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P.L. 2005, CHAPTER 49, *approved March 21, 2005*
Assembly, No. 3317 (*First Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** concerning marriage and family therapists and amending
2 P.L.1968, c.401.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

6
7 1. Section 6 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-6) is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 6. An individual who is not a licensed practicing marriage and
10 family therapist shall not be limited in his activities:

11 (a) As part of his duties as an employee of:

12 (1) an accredited academic institution, a federal, State, county or
13 local governmental institution or agency, or a research facility while
14 performing those duties for which he was employed by the institution,
15 agency or facility;

16 (2) an organization which is nonprofit and which is, in the opinion
17 of the board, a bona fide community agency, while performing those
18 duties for which he was employed by the agency;

19 (3) a proprietary organization while performing those duties for
20 which he was employed by the organization, provided his marriage and
21 family therapy duties are under the direct supervision of a licensed
22 practicing marriage and family therapist.

23 (b) As a student of marriage and family therapy, marriage and
24 family therapy intern or person preparing for the practice of marriage
25 and family therapy under qualified supervision in a training institution
26 or facility recognized by the board, provided he is designated by such
27 titles as "marriage and family therapy intern," or others, clearly
28 indicating the training status.

29 (c) As a practicing marriage and family therapist for a period not
30 to exceed 10 consecutive business days or 15 business days in any
31 90-day period, if he resides outside and his major practice is outside
32 of the State of New Jersey, and gives the board a summary of his
33 qualifications and a minimum of 10 days' written notice of his intention
34 to practice in the State of New Jersey under this subsection, provided
35 he (1) is certified or licensed in another state under requirements the
36 board considers to be the equivalent of requirements for licensing
37 under this act, or (2) resides in a state which does not certify or license
38 marriage and family therapists and the board considers his
39 professional qualifications to be the equivalent of requirements for
40 licensing under this act; and is not adjudged and notified by the board

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly floor amendments adopted November 15, 2004.

1 that he is ineligible for licensing under this act.

2 (d) [As a practicing marriage and family therapist for a period not
3 exceeding one year, if he has a temporary permit therefor, which the
4 board may issue upon his filing of an application for licensing under
5 this act.] (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c. .)

6 (e) As a practicing marriage and family therapist for a period not
7 exceeding three years under the supervision of a licensed practicing
8 marriage and family therapist, or a person designated by the board as
9 an eligible supervisor, if he has a temporary permit therefor which the
10 board [may] shall issue upon ¹presentation by the applicant of
11 satisfactory evidence of¹ his completion of all the educational
12 requirements [for licensing under this act except the supervised
13 experience requirement] as provided in subsection (a) of section 18 of
14 P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-18) ¹and filing and review of an application
15 for a temporary permit under this act¹.

16 (cf: P.L.1995, c.366, s.5)

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18 2. Section 7 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-7) is amended to read as
19 follows:

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21 and (e) ¹of¹ section 6 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-6) shall not be
22 available to any person who has been found by a court of this or any
23 State of the United States to have been ¹[guilty of and who fails to
24 present satisfactory evidence of recovery from or correction of gross
25 immorality, habitual intoxication, drug addiction, criminality involving
26 felonious action or moral turpitude, or dishonorable or unprofessional
27 conduct] convicted of, or engaged in acts constituting, any crime or
28 offense involving moral turpitude or relating adversely to the activity
29 regulated by the board. For the purposes of this section, a judgment
30 of conviction or a plea of guilty, non vult, nolo contendere or any
31 other such disposition of alleged criminal activity shall be deemed a
32 conviction¹. An action to determine whether any person asserting an
33 exception under [sections] subsections (c)[, (d)] or (e) of section 6
34 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-6) has committed one or more of the
35 acts listed in this section may be brought by the Attorney General on
36 behalf of the board.

37 (cf: P.L.1968, c. 401, s. 7)

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39 3. Section 18 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-18) is amended to read
40 as follows:

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42 admitted to an examination if he meets the qualifications set forth in
43 subsections (a), (b) and (c) of section 14 of P.L.1968, c.401
44 (C.45:8B-14) and provides evidence satisfactory to the board that he
45 has met educational and experiential qualifications as follows:

1 (a) Educational Requirement:

2 To meet the educational requirements, an applicant shall have a
3 minimum of a master's degree in marriage and family therapy, a
4 master's degree in social work, or a graduate degree in a related field
5 and shall demonstrate that he has completed substantially equivalent
6 course work content and training to a master's degree in marriage and
7 family therapy; and the degree shall have been obtained from an
8 accredited institution so recognized at the time of granting of the
9 degrees.

