that the applicant is a person who merits  
25 the public trust; and

26 (E) has paid the application fee ~~fixed set~~ under K.S.A. 65-6618, and  
27 amendments thereto, *and, upon notification from the board that all*  
28 *eligibility requirements have been satisfied, paid the license fee as*  
29 *provided by K.S.A. 65-6618, and amendments thereto; or*

30 (2) (A) has met the following requirements on or before July 1, 2016:

31 (i) Holds an active license by the board as an addiction counselor; and

32 (ii) has completed at least a master's degree in a related field from a  
33 college or university approved by the board; and

34 (B) has completed six hours of continuing education in the diagnosis  
35 and treatment of substance use disorders during the three years  
36 immediately preceding the application date.

37 (c) Applications for licensure as a clinical addiction counselor shall  
38 be made to the board on a form and in the manner prescribed by the board.  
39 Each applicant shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the  
40 applicant:

41 (1) Has attained 21 years of age;

42 (2) (A) (i) has completed at least a master's degree from an addiction  
43 counseling program that is part of a college or university approved by the

1 board; and

2 (ii) has completed not less than two years of postgraduate supervised  
3 professional experience in accordance with a clinical supervision plan  
4 approved by the board of not less than 3,000 hours of supervised  
5 professional experience, including at least 1,500 hours of direct client  
6 contact conducting substance abuse assessments and treatment with  
7 individuals, couples, families or groups and not less than 100 hours of  
8 face-to-face clinical supervision, as defined by the board in rules and  
9 regulations, including not less than 50 hours of individual supervision,  
10 except that the board may waive the requirement that such supervision be  
11 face-to-face upon a finding of extenuating circumstances, integrating  
12 diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorders with use of the  
13 diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders of the American  
14 psychiatric association, except that the board may waive  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the hours  
15 required by this clause for an individual who has a doctoral degree in  
16 addiction counseling or a related field approved by the board and who  
17 completes the required  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the hours in not less than one year of  
18 supervised professional experience; or

19 (B) (i) has completed at least a master's degree from a college or  
20 university approved by the board. As part of or in addition to the master's  
21 degree coursework, such applicant shall also complete a minimum number  
22 of semester hours of coursework supporting the diagnosis and treatment of  
23 substance use disorders as approved by the board; and

24 (ii) has completed not less than two years of postgraduate supervised  
25 professional experience in accordance with a clinical supervision plan  
26 approved by the board of not less than 3,000 hours of supervised  
27 professional experience, including at least 1,500 hours of direct client  
28 contact conducting substance abuse assessments and treatment with  
29 individuals, couples, families or groups and not less than 100 hours of  
30 face-to-face clinical supervision, as defined by the board in rules and  
31 regulations, including not less than 50 hours of individual supervision,  
32 except that the board may waive the requirement that such supervision be  
33 face-to-face upon a finding of extenuating circumstances, integrating  
34 diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorders with use of the  
35 diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders of the American  
36 psychiatric association, except that the board may waive  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the hours  
37 required by this clause for an individual who has a doctoral degree in  
38 addiction counseling or a related field approved by the board and who  
39 completes the required  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the hours in not less than one year of  
40 supervised professional experience; or

41 (C) (i) has completed a master's degree from a college or university  
42 approved by the board and is licensed by the board as a licensed master's  
43 addiction counselor; and

1 (ii) has completed not less than two years of postgraduate supervised  
2 professional experience in accordance with a clinical supervision plan  
3 approved by the board of not less than 3,000 hours of supervised  
4 professional experience, including at least 1,500 hours of direct client  
5 contact conducting substance abuse assessments and treatment with  
6 individuals, couples, families or groups and not less than 100 hours of  
7 face-to-face clinical supervision, as defined by the board in rules and  
8 regulations, including not less than 50 hours of individual supervision,  
9 except that the board may waive the requirement that such supervision be  
10 face-to-face upon a finding of extenuating circumstances, integrating  
11 diagnosis and treatment of substance use disorders with use of the  
12 diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders of the American  
13 psychiatric association, except that the board may waive  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the hours  
14 required by this clause for an individual who has a doctoral degree in  
15 addiction counseling or a related field approved by the board and who  
16 completes the required  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the hours in not less than one year of  
17 supervised professional experience; or

18 (D) is currently licensed in Kansas as a licensed psychologist,  
19 licensed specialist clinical social worker, licensed clinical professional  
20 counselor, licensed clinical psychotherapist or licensed clinical marriage  
21 and family therapist and provides to the board an attestation from a  
22 professional licensed to diagnose and treat mental disorders, or substance  
23 use disorders, or both, in independent practice or licensed to practice  
24 medicine and surgery stating that the applicant is competent to diagnose  
25 and treat substance use disorders;

26 (3) has passed an examination approved by the board;

27 (4) has satisfied the board that the applicant is a person who merits  
28 the public trust; and

29 (5) has paid the application fee ~~fixed set~~ under K.S.A. 65-6618, and  
30 amendments thereto, *and, upon notification from the board that all*  
31 *eligibility requirements have been satisfied, paid the license fee*  
32 *established under K.S.A. 65-6618, and amendments thereto.*

33 Sec. 21. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-6611 is hereby amended to read as  
34 follows: 65-6611. (a) A person who is waiting to take the examination for  
35 licensure as an addiction counselor may apply to the board for a temporary  
36 *addiction counselor* license to practice as a licensed addiction counselor  
37 by:

38 (1) Paying a fee for a temporary license ~~fixed set~~ under K.S.A. 65-  
39 6618, and amendments thereto; and

40 (2) meeting the application requirements as stated in K.S.A. 65-  
41 6610(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(4) and (a)(5), and amendments thereto.

42 (b) A person who is waiting to take the examination for licensure as a  
43 master's addiction counselor may apply to the board for a temporary

1 *master's addiction counselor* license to practice as a licensed master's  
2 addiction counselor by:

3 (1) Paying a fee for a temporary license—~~fixed set~~ under K.S.A. 65-  
4 6618, and amendments thereto; and

5 (2) meeting the application requirements as stated in K.S.A. 65-  
6 6610(b)(1)(A), (b)(1)(B), (b)(1)(D) and (b)(1)(E), and amendments  
7 thereto.

8 (c) (1) A temporary *addiction counselor* license or *temporary*  
9 *master's addiction counselor* license may be issued by the board after the  
10 application has been reviewed and approved by the board and the applicant  
11 has paid the appropriate fee ~~set by the board for issuance of new licenses~~.

12 (2) Absent extenuating circumstances approved by the board, a  
13 temporary *addiction counselor* license or a *temporary master's addiction*  
14 *counselor* license issued by the board shall expire upon the date the board  
15 issues or denies the person a license to practice addiction counseling or ~~12~~  
16 24 months after the date of issuance of the temporary *addiction counselor*  
17 license or *temporary master's addiction counselor* license.

18 (3) No temporary *addiction counselor* license or *temporary master's*  
19 *addiction counselor* license will be renewed or issued again on any  
20 subsequent application for the same license level. The preceding provision  
21 in no way limits the number of times an applicant may take the  
22 examination.

23 (d) A person practicing addiction counseling with a temporary  
24 *addiction counselor* license or a *temporary master's addiction counselor*  
25 *license* may not use the title "licensed addiction counselor" or "licensed  
26 master's addiction counselor" or use the initials "LAC" or "LMAC"  
27 independently. The word "licensed" may be used only when followed by  
28 the words "by temporary license."

29 (e) No person may practice addiction counseling under a temporary  
30 *addiction counselor* license or a *temporary master's addiction counselor*  
31 *license* except in a licensed or certified alcohol and other drug abuse  
32 program, under the direction of a person licensed by the behavioral  
33 sciences regulatory board at the clinical level or a person licensed to  
34 practice medicine and surgery.

35 (f) Nothing in this section shall affect any temporary license to  
36 practice issued under this section prior to the effective date of this act and  
37 in effect on the effective date of this act. Such temporary license shall be  
38 subject to the provisions of this section in effect at the time of its issuance  
39 and shall continue to be effective until the date of expiration of the license  
40 as provided under this section at the time of issuance of such license.

