

1 AN ACT concerning mental health.

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

4 Article 1.

5 Section 1-1. Short title. This Article may be cited as the
6 Ensuring a More Qualified, Competent, and Diverse Community
7 Behavioral Health Workforce Act. References in this Article to
8 "this Act" mean this Article.

9 Section 1-5. Findings. The General Assembly Finds that:

10 (1) The behavioral health workforce shortage, already
11 at dire levels before 2020, has been exacerbated by the
12 COVID-19 pandemic and is at a crisis point.

13 (2) Behavioral health workforce shortages,
14 particularly licensed clinical staff, staff turnover in
15 all positions, and workforce development are major
16 concerns in the behavioral health field.

17 (3) By 2026, unfilled mental healthcare jobs in
18 Illinois are expected to reach 8,353, according to
19 Mercer's 2021 External Healthcare Labor Market Analysis.

20 (4) Community based mental health agencies often serve
21 as training or supervision sites for interns and new
22 entrants to the workforce seeking supervision hours to

1 meet licensure requirements. These professionals are
2 mandated to complete up to 3000 hours of supervised
3 clinical experience. This places financial and
4 time-resource hardships on these already lean
5 organizations to provide the supervision.

6 (5) Many new mental health clinicians have to pay an
7 estimated \$10,000-\$30,000 in fees for supervision
8 according to Motivo. The amount is unaffordable for many
9 students, particularly lower-income students, who graduate
10 with tens of thousands of dollars in debt.

11 (6) Community mental health agencies frequently serve
12 the most complex and chronically ill behavioral health
13 clients, which can be a challenging population for new
14 entrants to the workforce. Many times, professionals leave
15 for better-paid opportunities with lower acuity patients
16 after completing their facility-sponsored supervision
17 requirements.

18 (7) The lack of compensation for serving as a training
19 or supervision site and staff turnover adversely impact
20 the ability of agencies to better prepare the workforce
21 and meet the needs of their behavioral health clients.

22 (8) Recognizing and providing financial support for
23 this function will help community-based agencies provide
24 more training or supervision opportunities and may also
25 assist with recruiting and retaining professionals at
26 these sites.

1 (9) Providing financial support for this role would
2 help to address reductions in standard clinical
3 productivity as a result of time spent supervising new
4 workers, enabling better absorption of the costs of high
5 turnover, or allowing for these settings to staff
6 appropriately to support training or supervision.

7 (10) For individuals seeking their licensure,
8 roadblocks to supervision include cost-prohibitive fees,
9 difficulty finding supervisors, and an even greater
10 supervisor shortage in rural areas.

11 (11) Beyond fulfilling the required hours to get
12 licensed, clinical supervision has a profound impact on
13 the trajectory of an individual's career and the lives of
14 their clients. Ultimately, effective clinical supervision
15 helps ensure that clients are competently served.

16 (12) At a time when behavioral health providers report
17 crisis level wait lists that force individuals seeking
18 care to wait for months before they receive care, now more
19 than ever, we need immediate solutions to help strengthen
20 our State's behavioral health workforce.

21 Section 1-10. Grant awards. To develop and enhance
22 professional development opportunities and diversity in the
23 behavioral health field, and increase access to quality care,
24 the Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health,
25 shall award grants or contracts to community mental health

1 centers or behavioral health clinics licensed or certified by
2 the Department of Human Services or the Department of
3 Healthcare and Family Services to establish or enhance
4 training and supervision of interns and behavioral health
5 providers-in-training pursuing licensure as a licensed
6 clinical social worker, licensed clinical professional
7 counselor, and licensed marriage and family therapist.

8 Section 1-15. Use of funds. An eligible entity receiving a
9 grant or contract under this Act shall use funds received
10 through the grant or contract to establish new, or enhance
11 existing, training, and supervision of interns and behavioral
12 health providers-in-training pursuing licensure as a licensed
13 clinical social worker, licensed clinical professional
14 counselor, and licensed marriage and family therapist.

15 Section 1-20. Priority. In awarding grants and contracts
16 under this Act, the Department of Human Services, Division of
17 Mental Health, shall give priority to eligible entities in
18 underserved urban areas and rural areas of the State.

19 Section 1-25. Grant terms. A grant or contract awarded
20 under this Act shall be for a period of 3 years. Nothing in the
21 Act precludes grantees to reapply for additional rounds of
22 funding.

