

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 3

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING OF COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS; AMENDING
2 SECTION 54-3405, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING QUALIFICA-
3 TIONS FOR LICENSURE; AND AMENDING SECTION 54-3411, IDAHO CODE, TO RE-
4 VISE PROVISIONS REGARDING FEES.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 54-3405, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 54-3405. QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE. (1) Licensure as a "licensed
10 professional counselor" shall be restricted to persons of good moral charac-
11 ter who have successfully completed each of the following requirements:

12 (1a) ~~A planned graduate program of sixty (60) semester hours which is~~
13 ~~primarily counseling in nature, six (6) semester hours of which are~~
14 ~~earned in an advanced counseling practicum, and including a graduate~~
15 ~~degree in a counseling field from an accredited university or college~~
16 ~~offering a graduate program in counseling. A master's degree or higher~~
17 ~~in counseling or a related field of study, as approved by the board,~~
18 ~~which includes completion of a practicum of supervised clinical contact~~
19 ~~as defined by rule;~~

20 (2b) An examination if required by the board's rules; and

21 (3c) One thousand (1,000) hours of supervised experience in counseling
22 acceptable to the board.

23 (42) A license will not be allowed an individual whose license, certi-
24 fication or registration has been revoked or suspended in this or any other
25 state and in this or any other related field. Such an individual may not be
26 licensed under this chapter unless the period of revocation or suspension
27 has been completed and the board has conducted a competency review and deter-
28 mined that an acceptable degree of rehabilitation has been accomplished.

29 SECTION 2. That Section 54-3411, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
30 amended to read as follows:

31 54-3411. FEES ON LICENSURE. (1) The board shall establish fees for li-
32 censure under the provisions of this chapter as follows:

33 (1a) The fee for applications not to exceed one hundred seventy-five
34 dollars (\$10075);

35 (2b) The fee for examination, when required, equal to that charged by
36 the national examining entity plus an administration fee not to exceed
37 twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);

38 (3c) The fee for endorsement not to exceed one hundred seventy-five
39 dollars (\$10075);

1 (4d) The fee for the original license not to exceed one hundred seventy-
2 five dollars (~~\$100~~75);

3 (~~5e~~) The fee for annual renewal not to exceed one hundred seventy-five
4 dollars (~~\$100~~75); and

5 (~~6f~~) The fee for the original registration of interns not to exceed
6 twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

7 (~~7~~) ~~Fees under subsection (2) or (3) of this section shall be in addi-~~
8 ~~tion to the application fee.~~

9 (~~8~~) All fees paid pursuant to this section shall be nonrefundable
10 except that, if a license fee is tendered but the board does not issue a li-
11 cence, the respective license fee shall be returned.