10 Pursuant to regulations adopted by the board, an applicant with a
11 graduate degree in a related field which does not provide training and
12 course work substantially equivalent in content to a master's degree in
13 marriage and family therapy, shall be deemed to meet the educational
14 requirements set forth in this section upon satisfactory completion of
15 either a post graduate degree recognized by the board, or a program
16 of training and course work at an institute or training program
17 accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and
18 Family Therapy Education.

19 (b) Experience Requirements:

20 To meet the experience requirements, an applicant shall have [five]
21 three years of full-time counseling experience, or its equivalent, of a
22 character approved by the board, two years of which [must] shall
23 have been in marriage and family therapy; two of the [five] three
24 required years [must] shall have been under the supervision of a
25 person holding a degree specified in subsection (a) of this section and
26 who has himself had no less than five full-time years of professional
27 experience or the equivalent. For those with a master's degree, two of
28 the three required years shall occur after the applicant has earned the
29 master's degree, and for those with a post-master's or doctoral degree,
30 one of the three required years shall occur after the applicant has
31 earned the post-master's or doctoral degree.

32 (cf: P.L.1995, c.366, s.12)

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34 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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39 Revises experience requirements for eligibility to be licensed as a
40 marriage and family therapist.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3317

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 4, 2004

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ANTHONY IMPREVEDUTO

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Assemblyman PETER J. BIONDI

District 16 (Morris and Somerset)

Assemblywoman MARY T. PREVITE

District 6 (Camden)

SYNOPSIS

Revises experience requirements for eligibility to be licensed as a marriage and family therapist.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/26/2004)

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15 agency or facility;

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17 of the board, a bona fide community agency, while performing those
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36 board considers to be the equivalent of requirements for licensing
37 under this act, or (2) resides in a state which does not certify or license
38 marriage and family therapists and the board considers his
39 professional qualifications to be the equivalent of requirements for
40 licensing under this act; and is not adjudged and notified by the board
41 that he is ineligible for licensing under this act.

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8 requirements [for licensing under this act except the supervised
9 experience requirement] as provided in subsection (a) of section 18 of
10 P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-18).

11 (cf: P.L.1995, c.366, s.5)

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27 (cf:P.L.1968, c. 401, s. 7)

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44 degrees.

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46 graduate degree in a related field which does not provide training and

1 course work substantially equivalent in content to a master's degree in
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3 requirements set forth in this section upon satisfactory completion of
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6 accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and
7 Family Therapy Education.

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11 character approved by the board, two years of which [must] shall
12 have been in marriage and family therapy; two of the [five] three
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14 person holding a degree specified in subsection (a) of this section and
15 who has himself had no less than five full-time years of professional
16 experience or the equivalent. For those with a master's degree, two of
17 the three required years shall occur after the applicant has earned the
18 master's degree, and for those with a post-master's or doctoral degree,
19 one of the three required years shall occur after the applicant has
20 earned the post-master's or doctoral degree.

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23 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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26 STATEMENT

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28 This bill provides that to be eligible for licensure as a marriage and
29 family therapist, an applicant must have three years of full-time
30 counseling experience, rather than the current requirement of five
31 years of full-time counseling experience. The bill stipulates that two
32 of the three required years, instead of two of the five required years as
33 now mandated by law, must have been under the supervision of a
34 qualified professional. Also, the bill requires that for those with a
35 master's degree, two of the three required years shall occur after the
36 applicant has earned the master's degree, and for those with a post-
37 master's or doctoral degree, one of the three required years shall occur
38 after the applicant has earned the post-master's or doctoral degree.

39 Section 6 of P.L.1968, 401 (C.45:8B-6) permits an individual who
40 is not a licensed practicing marriage and family therapist, as part of his
41 duties as an employee, to act as a practicing marriage and family
42 therapist for a period not exceeding three years under the supervision
43 of a licensed practicing marriage and family therapist, or a person
44 designated by the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy
45 Examiners as an eligible supervisor, if he has a temporary permit which
46 the board may issue upon his completion of the existing statutory

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1 requirements for licensing, except the supervised experience
2 requirement. The bill changes the qualifications necessary for such an
3 individual to receive a temporary permit by providing that the board
4 shall issue a temporary permit upon that individual's completion of all
5 the educational requirements already established in subsection (a) of
6 section 18 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-18).