41 (g) *A person may apply to the board for a student temporary*  
42 *addiction counselor* license to practice as a student temporary *addiction*  
43 *counselor, on a form and in the manner prescribed by the board, by:*

1       (1) *Providing documentation of completing at least 60 credit hours*  
2 *from an institution of higher education with an emphasis in addiction*  
3 *counseling or a related field, as defined by the board in rules and*  
4 *regulations;*

5       (2) *providing a signed attestation indicating the applicant's intention*  
6 *to pursue licensure as a licensed addiction counselor with a plan to*  
7 *complete the education requirements toward a licensed addiction*  
8 *counseling license within 48 months;*

9       (3) *providing an education plan, signed by an official of the*  
10 *institution of higher education, including steps to obtain coursework*  
11 *necessary to receive an addiction counselor license;*

12       (4) *providing a signed attestation from a prospective employer who*  
13 *intends to offer employment when the applicant receives the student*  
14 *temporary addiction counselor license;*

15       (5) *submitting a supervision plan signed by a person who is*  
16 *employed by the prospective employer and who would be providing*  
17 *supervision to the applicant under K.S.A. 65-6611(i), and amendments*  
18 *thereto. Such supervision plan shall include not less than 4 hours of*  
19 *supervision per month and not fewer than 2 supervision meetings per*  
20 *month. A maximum of 2 hours per month may be in group supervision;*

21       (6) *satisfying the board that the applicant is a person who merits the*  
22 *public trust;*

23       (7) *attaining 20 years of age; and*

24       (8) *paying a fee for a student temporary addiction counselor license*  
25 *established under K.S.A. 65-6618, and amendments thereto.*

26       (h) *A student temporary addiction counselor license issued by the*  
27 *board shall expire upon the date the board issues the person a permanent*  
28 *license to practice addiction counseling or 24 months after the date of*  
29 *issuance of the student temporary addiction counselor license. A student*  
30 *temporary addiction counselor license may be renewed for one additional*  
31 *24-month period by demonstrating:*

32       (1) *Evidence of the person's compliance with the education plan,*  
33 *including completion of coursework and remaining in good standing with*  
34 *the institution of higher education;*

35       (2) *changes or updates to the education plan signed by a*  
36 *representative of the institution of higher education;*

37       (3) *evidence of supervision logs signed by the supervisor and student*  
38 *for the periods of supervision; and*

39       (4) *paying a fee for renewal of a student temporary addiction*  
40 *counselor license established under K.S.A. 65-6618, and amendments*  
41 *thereto.*

42       (i) *No person may practice addiction counseling under a student*  
43 *temporary addiction counselor license except in a licensed or certified*



1 *alcohol and other drug abuse program, a certified community behavioral*  
2 *health clinic or a community mental health center, supervised by a person*  
3 *licensed by the behavioral sciences regulatory board as an addiction*  
4 *counselor, master's addiction counselor or clinical addiction counselor or*  
5 *other individual licensed by the behavioral sciences regulatory board*  
6 *holding a license as a master's social worker, specialist clinical social*  
7 *worker, professional counselor, clinical professional counselor, marriage*  
8 *and family therapist, clinical marriage and family therapist, master's level*  
9 *psychologist, clinical psychotherapist or psychologist.*

10 Sec. 22. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-6613 is hereby amended to read as  
11 follows: 65-6613. (a) The board may issue a license to an individual who  
12 is currently registered, certified or licensed to practice addiction  
13 counseling in another jurisdiction if the board determines that:

14 (1) The standards for registration, certification or licensure to practice  
15 addiction counseling in the other jurisdiction are substantially the  
16 equivalent of the requirements of the addiction counselor licensure act and  
17 rules and regulations of the board; or

18 (2) the applicant demonstrates on forms provided by the board  
19 compliance with the following standards as adopted by the board:

20 (A) Registration, certification or licensure to practice as an addiction  
21 counselor *with a similar scope of practice* for at least ~~48 of the last 54~~ 12  
22 months immediately preceding the application ~~with at least the minimum~~  
23 ~~professional experience as established by rules and regulations of the~~  
24 ~~board;~~

25 (B) the absence of disciplinary actions of a serious nature brought by  
26 a registration, certification or licensing board or agency; and

27 (C) completion of at least a baccalaureate degree from a college or  
28 university approved by the board.

29 (b) The board may issue a license to an individual who is currently  
30 registered, certified or licensed to practice addiction counseling at the  
31 master's level in another jurisdiction if the board determines that:

32 (1) (A) The standards for registration, certification or licensure to  
33 practice addiction counseling at the master's level in the other jurisdiction  
34 are substantially the equivalent of the requirements of the addiction  
35 counselor licensure act and rules and regulations of the board; and

36 (B) completion of at least a master's degree from a college or  
37 university approved by the board; or

38 (2) the applicant demonstrates on forms provided by the board  
39 compliance with the following standards as adopted by the board:

40 (A) Registration, certification or licensure to practice addiction  
41 counseling at the master's level *with a similar scope of practice* for at least  
42 ~~48 of the last 54~~ 12 months immediately preceding the application ~~with at~~  
43 ~~least the minimum professional experience as established by rules and~~

1 regulations of the board;

2 (B) the absence of disciplinary actions of a serious nature brought by  
3 a registration, certification or licensing board or agency; and

4 (C) completion of at least a master's degree from a college or  
5 university approved by the board.

6 (c) The board may issue a license to an individual who is currently  
7 registered, certified or licensed to practice addiction counseling at the  
8 clinical level in another jurisdiction if the board determines that:

9 (1) (A) The standards for registration, certification or licensure to  
10 practice addiction counseling at the clinical level in the other jurisdiction  
11 are substantially the equivalent of the requirements of the addiction  
12 counselor licensure act and rules and regulations of the board; and

13 (B) the applicant demonstrates completion of at least a master's  
14 degree from a college or university approved by the board; or

15 (2) the applicant demonstrates on forms provided by the board  
16 compliance with the following standards as adopted by the board:

17 (A) Registration, certification or licensure to practice addiction  
18 counseling at the clinical level *with a similar scope of practice* for at least  
19 ~~48 of the last 54 12~~ months immediately preceding the application ~~with at~~  
20 ~~least the minimum professional experience as established by rules and~~  
21 ~~regulations of the board;~~

22 (B) the absence of disciplinary actions of a serious nature brought by  
23 a registration, certification or licensing board or agency;

24 (C) completion of at least a master's degree from a college or  
25 university approved by the board; and

26 (D) at least two of the following areas acceptable to the board:

27 (i) Either coursework as established by rules and regulations of the  
28 board or passing a national clinical examination approved by the board;

29 (ii) three years of clinical practice with demonstrated experience  
30 supporting diagnosing or treating substance use disorders; or

31 (iii) attestation from a professional licensed to diagnose and treat  
32 mental disorders, or substance use disorders, or both, in independent  
33 practice or licensed to practice medicine and surgery, stating that the  
34 applicant is competent to diagnose and treat substance use disorders.

35 (d) An applicant for a license under this section shall pay an  
36 application fee established by the board under K.S.A. 65-6618, and  
37 amendments thereto, if required by the board. *Upon notification from the*  
38 *board that all eligibility requirements have been satisfied, the applicant*  
39 *shall submit the license fee as provided in K.S.A. 65-6618, and*  
40 *amendments thereto.*

41 Sec. 23. K.S.A. 65-6614 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
42 6614. (a) An applicant who meets the requirements for licensure pursuant  
43 to this act, has paid the license fee provided for by K.S.A. 65-6618, and

1 amendments thereto, and has otherwise complied with the provisions of  
2 this act shall be licensed by the board.

3 (b) Licenses issued pursuant to this act shall expire 24 months from  
4 the date of issuance unless revoked prior to that time. A license may be  
5 renewed upon application and payment of the fee provided for by K.S.A.  
6 65-6618, and amendments thereto. The application for renewal shall be  
7 accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has  
8 completed during the previous 24 months the continuing education  
9 required by rules and regulations of the board, including not less than three  
10 hours in ethics. ~~In addition~~ *Prior to July 1, 2025*, as part of such  
11 continuing education, the master's addiction counselor applicant and the  
12 clinical addiction counselor applicant shall complete not less than six  
13 continuing education hours relating to diagnosis and treatment of  
14 substance use disorders. *On and after July 1, 2025, as part of such*  
15 *continuing education:*

16 ~~(1) —, a master's addiction counselor applicant or clinical addiction~~  
17 ~~counselor applicant shall complete not less than three continuing~~  
18 ~~education hours relating to diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders;~~  
19 ~~and~~

20 ~~(2) — a licensed addiction counselor applicant, master's addiction-~~  
21 ~~counselor applicant or clinical addiction counselor applicant shall-~~  
22 ~~complete not less than three continuing education hours in cultural-~~  
23 ~~diversity. Acceptable continuing education hours in cultural diversity shall~~  
24 ~~include, but not be limited to, professional development regarding age,-~~  
25 ~~disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, language, national origin,-~~  
26 ~~race, religion, cultural, sexual orientation and socioeconomic status.~~

27 (c) (1) A licensee who is unable to complete the required continuing  
28 education hours for renewal may request additional time to complete any  
29 remaining continuing education hours. Such request shall be made to the  
30 board not later than 30 calendar days prior to the expiration of the license  
31 and shall include:

32 (A) The licensee's reason for requesting additional time, showing  
33 extenuating circumstances for why the hours could not be completed  
34 during the license period; and

35 (B) a plan outlining the manner in which the licensee intends to  
36 complete the remaining continuing education hours.

