



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB4936

by Rep. Tom Demmer

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 1705/5.2 new

Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act. Provides that notwithstanding any State licensing law to the contrary, the Department of Human Services shall adopt rules, which shall be implemented within 6 months after the effective date of the bill, that would allow a person who has completed a psychiatric training program certification from any branch of the United States Armed Forces with at least one year of experience in a mental health setting to be recognized as a mental health professional for purposes of programs authorized or funded by the Department under the standards of practice and under the direction of a licensed mental health professional as authorized by the Department. Defines "licensed mental health professional".

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Mental Health and Developmental
5 Disabilities Administrative Act is amended by adding Section
6 5.2 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 1705/5.2 new)

8 Sec. 5.2. Mental health professional; Armed Forces
9 training. Notwithstanding any State licensing law to the
10 contrary, the Department of Human Services shall adopt rules,
11 which shall be implemented within 6 months after the effective
12 date of this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly, that
13 would allow a person who has completed a psychiatric training
14 program certification from any branch of the United States
15 Armed Forces with at least one year of experience in a mental
16 health setting to be recognized as a mental health professional
17 for purposes of programs authorized or funded by the Department
18 under the standards of practice and under the direction of a
19 licensed mental health professional as authorized by the
20 Department. In this Section, "licensed mental health
21 professional" means a person who is licensed or registered to
22 provide mental health services by the Department of Financial
23 and Professional Regulation or a board of registration duly

1 authorized to register or grant licenses to persons engaged in
2 the practice of providing mental health services in this State
3 or any other state.