7 Further, the bill deletes subsection (d) of section 6 of P.L.1968,
8 c.401 (C.45:8B-6), which permits an individual who is not licensed as
9 a practicing marriage and family therapist to receive a temporary
10 permit from the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy
11 Examiners to engage as a practicing marriage and family therapist for
12 a period not exceeding one year.

ASSEMBLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS AND
INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3317

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 21, 2004

The Assembly Regulated Professions and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3317.

This bill provides that to be eligible for licensure as a marriage and family therapist, an applicant must have three years of full-time counseling experience, rather than the current requirement of five years of full-time counseling experience. The bill stipulates that two of the three required years, instead of two of the five required years as now mandated by law, must have been under the supervision of a qualified professional. Also, the bill requires that for those with a master's degree, two of the three required years shall occur after the applicant has earned the master's degree, and for those with a post-master's or doctoral degree, one of the three required years shall occur after the applicant has earned the post-master's or doctoral degree.

Section 6 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-6) permits an individual who is not a licensed practicing marriage and family therapist, as part of his duties as an employee, to act as a practicing marriage and family therapist for a period not exceeding three years under the supervision of a licensed practicing marriage and family therapist, or a person designated by the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners as an eligible supervisor, if he has a temporary permit which the board may issue upon his completion of the existing statutory requirements for licensing, except the supervised experience requirement. The bill changes the qualifications necessary for such an individual to receive a temporary permit by providing that the board shall issue a temporary permit upon that individual's completion of all the educational requirements already established in subsection (a) of section 18 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-18).

Further, the bill deletes subsection (d) of section 6 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-6), which permits an individual who is not licensed as a practicing marriage and family therapist to receive a temporary permit from the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners to engage as a practicing marriage and family therapist for a period not exceeding one year.

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 3317

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 7, 2005

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3317 (1R).

As reported by the committee, this bill provides that, to be eligible for licensure as a marriage and family therapist, an applicant must have three years of full-time counseling experience, rather than the current requirement of five years of full-time counseling experience. The bill stipulates that two of the three required years, instead of two of the five required years as now mandated by law, must have been under the supervision of a qualified professional. Also, the bill requires that for those with a master's degree, two of the three required years shall occur after the applicant has earned the master's degree, and for those with a post-master's or doctoral degree, one of the three required years shall occur after the applicant has earned the post-master's or doctoral degree.

Section 6 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-6) permits an individual who is not a licensed practicing marriage and family therapist, as part of his duties as an employee, to act as a practicing marriage and family therapist for a period not exceeding three years under the supervision of a licensed practicing marriage and family therapist, or a person designated by the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners as an eligible supervisor, if he has a temporary permit which the board may issue upon his completion of the existing statutory requirements for licensing, except the supervised experience requirement. The bill changes the qualifications necessary for such an individual to receive a temporary permit by providing that the board shall issue a temporary permit upon that individual's completion of all the educational requirements already established in subsection (a) of section 18 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-18). In order for an individual to receive such a temporary permit, that individual must first file an application for the temporary permit and have that application reviewed by the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners.

Further, the bill deletes subsection (d) of section 6 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-6), which permits an individual who is not licensed as a practicing marriage and family therapist to receive a temporary

permit from the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners to engage as a practicing marriage and family therapist for a period not exceeding one year.

In addition, the bill stipulates that the provisions of section 6 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-6), which permit individuals who are not licensed practicing marriage and family therapists to engage in certain specified activities, shall not be available to any person who has been found by a court of this or any state to have been convicted of, or engaged in acts constituting, any crime or offense involving moral turpitude or relating adversely to the activity regulated by the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners.

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 3317

with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Assemblymen IMPREVEDUTO and BIONDI)

ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 15, 2004

These amendments provide that in order for an individual to receive a temporary permit as a practicing marriage and family therapist, that individual must first file an application for a temporary permit and have that application reviewed by the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners. The amendments also stipulate that the provisions of section 6 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-6), which permit individuals who are not licensed practicing marriage and family therapists to engage in certain specified activities, shall not be available to any person who has been found by a court of this or any state to have been convicted of, or engaged in acts constituting, any crime or offense involving moral turpitude or relating adversely to the activity regulated by the board.

SENATE, No. 2143

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 13, 2004

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE

District 19 (Middlesex)

Senator ELLEN KARCHER

District 12 (Mercer and Monmouth)

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15 (b) Experience Requirements:

16 To meet the experience requirements, an applicant shall have [five]
17 ~~three~~ years of full-time counseling experience, or its equivalent, of a
18 character approved by the board, two years of which [must] ~~shall~~
19 have been in marriage and family therapy; two of the [five] ~~three~~
20 required years [must] ~~shall~~ have been under the supervision of a
21 person holding a degree specified in subsection (a) of this section and
22 who has himself had no less than five full-time years of professional
23 experience or the equivalent. For those with a master's degree, two of
24 the three required years shall occur after the applicant has earned the
25 master's degree, and for those with a post-master's or doctoral degree,
26 one of the three required years shall occur after the applicant has
27 earned the post-master's or doctoral degree.