1 eligible for and encouraged to seek gainful employment.

2 (b) The General Assembly finds and declares that minority
3 communities in this State have been more negatively impacted
4 in employment opportunities for minority residents diagnosed
5 with mental illness and substance use disorders and should
6 receive additional employment opportunities and incentives for
7 employing minority residents diagnosed with mental illness or
8 substance use disorders.

9 (c) Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, employers
10 in the State of Illinois have suffered negative economic
11 impacts, a loss in workforce, staffing difficulties, and have
12 found it difficult to recruit new workers.

13 (d) In the interest of providing additional employment
14 opportunities for those residents of Illinois diagnosed with
15 mental illness or substance use disorders and expanding the
16 pool of potential workers in this State, the General Assembly
17 finds and declares that certain qualified employers who employ
18 eligible individuals should be eligible for a tax credit.

19 Section 3-10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

20 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

21 "Eligible individual" means an individual with a substance
22 use disorder, as that term is defined under Section 1-10 of the
23 Substance Use Disorder Act, or an individual with a mental
24 illness as that term is defined under Section 1-129 of the
25 Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code, who is in a

1 state of wellness and recovery where there is an abatement of
2 signs and symptoms that characterize active substance use
3 disorder or mental illness and has demonstrated to the
4 qualified employer's satisfaction, pursuant to rules adopted
5 by the Department, that he or she has completed a course of
6 treatment or is currently in receipt of treatment for such
7 substance use disorder or mental illness. A relapse in an
8 individual's state of wellness shall not make the individual
9 ineligible, so long as the individual shows a continued
10 commitment to recovery that aligns with an individual's
11 relapse prevention plan, discharge plan, or recovery plan.

12 "Qualified employer" means an employer operating within
13 the State that has received a certificate of tax credit from
14 the Department after the Department has determined that the
15 employer:

16 (1) provides a recovery supportive environment for
17 their employees evidenced by a formal working relationship
18 with a substance use disorder treatment provider or
19 facility or mental health provider or facility, each as
20 may be licensed or certified within the State of Illinois,
21 and providing reasonable accommodation to the employees to
22 address their substance use disorder or mental illness,
23 all at no cost or expense to the eligible individual; and

24 (2) satisfies all other criteria in this Section and
25 established by the Department to participate in the
26 recovery tax program created hereunder.

1 "Taxpayer" means any individual, corporation,
2 partnership, trust, or other entity subject to the Illinois
3 income tax. For the purposes of this Act, 2 individuals filing
4 a joint return shall be considered one taxpayer.

5 Section 3-15. Authorization of tax credit program for
6 individuals in recovery from substance use disorders or mental
7 illness.

8 (a) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1,
9 2023, the Department is authorized to and shall establish and
10 administer a recovery tax credit program to provide tax
11 incentives to qualified employers who employ eligible
12 individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder or
13 mental illness in part-time and full-time positions within
14 Illinois. The Department shall award the tax credit by
15 issuance of a certificate of tax credit to the qualified
16 employer, who will present the certificate of tax credit to
17 the Department of Revenue by attaching the certificate to its
18 tax return, as a credit against the qualified employer's
19 income tax liability in accordance with the Illinois Income
20 Tax Act. The Department shall maintain an electronic listing
21 of the certificates issued by which the Department of Revenue
22 may verify tax credit certificates issued.

23 (b) To be a qualified employer, an employer must apply
24 annually to the Department to claim a credit based upon
25 eligible individuals employed during the preceding calendar

1 year, using the forms prescribed by the Department. To be
2 approved for a credit under this Act, the employer must:

3 (1) agree to provide to the Department the information
4 necessary to demonstrate that the employer has satisfied
5 program eligibility requirements and provided all
6 information requested or needed by the Department,
7 including the number of hours worked by the eligible
8 individual and other information necessary for the
9 Department to calculate the amount of credit permitted;
10 and

11 (2) agree to provide names, employer identification
12 numbers, amounts that the employer may claim, and other
13 information necessary for the Department to calculate any
14 tax credit.