37 (2) The board may grant a licensee up to three additional months  
38 beyond the license expiration date to complete the required continuing  
39 education hours.

40 (3) A licensee who receives additional time to complete continuing  
41 education hours under this subsection shall:

42 (A) Renew the license prior to the license expiration date and report  
43 to the board the number of continuing education hours completed on such

1 date;

2 (B) notify the board upon completing the remaining continuing  
3 education hours; and

4 (C) be subject to an audit by the board of the total number of  
5 continuing education hours completed for the applicable license period.

6 (4) Continuing education hours completed during additional time  
7 granted under this subsection shall be credited only toward the  
8 requirements for the license period for which additional time is granted.

9 (5) A licensee shall not be approved for additional time to complete  
10 continuing education requirements in consecutive license periods.

11 (d) A person whose license has been suspended or revoked may make  
12 written application to the board requesting reinstatement of the license  
13 upon termination of the period of suspension or revocation in a manner  
14 prescribed by the board, which application shall be accompanied by the  
15 fee provided for by K.S.A. 65-6618, and amendments thereto.

16 (e) (1) A person whose license has expired may make written  
17 application to the board requesting reinstatement of the license in a  
18 manner prescribed by the board, and such application shall be  
19 accompanied by:

20 (A) The renewal fee established under K.S.A. 65-6618, and  
21 amendments thereto, and, for any person whose license has been expired  
22 for one year or less, an additional fee equal to the renewal fee; and

23 (B) evidence satisfactory to the board that the person has completed  
24 during the previous 24 months the continuing education requirements for  
25 one license period.

26 (2) A person requesting to reinstate a license that has been expired  
27 for longer than one year who has not completed the necessary continuing  
28 education hours for reinstatement may submit an application for a six-  
29 month reinstatement temporary license in a manner prescribed by the  
30 board, and such application shall be accompanied by the fee established  
31 under K.S.A. 65-6618, and amendments thereto. A licensee practicing  
32 under a six-month reinstatement temporary license shall complete the  
33 continuing education requirements required for a permanent license prior  
34 to the expiration of the temporary license and notify the board upon such  
35 completion. A six-month reinstatement temporary license shall not be  
36 extended or renewed.

37 ~~(d)~~(f) Within 30 days after any change of permanent address, a  
38 licensee shall notify the board of such change.

39 Sec. 24. K.S.A. 65-6618 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
40 6618. (a) The board may ~~fix~~ collect the following fees, and any such fees  
41 shall be established by rules and regulations adopted by the board:

42 (1) For application for licensure as an addiction counselor, not to  
43 exceed \$150;

- 1 (2) for original licensure as an addiction counselor, not to exceed  
2 \$150;
- 3 (3) for renewal for licensure as an addiction counselor, not to exceed  
4 \$150;
- 5 (4) for a temporary license *as an addiction counselor*, not to exceed  
6 \$100;
- 7 (5) *for a six-month reinstatement temporary license as an addiction*  
8 *counselor, not to exceed \$50;*
- 9 (6) *for a student temporary addiction counselor license, not to exceed*  
10 *\$100;*
- 11 (7) *for renewal for a student temporary addiction counselor license,*  
12 *not to exceed \$100;*
- 13 (8) for application for licensure as a master's addiction counselor, not  
14 to exceed \$150;
- 15 ~~(9)~~ for original licensure as a master's addiction counselor, not to  
16 exceed \$150;
- 17 ~~(10)~~ for renewal for licensure as a master's addiction counselor, not  
18 to exceed \$150;
- 19 (11) *for a temporary license as a master's addiction counselor, not to*  
20 *exceed \$100;*
- 21 (12) *for a six-month reinstatement temporary license as a master's*  
22 *addiction counselor, not to exceed \$50;*
- 23 ~~(13)~~ for application for licensure as a clinical addiction counselor,  
24 not to exceed \$150;
- 25 ~~(14)~~ for original licensure as a clinical addiction counselor, not to  
26 exceed \$150;
- 27 ~~(15)~~ for renewal for licensure as a clinical addiction counselor,  
28 not to exceed \$150;
- 29 (16) *for a six-month reinstatement temporary license as a clinical*  
30 *addiction counselor, not to exceed \$50;*
- 31 ~~(17)~~ for a temporary permit to practice clinical addiction  
32 counseling, not to exceed \$200;
- 33 ~~(18)~~ for extension of a temporary permit to practice clinical  
34 addiction counseling, not to exceed \$200;
- 35 ~~(19)~~ for reinstatement of a license, not to exceed \$150;
- 36 ~~(20)~~ for replacement of a license, not to exceed \$20;
- 37 ~~(21)~~ for late renewal penalty, an amount equal to the fee for  
38 renewal; and
- 39 ~~(22)~~ for a wallet license, not more than \$5.
- 40 (b) The board shall require that fees paid for any examination under  
41 the addiction counselor licensure act be paid directly to the examination  
42 services by the person taking the examination.
- 43 (c) Fees paid to the board are not refundable.

1       Sec. 25. K.S.A. 65-7504 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
2 7504. (a) ~~The board may deny, suspend, revoke or refuse renewal of any~~  
3 ~~license issued under this act if the board finds that the applicant or license~~  
4 ~~holder has~~ *refuse to issue, renew or reinstate a license, may condition,*  
5 *limit, revoke or suspend a license, may publicly or privately censure a*  
6 *licensee or may impose a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per violation upon a*  
7 *finding that a licensee or an applicant for licensure has:*

8       (1) Used any controlled substance or alcoholic beverage to an extent  
9 that such use impairs such person's ability to perform the work of any  
10 profession licensed or regulated by this act.

11       (2) ~~The person has~~ Been finally adjudicated and found guilty, or  
12 entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a criminal prosecution under  
13 the laws of any state or of the United States, for any offense reasonably  
14 related to the qualifications, functions or duties of any professional  
15 licensed or regulated under this act, for any offense an essential element of  
16 which is fraud, dishonesty or an act of violence, or for any offense  
17 involving moral turpitude, whether or not a sentence is imposed.

18       (3) Used any fraud, deception or misrepresentation in securing any  
19 license issued under this act.

20       (4) Obtained or attempted to obtain any fee, charge, tuition or other  
21 compensation by fraud, deception or misrepresentation.

22       (5) Committed any act of incompetency, misconduct, gross  
23 negligence, fraud, misrepresentation or dishonesty in the performance of  
24 the functions or duties of any profession licensed by the board.

25       (6) Committed any violation of or assisted or enabled any person to  
26 violate any provision of this act or any rule and regulation promulgated  
27 thereunder.

28       (7) Impersonated any person holding a certificate of registration or  
29 authority, permit or license or allowed any other person to use such  
30 person's certificate of registration or authority, permit, license or diploma  
31 from any school.

32       (8) Been disciplined in any action by another state, territory, federal  
33 agency or country which would constitute grounds for a license issued  
34 under this act being suspended or revoked.

35       (9) Been finally adjudged insane or incapacitated by a court of  
36 competent jurisdiction.

37       (10) Assisted or enabled any person to practice or offer to practice  
38 any profession licensed or regulated by the board when such person is not  
39 eligible to practice such profession as required by law.

40       (11) Issued any certificate of registration or authority, permit or  
41 license based upon a material mistake of fact.

42       (12) Failed to display a valid certificate or license if so required by  
43 this act or any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

1 (13) Violated any professional trust or confidence.

2 (14) Used any advertisement or solicitation which is false, misleading  
3 or deceptive to the general public or persons to whom the advertisement or  
4 solicitation is primarily directed.

5 (15) Been found ~~guilty of~~ *to have engaged in* unprofessional conduct  
6 ~~or professional incompetency~~ as defined by ~~the board by~~ *applicable* rules  
7 and regulations *adopted by the board*.

8 (16) Violated any lawful order or directive of the board previously  
9 entered by the board.

10 (b) ~~Any action taken under this section which affects any license or~~  
11 ~~imposes any administrative penalty shall be taken only after notice and an~~  
12 ~~opportunity for a hearing conducted in accordance with the provisions~~  
13 ~~of Administrative proceedings and disciplinary actions regarding~~  
14 ~~licensure under the applied behavior analysis licensure act shall be~~  
15 ~~conducted in accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure act.~~  
16 *Judicial review and civil enforcement of agency actions under the applied*  
17 *behavior analysis licensure act shall be in accordance with the Kansas*  
18 *judicial review act.*

19 Sec. 26. K.S.A. 65-7505 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
20 7505. The board shall ~~promulgate~~ *adopt* rules and regulations necessary to  
21 implement and administer this act. Such rules and regulations shall  
22 include, but not be limited to:

23 (a) The form and content of license applications required and the  
24 procedures for filing an application for an initial or renewal license *or*  
25 *reinstatement* in this state;

26 (b) the establishment of fees for licenses; and ~~the renewal and~~  
27 *reinstatement* thereof; to cover all or any part of the cost of administering  
28 the provisions of this act;

29 (c) the educational and training requirements for licensed behavior  
30 analysts and licensed assistant behavior analysts;

31 (d) the roles, responsibilities and duties of licensed behavior analysts  
32 and licensed assistant behavior analysts;

33 (e) the characteristics of supervision and supervised clinical  
34 practicum experience for the licensed behavior analysts and the licensed  
35 assistant behavior analysts;

36 (f) the supervision of licensed behavior analysts and licensed assistant  
37 behavior analysts;

38 (g) the requirements for continuing education for licensed behavior  
39 analysts and licensed assistant behavior analysts;

40 (h) standards of professional competency;

41 (i) standards of professional conduct; and

42 (j) such other rules and regulations as the board deems necessary to  
43 carry out the provisions of this act.

1       Sec. 27. K.S.A. 74-5302 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-  
2 5302. ~~For the purpose of this act the following definitions shall apply.~~As  
3 used in the licensure of psychologists act of the state of Kansas:

4       (a) "Board" means the behavioral sciences regulatory board created  
5 by K.S.A. 74-7501, and amendments thereto.

6       (b) "Extenuating circumstances" means any condition or situation  
7 caused by events beyond an individual's control that is sufficiently extreme  
8 in nature to result in the:

9       (1) Individual's inability to comply with requirements; or

10       (2) inadvisability of requiring the individual to comply with  
11 requirements.

12       (c) "License" means a license as a psychologist issued by the board.

13       (d) "Licensed psychologist" means a person licensed by the board  
14 under the provisions of the licensure of psychologists act of the state of  
15 Kansas.

16       (e) "Merits the public trust" means that an applicant or licensee  
17 possesses the high standard of good moral character and fitness that is  
18 required to practice psychology as demonstrated by the following personal  
19 qualities:

20       (1) Good judgment;

21       (2) integrity;

22       (3) honesty;

23       (4) fairness;

24       (5) credibility;

25       (6) reliability;

26       (7) respect for others;

27       (8) respect for the laws of this state and the nation;

28       (9) self-discipline;

29       (10) self-evaluation;

30       (11) initiative; and

31       (12) commitment to the psychology profession and its values and  
32 ethics.

33       (f) "Practice of psychology" means the application of established  
34 principles of learning, motivation, perception, thinking and emotional  
35 relationships to problems of behavior adjustment, group relations and  
36 behavior modification, by persons trained in psychology. The application  
37 of such principles includes, but is not restricted to, counseling and the use  
38 of psychological remedial measures with persons, in groups or  
39 individually, having adjustment or emotional problems in the areas of  
40 work, family, school and personal relationships; measuring and testing  
41 personality, intelligence, aptitudes, public opinion, attitudes and skills; the  
42 teaching of such subject matter; and the conducting of research on  
43 problems relating to human behavior, except that in all cases involving the



1 care of the sick and ill as defined by the laws of this state, the primary  
2 responsibility devolves upon those licensed under the Kansas healing arts  
3 act. The practice of psychology includes the diagnosis and treatment of  
4 mental disorders specified in the edition of the diagnostic and statistical  
5 manual of mental disorders of the American psychiatric association  
6 designated by the board by rules and regulations. If a licensed psychologist  
7 cannot make an independent diagnosis of a mental disorder, such  
8 psychologist shall consult with the client's primary care physician or  
9 psychiatrist to determine if there may be a medical condition or medication  
10 that may be causing or contributing to the client's symptoms of a mental  
11 disorder. A client may request in writing that such consultation be waived  
12 and such request shall be made a part of the client's record. A licensed  
13 psychologist may continue to evaluate and treat the client until such time  
14 that the medical consultation is obtained or waived.

15 ~~(b)~~(g) "Represents oneself to be a psychologist" means that a person  
16 engages in the practice of psychology for a fee, monetary or otherwise, or  
17 holds oneself out to the public by any title or description of services  
18 incorporating the word "psychologic," "psychological," "psychologist" or  
19 "psychology" and under such title or description offers to render or renders  
20 services to individuals, corporations or the public for a fee, monetary or  
21 otherwise.

22 ~~(e) "Board" means the behavioral sciences regulatory board created~~  
23 ~~by K.S.A. 74-7501 and amendments thereto.~~

24 ~~(d) "License" means a license as a psychologist issued by the board.~~

25 ~~(e) "Licensed psychologist" means a person licensed by the board~~  
26 ~~under the provisions of this act.~~

27 Sec. 28. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-5310 is hereby amended to read as  
28 follows: 74-5310. (a) The board shall issue a license as a psychologist to  
29 any person who pays a nonrefundable application fee prescribed by the  
30 board, if required by the board, not in excess of \$225 and, if required by  
31 the board, a nonrefundable original license fee not in excess of \$150, who  
32 satisfies the board as to such person's training and experience after a  
33 thorough review of such person's credentials and who passes a satisfactory  
34 examination in psychology. Any person paying the fee ~~must~~ shall also  
35 submit evidence verified by oath and satisfactory to the board that such  
36 person:

37 (1) Is at least 21 years of age;

38 (2) ~~is of good moral character~~ *a person who merits the public trust;*

39 (3) has received the doctor's degree based on a program of studies in  
40 content primarily psychological from an educational institution having a  
41 graduate program with standards consistent with those of the state  
42 universities of Kansas, or the substantial equivalent of such program in  
43 both subject matter and extent of training; and

1 (4) has had at least two years of supervised experience, a significant  
2 portion of which shall have been spent in rendering psychological services  
3 satisfying the board's approved standards for the psychological service  
4 concerned.

5 (b) The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the  
6 criteria which an educational institution shall satisfy in meeting the  
7 requirements established under subsection (a)(3). The board may send a  
8 questionnaire developed by the board to any educational institution for  
9 which the board does not have sufficient information to determine whether  
10 the educational institution meets the requirements of subsection (a)(3) and  
11 rules and regulations adopted under this section. The questionnaire  
12 providing the necessary information shall be completed and returned to the  
13 board in order for the educational institution to be considered for approval.  
14 The board may contract with investigative agencies, commissions or  
15 consultants to assist the board in obtaining information about educational  
16 institutions. In entering such contracts the authority to approve educational  
17 institutions shall remain solely with the board.

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

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

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

29 (i) **Upon the date the board issues or denies a license to practice**  
30 **psychology; or**

31 (ii) **24 months after the date of issuance of the community-based**  
32 **psychologist license.**

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

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

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

43 (6) **The board shall adopt rules and regulations to set the fee, if**

1 **required by the board, for the issuance of a community-based**  
2 **psychologist license in an amount not to exceed \$225.**

3 Sec. 29. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-5315 is hereby amended to read as  
4 follows: 74-5315. (a) The board may grant a license to any person who, at  
5 the time of application, is registered, certified or licensed as a psychologist  
6 at the doctoral level in another jurisdiction if the board determines that:

7 (1) The requirements of such jurisdiction for such certification or  
8 licensure are substantially the equivalent of the requirements of this state;  
9 or

10 (2) the applicant demonstrates on forms provided by the board  
11 compliance with the following standards as adopted by the board:

12 (A) Registration, certification or licensure as a psychologist at the  
13 doctoral level *with a similar scope of practice* for at least ~~48 of the last 54~~  
14 *12 months immediately preceding the application* ~~with at least the~~  
15 ~~minimum professional experience as established by rules and regulations~~  
16 ~~of the board;~~

17 (B) the absence of disciplinary actions of a serious nature brought by  
18 a registration, certification or licensing board or agency; and

19 (C) a doctoral degree in psychology from a regionally accredited  
20 university or college.

