

Amendment to SB 424-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to applicants for licensure as alcohol and drug use counselors from other
4 states, and relative to the fee for licensure as a master licensed alcohol and drug
5 counselor.
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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9 1 Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals; Applicants From Other States. Amend RSA 330-
10 C:21 to read as follows:

11 330-C:21 Applicants From Other States.

12 ***I.*** The board may license or issue a certification to any applicant who is licensed or certified
13 in any other state, provided the other state's requirements are substantially equivalent to or more
14 stringent than those of this state.

15 ***II.*** *The board may license or issue a certification to any applicant who is licensed*
16 *or certified in any other state if the other state's requirements are not substantially*
17 *equivalent to those of this state solely because the applicant has obtained a master's*
18 *degree in a discipline described in RSA 330-C:16, I(a) which is less than a 60-hour degree.*
19 *An individual licensed under this paragraph shall:*

20 ***(a)*** *Complete the necessary additional hours of course work in co-occurring*
21 *disorders pursuant to standards established by the board within 5 years from the effective*
22 *date of licensure or certification;*

23 ***(b)*** *Have completed 3,000 hours of clinically supervised work experience in the*
24 *treatment of substance use and co-occurring disorders. These hours may be completed*
25 *after the applicant has been issued the master's degree. Up to 1,500 hours of clinically*
26 *supervised work experience accumulated by the applicant during his or her practice as a*
27 *LADC may be counted toward the required 3,000 hours. In addition, a current license*
28 *issued by the board of mental health practice may be substituted for 1,500 hours of the*
29 *required 3,000 hours of clinically supervised work experience;*

30 ***(c)*** *Conduct his or her practice as an MLADC in full compliance with RSA 330-*
31 *C:10; and*

32 ***(d)*** *Notify the board in writing that he or she has completed the requirements*
33 *in subparagraph (a).*

1 ***III. If an individual licensed under paragraph II does not satisfy the requirements***
2 ***of subparagraph II(a) within 5 years of initial licensure or certification, the board shall***
3 ***not renew the individual's MLADC license but shall, if the individual meets all the***
4 ***requirements for licensure as a LADC, issue a LADC license to the individual.***

5 ***IV. The board may waive provisions of this chapter requiring supervised work***
6 ***experience and practical training and grant a license as a licensed alcohol and drug***
7 ***counselor or master licensed alcohol and drug counselor to any applicant who presents***
8 ***proof of active licensed practice in another jurisdiction of the United States for a period of***
9 ***10 years or more.***

10 2 Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals; Fees. Amend RSA 330-C:8, I as follows:

11 I. The board shall charge licensed alcohol and drug counselors, licensed clinical supervisors,
12 and certified recovery support workers a \$110 fee for the issuance of an initial license or certificate,
13 and \$110 for the renewal of a license or certificate under this chapter. The fee for a master licensed
14 alcohol and drug counselor shall be [~~\$300~~] **\$240** and the renewal fee shall be [~~\$300~~] **\$240**. All
15 licenses shall be renewed biennially on or before June 30 upon payment of the license renewal fee.
16 In addition the board shall establish by rule fees for license and certificate applications, late
17 renewal, and reinstatement of all licenses and certifications authorized by this chapter.

18 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows alcohol and drug use professionals from other states to be licensed by the board of mental health practice in New Hampshire if they complete certain course work and clinical work within 5 years of licensure or have 10 or more years of experience. The bill also reduces the fee for licensure as a master licensed alcohol and drug counselor.