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Act No. 117 (H.661). Mental health professionals; professional regulation; licensure
An act relating to licensure of mental health professionals

This act makes miscellaneous changes to the licensure and regulation of mental health professionals.

Secs. 1–7 amend continuing education unit requirements for the following mental health professions regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation in Title 26: psychologists, social workers, alcohol and drug abuse counselors, clinical mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, psychoanalysts, and applied behavior analysts.

Sec. 8 requires the Office of Professional Regulation to complete a study relating to streamlining the licensure of mental health professionals and other topics relating to the licensure and regulation of mental health professions.

Sec. 9 requires the Office of Professional Regulation to maintain a registry of mental health professionals who are available to serve as supervisors for mental health professionals in training.

Sec. 10 creates one new classified Licensing Board Administrator position in the Office of Professional Regulation.

Sec. 11 states that the effective date for the act shall be July 1, 2022, except that Secs. 1–7 (continuing education units) shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on July 1, 2022