21 (b) An applicant for a license under this section shall pay an  
22 application fee established by the board under K.S.A. 74-5310, and  
23 amendments thereto, if required by the board. *Upon notification from the*  
24 *board that all eligibility requirements have been satisfied, the applicant*  
25 *shall pay the license fee as provided in K.S.A. 74-5310, and amendments*  
26 *thereto.*

27 Sec. 30. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-5316 is hereby amended to read as  
28 follows: 74-5316. (a) Upon application, the board may issue temporary  
29 licenses to persons who have met all qualifications for licensure under the  
30 provisions of the licensure of psychologists act of the state of Kansas,  
31 except passage of the required examination, pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5310,  
32 and amendments thereto, who have paid the required application and  
33 temporary license fees and who have submitted documentation as required  
34 by the board, under the following:

35 (1) Absent extenuating circumstances approved by the board, a  
36 temporary license issued by the board shall expire upon the earlier of the  
37 date the board issues or denies a license to practice psychology or two  
38 years after the date of issuance of the temporary license. No temporary  
39 license shall be renewed or issued again on any subsequent application for  
40 licensure under the provisions of the licensure of psychologists act of the  
41 state of Kansas. This paragraph shall not limit the number of times that an  
42 applicant may take the required examination;

43 (2) ~~the board shall adopt rules and regulations prescribing continuing~~

1 education requirements for temporary licensees, including, but not limited  
2 to, a requirement that temporary licensees shall complete a minimum of 25  
3 contact hours of continuing education during the two-year period of  
4 temporary licensure, which shall include a minimum of three hours in  
5 psychology ethics;

6 (3) no person ~~may~~ shall work under a temporary license except under  
7 the supervision of a licensed psychologist as prescribed in rules and  
8 regulations adopted by the board; and

9 (4)(3) the fee for such temporary license may be ~~fixed~~ set by the  
10 board and shall not exceed \$200, and any such fee shall be established by  
11 rules and regulations adopted by the board.

12 (b) Upon application, the board may issue temporary licenses not to  
13 exceed two years to persons who have completed all requirements for a  
14 doctoral degree approved by the board but have not received such degree  
15 conferral or who have met all qualifications for licensure under provisions  
16 of such act, except completion of the postdoctoral supervised work  
17 experience pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5310(a)(4), and amendments thereto,  
18 who have paid the required application and temporary license fees and  
19 who have submitted documentation as required by the board, under the  
20 following:

21 (1) The temporary license shall expire at the end of the two-year  
22 period after issuance or if such temporary licensee is denied a license to  
23 practice psychology;

24 (2) the temporary license may be renewed for one additional two-year  
25 period;

26 (3) no temporary license shall be issued again on any subsequent  
27 application for licensure under the provisions of the licensure of  
28 psychologists act of the state of Kansas. This paragraph shall not limit the  
29 number of times that an applicant may take the required examination;

30 (4) temporary licensees shall be working toward the completion of  
31 the postdoctoral supervised work experience prescribed in K.S.A. 74-  
32 5310(a)(4), and amendments thereto;

33 (5) ~~the board shall adopt rules and regulations prescribing continuing~~  
34 ~~education requirements for temporary licensees, including, but not limited~~  
35 ~~to, a requirement that temporary licensees shall complete a minimum of 25~~  
36 ~~contact hours of continuing education during the two-year period of~~  
37 ~~temporary licensure, which shall include a minimum of three hours in~~  
38 ~~psychology ethics;~~

39 (6) no temporary licensee ~~may~~ shall work under a temporary license  
40 except under the supervision of a licensed psychologist as prescribed in  
41 rules and regulations adopted by the board; and

42 (7)(6) the fee for a renewal of the temporary license may be ~~fixed~~ set  
43 by the board and shall not exceed \$200 per issuance, and any such fee

1 shall be established by rules and regulations adopted by the board.

2 (c) A person practicing psychology with a temporary license ~~may~~  
3 *shall* not use the title "licensed psychologist" or the initials "LP,"  
4 independently. The word "licensed" may be used only when preceded by  
5 the word "temporary."

6 (d) This section shall be *a* part of and supplemental to the provisions  
7 of article 53 of chapter 74 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and  
8 amendments thereto.

9 (e) As used in this section, "temporary licensee" means any person  
10 practicing psychology with a temporary license pursuant to subsection (a)  
11 or (b).

12 Sec. 31. K.S.A. 74-5318 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-  
13 5318. (a) An application for renewal shall be accompanied by evidence  
14 satisfactory to the board that the applicant has completed, during the  
15 previous 24 months, the continuing education required by rules and  
16 regulations of the board. *Prior to July 1, 2025*, as part of such continuing  
17 education, a licensed psychologist shall complete not less than six  
18 continuing education hours relating to diagnosis and treatment of mental  
19 disorders and not less than three continuing education hours of  
20 professional ethics. *On and after July 1, 2025, as part of such continuing*  
21 *education, a licensee shall complete not less than three continuing*  
22 *education hours relating to diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders;*  
23 **and not less than three continuing education hours of professional ethics**  
24 ~~*and not less than three continuing education hours in cultural diversity.*~~  
25 ~~*Acceptable continuing education hours in cultural diversity shall include;*~~  
26 ~~*but not be limited to, professional development regarding age, disability;*~~  
27 ~~*ethnicity, gender, gender identity, language, national origin, race, religion,*~~  
28 ~~*cultural, sexual orientation and socioeconomic status.*~~

29 (b) (1) *A licensee who is unable to complete the required continuing*  
30 *education hours for renewal may request additional time to complete any*  
31 *remaining continuing education hours. Such request shall be made to the*  
32 *board not later than 30 calendar days prior to the expiration of the license*  
33 *and shall include:*

34 (A) *The licensee's reason for requesting additional time, showing*  
35 *extenuating circumstances for why the hours could not be completed*  
36 *during the license period; and*

37 (B) *a plan outlining the manner in which the licensee intends to*  
38 *complete the remaining continuing education hours.*

39 (2) *The board may grant a licensee up to three additional months*  
40 *beyond the license expiration date to complete the required continuing*  
41 *education hours.*

42 (3) *A licensee who receives additional time to complete continuing*  
43 *education hours under this subsection shall:*

1       (A) Renew the license prior to the license expiration date and report  
2 to the board the number of continuing education hours completed on such  
3 date;

4       (B) notify the board upon completing the remaining continuing  
5 education hours; and

6       (C) be subject to an audit by the board of the total number of  
7 continuing education hours completed for the applicable license period.

8       (4) Continuing education hours completed during additional time  
9 granted under this subsection shall be credited only toward the  
10 requirements for the license period for which additional time is granted.

11       (5) A licensee shall not be approved for additional time to complete  
12 continuing education requirements in consecutive license periods.

13       (c) A licensee shall submit the application to the board with a renewal  
14 fee—fixed set by rules and regulations of the board not to exceed \$200.  
15 Upon receipt of such application and fee, the board shall issue a renewal  
16 license for the period commencing on the date on which the license is  
17 issued and expiring on June 30 of the next even-numbered year. Initial  
18 licenses shall be for the current biennium of registration.

19       ~~(e)~~(d) Applications for renewal of a license shall be made biennially  
20 on or before ~~July 1~~ June 30 and, if not so made, an additional fee equal to  
21 the renewal fee shall be added to the regular renewal fee.

22       ~~(d)~~(e) Any psychologist who has failed to renew a license and  
23 continues to represent oneself as a psychologist after ~~July 1~~ June 30 shall  
24 be in violation of the licensure of psychologists act of the state of Kansas.  
25 ~~The board may suspend or revoke such psychologist's license under the~~  
26 ~~provisions of K.S.A. 74-5324, and amendments thereto.~~

27       (f) A person whose license has been suspended or revoked may make  
28 written application to the board requesting reinstatement of the license  
29 upon termination of the period of suspension or revocation. Such  
30 application shall be in a manner prescribed by the board and  
31 accompanied by a reinstatement fee not to exceed \$200 prescribed by the  
32 board in rules and regulations.