28 (cf: P.L.1995, c.366, s.12)

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30 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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35 This bill provides that to be eligible for licensure as a marriage and
36 family therapist, an applicant must have three years of full-time
37 counseling experience, rather than the current requirement of five
38 years of full-time counseling experience. The bill stipulates that two
39 of the three required years, instead of two of the five required years as
40 now mandated by law, must have been under the supervision of a
41 qualified professional. Also, the bill requires that for those with a
42 master's degree, two of the three required years shall occur after the
43 applicant has earned the master's degree, and for those with a post-
44 master's or doctoral degree, one of the three required years shall occur
45 after the applicant has earned the post-master's or doctoral degree.

46 Section 6 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-6) permits an individual

1 who is not a licensed practicing marriage and family therapist, as part
2 of his duties as an employee, to act as a practicing marriage and family
3 therapist for a period not exceeding three years under the supervision
4 of a licensed practicing marriage and family therapist, or a person
5 designated by the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy
6 Examiners as an eligible supervisor, if he has a temporary permit which
7 the board may issue upon his completion of the existing statutory
8 requirements for licensing, except the supervised experience
9 requirement. The bill changes the qualifications necessary for such an
10 individual to receive a temporary permit by providing that the board
11 shall issue a temporary permit upon that individual's completion of all
12 the educational requirements already established in subsection (a) of
13 section 18 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-18). In order for an individual
14 to receive such a temporary permit, that individual must first file an
15 application for the temporary permit and have that application
16 reviewed by the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy
17 Examiners.

18 Further, the bill deletes subsection (d) of section 6 of P.L.1968,
19 c.401 (C.45:8B-6), which permits an individual who is not licensed as
20 a practicing marriage and family therapist to receive a temporary
21 permit from the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy
22 Examiners to engage as a practicing marriage and family therapist for
23 a period not exceeding one year.

24 In addition, the bill stipulates that the provisions of section 6 of
25 P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-6), which permit individuals who are not
26 licensed practicing marriage and family therapists to engage in certain
27 specified activities, shall not be available to any person who has been
28 found by a court of this or any state to have been convicted of, or
29 engaged in acts constituting, any crime or offense involving moral
30 turpitude or relating adversely to the activity regulated by the State
31 Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners.

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2143

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 7, 2005

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2143.

This bill provides that, to be eligible for licensure as a marriage and family therapist, an applicant must have three years of full-time counseling experience, rather than the current requirement of five years of full-time counseling experience. The bill stipulates that two of the three required years, instead of two of the five required years as now mandated by law, must have been under the supervision of a qualified professional. Also, the bill requires that for those with a master's degree, two of the three required years shall occur after the applicant has earned the master's degree, and for those with a post-master's or doctoral degree, one of the three required years shall occur after the applicant has earned the post-master's or doctoral degree.

Section 6 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-6) permits an individual who is not a licensed practicing marriage and family therapist, as part of his duties as an employee, to act as a practicing marriage and family therapist for a period not exceeding three years under the supervision of a licensed practicing marriage and family therapist, or a person designated by the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners as an eligible supervisor, if he has a temporary permit which the board may issue upon his completion of the existing statutory requirements for licensing, except the supervised experience requirement. The bill changes the qualifications necessary for such an individual to receive a temporary permit by providing that the board shall issue a temporary permit upon that individual's completion of all the educational requirements already established in subsection (a) of section 18 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-18). In order for an individual to receive such a temporary permit, that individual must first file an application for the temporary permit and have that application reviewed by the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners.

Further, the bill deletes subsection (d) of section 6 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-6), which permits an individual who is not licensed as a practicing marriage and family therapist to receive a temporary permit from the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners to engage as a practicing marriage and family therapist for a period not exceeding one year.

In addition, the bill stipulates that the provisions of section 6 of P.L.1968, c.401 (C.45:8B-6), which permit individuals who are not licensed practicing marriage and family therapists to engage in certain specified activities, shall not be available to any person who has been found by a court of this or any state to have been convicted of, or engaged in acts constituting, any crime or offense involving moral turpitude or relating adversely to the activity regulated by the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners.