

SENATE BILL NO. 194

March 02, 2021, Introduced by Senator LASATA and referred to the Committee on Health Policy and Human Services.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
by amending section 18107 (MCL 333.18107), as amended by 2019 PA
96.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 18107. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the department may
- 2 grant a professional counselor license to an individual who meets
- 3 all of the following criteria:
- 4 (a) Is not less than 18 years of age.

1 (b) Has received, from an accredited college or university
2 approved by the department, a master's or doctoral degree in
3 counseling from a qualified program, or a degree determined by the
4 department in consultation with the board to be substantially
5 equivalent to a counseling degree from a qualified program. The
6 department in consultation with the board shall promulgate rules to
7 establish standards to approve qualified programs.

8 (c) ~~Has~~**Subject to subsection (3), has** at least 2 years of
9 counseling experience under the supervision of a licensed
10 professional counselor. The department in consultation with the
11 board may decrease the required length of counseling experience
12 under the supervision of a licensed professional counselor to 1
13 year if an applicant has completed a doctoral degree in counseling.
14 An applicant ~~shall~~**must** not be licensed before completing 1 year of
15 counseling experience under the supervision of a licensed
16 professional counselor.

17 (2) The department in consultation with the board shall
18 promulgate rules under section 16145 as necessary or appropriate to
19 supplement the requirements for licensure under this part as a
20 licensed professional counselor, including adopting updated
21 standards of the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and
22 Related Educational Programs or a successor organization.

23 **(3) For purposes of the 2 years of counseling experience**
24 **required under subsection (1)(c), the department shall accept each**
25 **hour of supervised counseling experience obtained by an individual**
26 **while completing a master's degree from a qualified program and**
27 **performing the duties assigned to the individual during his or her**
28 **course of training. However, the department shall not accept more**
29 **than 1,000 hours of supervised counseling experience under this**

1 subsection.