33       (g) (1) A person whose license has expired may make written  
34 application to the board requesting reinstatement of the license in a  
35 manner prescribed by the board, and such application shall be  
36 accompanied by:

37       (A) The required renewal fee and, for any person whose license has  
38 been expired for one year or less, an additional fee equal to the renewal  
39 fee; and

40       (B) evidence satisfactory to the board that the person has completed  
41 during the previous 24 months the continuing education requirements for  
42 one license period.

43       (2) A person requesting to reinstate a license that has been expired

1 *for longer than one year who has not completed the necessary continuing*  
2 *education hours for reinstatement may submit an application for a six-*  
3 *month reinstatement temporary license in a manner prescribed by the*  
4 *board, and such application shall be accompanied by a fee not to exceed*  
5 *\$50 prescribed by the board in rules and regulations. A licensee practicing*  
6 *under a six-month reinstatement temporary license shall complete the*  
7 *continuing education requirements required for a permanent license prior*  
8 *to the expiration of the temporary license and notify the board upon such*  
9 *completion. A six-month reinstatement temporary license shall not be*  
10 *extended or renewed.*

11 ~~(e)~~(h) Within 30 days after any change of permanent address, a  
12 licensee shall notify the board of such change.

13 Sec. 32. K.S.A. 74-5361 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-  
14 5361. As used in ~~this~~ *the licensure of master's level psychologists act:*

15 (a) ~~"Practice of psychology" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto~~  
16 ~~in K.S.A. 74-5302 and amendments thereto.~~

17 (b) "Board" means the behavioral sciences regulatory board created  
18 by K.S.A. 74-7501, and amendments thereto.

19 (b) "Extenuating circumstances" means any condition or situation  
20 caused by events beyond an individual's control that is sufficiently extreme  
21 in nature to result in the:

22 (1) *Individual's inability to comply with requirements; or*

23 (2) *inadvisability of requiring the individual to comply with*  
24 *requirements.*

25 (c) "Licensed clinical psychotherapist" means a person licensed by  
26 the board under the licensure of master's level psychologists act who  
27 engages in the independent practice of master's level psychology,  
28 including the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders specified in the  
29 edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders of the  
30 American psychiatric association designated by the board by rules and  
31 regulations.

32 (d) "Licensed master's level psychologist" means a person licensed by  
33 the board under the provisions of ~~this~~ *the licensure of master's level*  
34 *psychologists act.*

35 ~~(d) "Licensed clinical psychotherapist" means a person licensed by~~  
36 ~~the board under this act who engages in the independent practice of~~  
37 ~~master's level psychology including the diagnosis and treatment of mental~~  
38 ~~disorders specified in the edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of~~  
39 ~~mental disorders of the American psychiatric association designated by the~~  
40 ~~board by rules and regulations.~~

41 (e) "Master's level psychology" means the practice of psychology  
42 pursuant to the restrictions set out in K.S.A. 74-5362, and amendments  
43 thereto, and includes the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders as

1 authorized under K.S.A. 74-5361 et seq., and amendments thereto.

2 (f) *"Practice of psychology"* means the same as defined in K.S.A. 74-  
3 5302, and amendments thereto.

4 Sec. 33. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-5363 is hereby amended to read as  
5 follows: 74-5363. (a) Any person who desires to be licensed under this act  
6 shall apply to the board in writing, on forms prepared and furnished by the  
7 board. Each application shall contain appropriate documentation of the  
8 particular qualifications required by the board and shall be accompanied  
9 by the required fee.

10 (b) The board shall license as a licensed master's level psychologist  
11 any applicant for licensure who pays the fee prescribed by the board under  
12 K.S.A. 74-5365, and amendments thereto, which shall not be refunded,  
13 who has satisfied the board as to such applicant's training and who  
14 complies with the provisions of this subsection. An applicant for licensure  
15 also shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board that such applicant:

16 (1) Is at least 21 years of age;

17 (2) has satisfied the board that the applicant is a person who merits  
18 public trust;

19 (3) has received at least 60 graduate hours including a master's degree  
20 in psychology based on a program of studies in psychology from an  
21 educational institution having a graduate program in psychology consistent  
22 with state universities of Kansas; or until July 1, 2003, has received at least  
23 a master's degree in psychology and during such master's or post-master's  
24 coursework completed a minimum of 12 semester hours or its equivalent  
25 in psychological foundation courses such as, but not limited to, philosophy  
26 of psychology, psychology of perception, learning theory, history of  
27 psychology, motivation, and statistics and 24 semester hours or its  
28 equivalent in professional core courses such as, but not limited to, two  
29 courses in psychological testing, psychopathology, two courses in  
30 psychotherapy, personality theories, developmental psychology, research  
31 methods, social psychology; or has passed comprehensive examinations or  
32 equivalent final examinations in a doctoral program in psychology and  
33 during such graduate program completed a minimum of 12 semester hours  
34 or its equivalent in psychological foundation courses such as, but not  
35 limited to, philosophy of psychology, psychology of perception, learning  
36 theory, history of psychology, motivation; and statistics and 24 semester  
37 hours or its equivalent in professional core courses such as, but not limited  
38 to, two courses in psychological testing, psychopathology, two courses in  
39 psychotherapy, personality theories, developmental psychology, research  
40 methods, social psychology;

41 (4) has completed 750 clock hours of academically supervised  
42 practicum in the master's degree program or 1,500 clock hours of  
43 postgraduate supervised work experience; and



1 (5) has passed an examination approved by the board with a  
2 minimum score set by the board by rules and regulations.

3 (c) (1) Applications for licensure as a clinical psychotherapist shall be  
4 made to the board on a form and in the manner prescribed by the board.  
5 Each applicant shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the  
6 applicant:

7 (A) Is licensed by the board as a licensed master's level psychologist  
8 or meets all requirements for licensure as a master's level psychologist;

9 (B) has completed 15 credit hours as part of or in addition to the  
10 requirements under subsection (b) supporting diagnosis or treatment of  
11 mental disorders with use of the American psychiatric association's  
12 diagnostic and statistical manual, through identifiable study of:  
13 Psychopathology, diagnostic assessment, interdisciplinary referral and  
14 collaboration, treatment approaches and professional ethics;

15 (C) has completed a graduate level supervised clinical practicum of  
16 supervised professional experience including psychotherapy and  
17 assessment with individuals, couples, families or groups, integrating  
18 diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders with use of the American  
19 psychiatric association's diagnostic and statistical manual, with not less  
20 than 350 hours of direct client contact or additional postgraduate  
21 supervised experience as determined by the board;

22 (D) has completed not less than two years of postgraduate supervised  
23 professional experience in accordance with a clinical supervision plan  
24 approved by the board of not less than 3,000 hours of supervised  
25 professional experience including at least 1,500 hours of direct client  
26 contact conducting psychotherapy and assessments with individuals,  
27 couples, families or groups and not less than 100 hours of face-to-face  
28 clinical supervision, as defined by the board in rules and regulations,  
29 including not less than 50 hours of individual supervision, except that the  
30 board may waive the requirement that such supervision be face-to-face  
31 upon a finding of extenuating circumstances, integrating diagnosis and  
32 treatment of mental disorders with use of the American psychiatric  
33 association's diagnostic and statistical manual;

34 (E) for persons earning a degree under subsection (b) prior to July 1,  
35 2003, in lieu of the education requirements under subparagraphs (B) and  
36 (C), has completed the education requirements for licensure as a licensed  
37 master's level psychologist in effect on the day immediately preceding the  
38 effective date of this act;

39 (F) for persons who apply for and are eligible for a temporary  
40 *master's level psychology* license to practice as a licensed master's level  
41 psychologist on the day immediately preceding the effective date of this  
42 act, in lieu of the education and training requirements under subparagraphs  
43 (B), (C) and (D), has completed the education and training requirements

1 for licensure as a master's level psychologist in effect on the day  
2 immediately preceding the effective date of this act;

3 (G) has passed an examination approved by the board with the same  
4 minimum passing score as that set by the board for licensed psychologists;  
5 and

6 (H) has paid the application fee; if required by the board *and, upon*  
7 *notification from the board that all eligibility requirements have been*  
8 *satisfied, paid the license fee.*

9 (2) A person who was licensed or registered as a master's level  
10 psychologist in Kansas at any time prior to the effective date of this act,  
11 who has been actively engaged in the practice of master's level psychology  
12 as a registered or licensed master's level psychologist within five years  
13 prior to the effective date of this act and whose last license or registration  
14 in Kansas prior to the effective date of this act was not suspended or  
15 revoked, upon application to the board, payment of fees and completion of  
16 applicable continuing education requirements, shall be licensed as a  
17 licensed clinical psychotherapist by providing demonstration of  
18 competence to diagnose and treat mental disorders through at least two of  
19 the following areas acceptable to the board:

20 (A) Either: (i) Graduate coursework; or (ii) passing a national,  
21 clinical examination;

22 (B) either: (i) Three years of clinical practice in a community mental  
23 health center, its contracted affiliate or a state mental hospital; or (ii) three  
24 years of clinical practice in other settings with demonstrated experience in  
25 diagnosing or treating mental disorders; or

26 (C) attestation from one professional licensed to diagnose and treat  
27 mental disorders in independent practice or licensed to practice medicine  
28 and surgery that the applicant is competent to diagnose and treat mental  
29 disorders.

30 (3) A licensed clinical psychotherapist may engage in the independent  
31 practice of master's level psychology and is authorized to diagnose and  
32 treat mental disorders specified in the edition of the diagnostic and  
33 statistical manual of mental disorders of the American psychiatric  
34 association designated by the board by rules and regulations. When a client  
35 has symptoms of a mental disorder, a licensed clinical psychotherapist  
36 shall consult with the client's primary care physician or psychiatrist to  
37 determine if there may be a medical condition or medication that may be  
38 causing or contributing to the client's symptoms of a mental disorder. A  
39 client may request in writing that such consultation be waived and such  
40 request shall be made a part of the client's record. A licensed clinical  
41 psychotherapist may continue to evaluate and treat the client until such  
42 time that the medical consultation is obtained or waived.

43 (d) The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the

1 criteria that an educational institution shall satisfy in meeting the  
2 requirements established under subsection (b)(3). The board may send a  
3 questionnaire developed by the board to any educational institution for  
4 which the board does not have sufficient information to determine whether  
5 the educational institution meets the requirements of subsection (b)(3) and  
6 rules and regulations adopted under this section. The questionnaire  
7 providing the necessary information shall be completed and returned to the  
8 board in order for the educational institution to be considered for approval.  
9 The board may contract with investigative agencies, commissions or  
10 consultants to assist the board in obtaining information about educational  
11 institutions. In entering such contracts the authority to approve educational  
12 institutions shall remain solely with the board.

13 Sec. 34. K.S.A. 74-5365 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-  
14 5365. (a) The following fees may be ~~fixed~~ *set* by the board for licensure  
15 under the licensure of master's level psychologists act: For application,  
16 issuance of a new license and renewal of a license, an amount not to  
17 exceed \$200; for replacement of a license, an amount not to exceed \$20;  
18 and for a wallet card license, an amount not to exceed \$5. Any such fees  
19 required by the board shall be established by rules and regulations adopted  
20 by the board.

21 (b) Fees paid to the board are not refundable.

22 (c) The application for renewal shall be accompanied by evidence  
23 satisfactory to the board that the applicant has completed, during the  
24 previous 24 months, the continuing education required by rules and  
25 regulations of the board. *Prior to July 1, 2025*, as part of such continuing  
26 education, a licensed master's level psychologist and a licensed clinical  
27 psychotherapist shall complete not less than six continuing education  
28 hours relating to diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders and not less  
29 than three continuing education hours of professional ethics. *On and after*  
30 *July 1, 2025, as part of such continuing education, a licensee shall*  
31 *complete not less than three continuing education hours relating to*  
32 *diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders; and not less than three*  
33 *continuing education hours of professional ethics* ~~and not less than three~~  
34 ~~continuing education hours in cultural diversity. Acceptable continuing~~  
35 ~~education hours in cultural diversity shall include, but not be limited to,~~  
36 ~~professional development regarding age, disability, ethnicity, gender,~~  
37 ~~gender identity, language, national origin, race, religion, cultural, sexual~~  
38 ~~orientation and socioeconomic status.~~

39 (d) (1) *A licensee who is unable to complete the required continuing*  
40 *education hours for renewal may request additional time to complete any*  
41 *remaining continuing education hours. Such request shall be made to the*  
42 *board not later than 30 calendar days prior to the expiration of the license*  
43 *and shall include:*

1       (A) *The licensee's reason for requesting additional time, showing*  
2 *extenuating circumstances for why the hours could not be completed*  
3 *during the license period; and*

4       (B) *a plan outlining the manner in which the licensee intends to*  
5 *complete the remaining continuing education hours.*

6       (2) *The board may grant a licensee up to three additional months*  
7 *beyond the license expiration date to complete the required continuing*  
8 *education hours.*

9       (3) *A licensee who receives additional time to complete continuing*  
10 *education hours under this subsection shall:*

11       (A) *Renew the license prior to the license expiration date and report*  
12 *to the board the number of continuing education hours completed on such*  
13 *date;*

14       (B) *notify the board upon completing the remaining continuing*  
15 *education hours; and*

16       (C) *be subject to an audit by the board of the total number of*  
17 *continuing education hours completed for the applicable license period.*

18       (4) *Continuing education hours completed during additional time*  
19 *granted under this subsection shall be credited only toward the*  
20 *requirements for the license period for which additional time is granted.*

21       (5) *A licensee shall not be approved for additional time to complete*  
22 *continuing education requirements in consecutive license periods.*

23       (e) *Within 30 days after any change of permanent address, a licensee*  
24 *shall notify the board of such change.*

25       Sec. 35. K.S.A. 74-5366 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-  
26 5366. (a) All licenses shall be effective upon the date issued and shall  
27 expire at the end of 24 months from the date of issuance.

28       (b) A license may be renewed by the payment of the renewal fee and  
29 the execution and submission of a signed statement, on a form provided by  
30 the board, attesting that the applicant's license has been neither revoked  
31 nor currently suspended and that the applicant has met the requirements  
32 for continuing education set forth in this act.

33       (c) ~~If the application for renewal, including payment of the required~~  
34 ~~renewal fee, is not made on or before the date of the expiration of the~~  
35 ~~license, the license is void, and no license shall be reinstated except upon~~  
36 ~~payment of the required renewal fee, plus a penalty equal to the renewal~~  
37 ~~fee, and proof satisfactory to the board of compliance with the continuing~~  
38 ~~education requirements. Upon receipt of such payment and proof, the~~  
39 ~~board shall reinstate the license.~~

40       (d) *A person whose license has been suspended or revoked may make*  
41 *written application to the board requesting reinstatement of the license*  
42 *upon termination of the period of suspension or revocation. Such*  
43 *application shall be in a manner prescribed by the board and*

1 accompanied by a reinstatement fee.

2 (d) (1) A person whose license has expired may make written  
3 application to the board requesting reinstatement of the license in a  
4 manner prescribed by the board, and such application shall be  
5 accompanied by:

6 (A) A reinstatement fee, and, for any person whose license has been  
7 expired for one year or less, a penalty established by the board in rules  
8 and regulations; and

9 (B) evidence satisfactory to the board that the person has completed  
10 during the previous 24 months the continuing education requirements for  
11 one license period.

12 (2) A person requesting to reinstate a license that has been expired  
13 for longer than one year who has not completed the necessary continuing  
14 education hours for reinstatement may submit an application for a six-  
15 month reinstatement temporary license in a manner prescribed by the  
16 board, and such application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$25. A  
17 licensee practicing under a six-month reinstatement temporary license  
18 shall complete the continuing education requirements required for a  
19 permanent license prior to the expiration of the temporary license and  
20 notify the board upon such completion. A six-month reinstatement  
21 temporary license shall not be extended or renewed.

22 (e) A duplicate license shall be issued by the board upon receipt of a  
23 \$20 fee.

24 ~~(e)~~(f) A person registered as a masters level psychologist on  
25 December 30, 1996, shall be deemed to be a licensed masters level  
26 psychologist under this act. Such person shall not be required to file an  
27 original application for licensure under this act, but shall apply to the  
28 board for a license in lieu of registration upon payment of the fee set by  
29 the board for renewal of license. Any application for registration filed but  
30 which has not been granted prior to January 1, 1997, shall be processed as  
31 an application for licensure pursuant to this act. For exchange of a license  
32 in lieu of registration pursuant to this subsection, a fee not to exceed \$100.

33 ~~(f)~~(g) The board shall collect a fee not to exceed \$100 for exchange  
34 of a license in lieu of a registration pursuant to subsection~~(e)~~(f).

35 Sec. 36. K.S.A. 74-5367 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-  
36 5367. (a) The board may issue a temporary *master's level psychology*  
37 license to practice as a licensed master's level psychologist to any person  
38 who pays a *nonrefundable* fee prescribed by the board under this section,  
39 ~~which shall not be refunded~~, and who meets all the requirements for  
40 licensure under K.S.A. 74-5361 et seq., and amendments thereto, as a  
41 licensed master's level psychologist except the requirement of  
42 postgraduate supervised work experience or passing the licensing  
43 examination, or both.

1 (b) Absent extenuating circumstances approved by the board, a  
2 temporary *master's level psychology* license issued by the board shall  
3 expire upon the date the board issues or denies a license to practice  
4 master's level psychology or 24 months after the date of issuance of the  
5 temporary *master's level psychology* license. No temporary *master's level*  
6 *psychology* license issued by the board ~~will~~ shall be renewed or issued  
7 again on any subsequent applications for the same license level. ~~The~~  
8 ~~preceding provision in no way limits~~ *This subsection shall not limit* the  
9 number of times an applicant may take the examination.

10 (c) The board may fix a fee for the application of the temporary  
11 *master's level psychology* license. The application fee shall not exceed  
12 \$100. Any such fee shall be established by rules and regulations adopted  
13 by the board.

14 (d) A person practicing master's level psychology with a temporary  
15 *master's level psychology* license ~~may~~ shall not use the title "licensed  
16 master's level psychologist" or the initials "LMLP" independently. The  
17 word "licensed" may be used only when followed by the words "by  
18 temporary license" such as licensed master's level psychologist by  
19 temporary license, or master's level psychologist licensed by temporary  
20 license.

21 (e) No person ~~may~~ shall work under a temporary *master's level*  
22 *psychology* license except under the supervision of a person licensed to  
23 practice psychology or master's level psychology in Kansas.

24 (f) The application for a temporary *master's level psychology* license  
25 may be denied or a temporary *master's level psychology* license ~~which~~ that  
26 has been issued may be suspended or revoked on the same grounds as  
27 provided for suspension or revocation of a license under K.S.A. 74-5369,  
28 and amendments thereto.

29 (g) Nothing in this section shall affect any temporary license to  
30 practice issued under this section prior to the effective date of this act and  
31 in effect on the effective date of this act. Such temporary license shall be  
32 subject to the provisions of this section in effect at the time of its issuance  
33 and shall continue to be effective until the date of expiration of the license  
34 as provided under this section at the time of issuance of such temporary  
35 license.

36 Sec. 37. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 74-5375 is hereby amended to read as  
37 follows: 74-5375. (a) The behavioral sciences regulatory board may issue  
38 a license to an individual who is currently registered, certified or licensed  
39 to practice psychology at the master's level in another jurisdiction if the  
40 board determines that:

41 (1) The standards for registration, certification or licensure to practice  
42 psychology at the master's level in the other jurisdiction are substantially  
43 equivalent to the requirements of this state; or

1 (2) the applicant demonstrates, on forms provided by the board,  
2 compliance with the following standards adopted by the board:

3 (A) Registration, certification or licensure to practice psychology at  
4 the master's level *with a similar scope of practice* for at least ~~48 of the last~~  
5 ~~54~~ 12 months immediately preceding the application ~~with at least the~~  
6 ~~minimum professional experience as established by rules and regulations~~  
7 ~~of the board;~~

8 (B) the absence of disciplinary actions of a serious nature brought by  
9 a registration, certification or licensing board or agency; and

10 (C) at least a master's degree in psychology from a regionally  
11 accredited university or college.

12 (b) Applicants for licensure as a clinical psychotherapist shall  
13 additionally demonstrate competence to diagnose and treat mental  
14 disorders through meeting the requirements of either subsection (a)(1) or  
15 (a)(2) and at least two of the following areas acceptable to the board:

16 (1) Either graduate coursework as established by rules and  
17 regulations of the board or passing a national clinical examination  
18 approved by the board;

19 (2) three years of clinical practice with demonstrated experience in  
20 diagnosing or treating mental disorders; or

21 (3) attestation from a professional licensed to diagnose and treat  
22 mental disorders in independent practice or licensed to practice medicine  
23 and surgery, stating that the applicant is competent to diagnose and treat  
24 mental disorders.

25 (c) An applicant for a license under this section shall pay an  
26 application fee established by the board under K.S.A. 74-5365, and  
27 amendments thereto, if required by the board. *Upon notification from the*  
28 *board that all eligibility requirements have been satisfied, the applicant*  
29 *shall pay the license fee as provided in K.S.A. 74-5365, and amendments*  
30 *thereto.*

31 Sec. 38. K.S.A. 74-7501 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-  
32 7501. (a) There is hereby created a behavioral sciences regulatory board  
33 consisting of ~~12~~ ~~13~~ 12 members appointed by the governor. The  
34 membership of the board shall be as follows: Two members of the board  
35 shall be licensed psychologists; two members of the board shall be  
36 licensed to engage in the practice of social work; one member of the board  
37 shall be a professional counselor; one member of the board shall be a  
38 marriage and family therapist ~~and~~; one member of the board shall be a  
39 licensed ~~masters~~ *master's level psychologist or a licensed clinical*  
40 *psychotherapist*; one member of the board shall be a licensed addiction  
41 counselor, *a licensed master's addiction counselor* or a licensed clinical  
42 addiction counselor; ~~one member of the board shall be a licensed behavior~~  
43 ~~analyst~~; and four members of the board shall be from and represent the

1 general public. Each member of the board shall be a citizen of the United  
2 States and a resident of this state.

3 (b) The term of office of each member of the board shall be four  
4 years. No member of the board shall be appointed for more than two  
5 successive terms. Upon the expiration of a member's term of office, the  
6 governor shall appoint a qualified successor. Each member shall serve  
7 until a successor is appointed and qualified. Whenever a vacancy occurs in  
8 the membership of the board prior to the expiration of a term of office, the  
9 governor shall appoint a qualified successor to fill the unexpired term. The  
10 governor may remove any member of the board for misconduct,  
11 incompetency or neglect of duty.

12 (c) The board shall organize annually at its first meeting subsequent  
13 to June 30 and shall select from its members a chairperson and a ~~vice-~~  
14 ~~chairperson~~ *vice chairperson*. Other meetings shall be held as the board  
15 designates. A majority of members appointed to the board shall constitute  
16 a quorum for the transaction of business.

17 (d) The board may appoint an executive director who shall be in the  
18 unclassified service of the Kansas civil service act and shall receive an  
19 annual salary ~~fixed~~ *set* by the board, subject to approval by the governor.  
20 The board may employ clerical personnel and other assistants, all of whom  
21 shall be in the ~~classified~~ *unclassified* service under the Kansas civil service  
22 act. The board may make and enter into contracts of employment with  
23 such professional personnel as necessary, in the board's judgment, for the  
24 performance of its duties and functions and the execution of its powers.

25 (e) Members of the behavioral sciences regulatory board attending  
26 meetings of the board, or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof  
27 authorized by the board, shall be paid compensation, subsistence  
28 allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223,  
29 and amendments thereto.

30 Sec. 39. K.S.A. 65-5802, 65-5806, 65-6302, 65-6313, 65-6314, 65-  
31 6402, 65-6407, 65-6608, 65-6614, 65-6618, 65-7504, 65-7505, 74-5302,  
32 74-5318, 74-5339, 74-5361, 74-5365, 74-5366, 74-5367 and 74-7501 and  
33 K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-5804a, 65-5807, 65-5808, 65-6306, 65-6309, 65-  
34 6322, 65-6404, 65-6405, 65-6406, 65-6411, 65-6610, 65-6611, 65-6613,  
35 74-5310, 74-5315, 74-5316, 74-5363 and 74-5375 are hereby repealed.

36 Sec. 40. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
37 publication in the statute book.