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2 Introduced by Representative Coffey of Guilford

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Professional regulation; human services; social workers; supervised
6 practice of independent clinical social work

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow a
8 licensed marriage and family therapist to supervise the practice of independent
9 clinical social work.

10 An act relating to the supervised practice of independent clinical social
11 work

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 3205a is amended to read:

14 § 3205a. LICENSED INDEPENDENT CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER

15 ELIGIBILITY

16 (a) To be eligible for licensure as a licensed independent clinical social
17 worker, an applicant must have:

18 (1) received a master's degree or doctoral degree from an accredited
19 social work education program;

1 (2) passed the examinations designated by the Director within five years
2 prior to applying for licensure; and

3 (3) completed 3,000 hours of supervised practice of independent clinical
4 social work as defined by rule under the supervision of a:

5 (A) licensed independent clinical social worker;

6 (B) licensed clinical mental health counselor;

7 (C) licensed psychologist;

8 (D) licensed marriage and family therapist;

9 (E) licensed physician or a licensed osteopathic physician who has
10 completed a residency in psychiatry; or

11 ~~(E)~~(F) person licensed or certified in another state or Canada in one
12 of these professions or their substantial equivalent.

13 (b) A person not licensed as a master's social worker who engages in post-
14 master's supervised practice in Vermont toward licensure as a licensed
15 independent clinical social worker shall be entered on the roster of
16 nonlicensed, noncertified psychotherapists.

17 (c) A licensed master's social worker who engages in post-master's
18 supervised practice in Vermont to become a licensed independent clinical
19 social worker must first register with the Office as set forth by rule.

20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.