15 (c) To be an eligible individual, the individual must be
16 diagnosed with or have been diagnosed with a substance use
17 disorder or mental illness. Disclosure by the eligible
18 individual of his or her mental illness or substance use
19 disorder shall be completely voluntary and his or her health
20 information may not be shared or disclosed under this Act
21 without the eligible individual's express written consent. The
22 eligible individual must have been employed by the qualified
23 employer in this State for a minimum of 500 hours during the
24 applicable calendar year and the tax credit may only begin on
25 the date the eligible individual is hired by the qualified
26 employer and ending on December 31 of that calendar year or the

1 date that the eligible individual's employment with the
2 qualified employer ends, whichever occurs first. Only one tax
3 credit may be awarded for any eligible individual while
4 employed by the same or related qualified employer. The hours
5 of employment of 2 or more eligible individuals may not be
6 aggregated to reach the minimum number of hours. If an
7 eligible individual has worked in excess of 500 hours between
8 the date of hiring and December 31 of that year, a qualified
9 employer can elect to compute and claim a credit for such
10 eligible individual in that year based on the hours worked by
11 December 31. Alternatively, the qualified employer may elect
12 to include such individual in the computation of the credit in
13 the year immediately succeeding the year in which the eligible
14 individual was hired. In that case, the credit shall be
15 computed on the basis of all hours worked by the eligible
16 individual from the date of hire to the earlier of the last day
17 of employment or December 31 of the succeeding year.

18 (d) If Department criteria and all other requirements are
19 met, a qualified employer shall be entitled to a tax credit
20 equal to the product of \$1 and the number of hours worked by
21 each eligible individual during the eligible individual's
22 period of employment with the qualified employer. The tax
23 credit awarded under this Act may not exceed \$2,000 per
24 eligible individual employed by the qualified employer in this
25 State. In determining the amount of tax credit that any
26 qualified employer may claim, the Department shall review all

1 claims submitted for credit by all employers and, to the
2 extent that the total amount claimed by employers exceeds the
3 amount allocated for this program in that calendar year, shall
4 issue tax credits on a pro rata basis corresponding to each
5 qualified employer's share of the total amount claimed.

6 (e) The aggregate amount of all credits the Department may
7 award under this Act in any calendar year may not exceed
8 \$2,000,000.

9 (f) A taxpayer who is a qualified employer who has
10 received a certificate of tax credit from the Department shall
11 be allowed a credit against the tax imposed equal to the amount
12 shown on such certificate of tax credit.

13 (g) The credit must be claimed in the taxable year in which
14 the tax credit certificate is issued. The credit cannot reduce
15 a taxpayer's liability to less than zero. If the amount of the
16 credit exceeds the tax liability for the year, the credit may
17 not be carried forward.

18 (h) If the taxpayer is a partnership or Subchapter S
19 corporation the credit shall be allowed to the partners or
20 shareholders in accordance with the determination of income
21 and distributive share of income under Sections 702 and 704
22 and subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code.

23 (i) In carrying out this Act, no patient-specific
24 information shall be shared or disclosed. Any individual or
25 patient-specific information collected by the Department or
26 the Department of Revenue shall not be subject to public

1 disclosure or Freedom of Information Act requests.

2 (j) The credit under this Act is exempt from the
3 provisions of Section 250 of the Illinois Income Tax Act.

4 Section 3-20. Advisory Council on Mental Illness and
5 Substance Use Disorder Impacts on Employment Opportunities
6 within Minority Communities. The Secretary of the Department
7 shall appoint the Advisory Council on Mental Illness and
8 Substance Use Disorder Impacts on Employment Opportunities
9 within Minority Communities, to be composed of 15 members,
10 which shall include a balanced representation of recipients,
11 services providers, employers, local governmental units,
12 community and welfare advocacy groups, academia, and the
13 general public. The Advisory Council shall advise the
14 Department regarding all aspects of employment impacts
15 resulting from mental illnesses and substance use disorders
16 within minority communities, tax credits, outreach, marketing,
17 and education about the tax credit and employment
18 opportunities, and other areas as deemed appropriate by the
19 Secretary. In appointing the first Council, the Secretary
20 shall name 8 members to terms of 2 years and 7 members to serve
21 terms of 4 years, all of whom shall be appointed within 6
22 months of the effective date of this Act. All members
23 appointed thereafter shall serve terms of 4 years. Members
24 shall serve without compensation other than reimbursement of
25 expenses actually incurred in the performance of their

1 official duties. At its first meeting, the Advisory Council
2 shall select a chair from among its members. The Advisory
3 Council shall meet at least quarterly and at other times at the
4 call of the chair.

5 Section 3-25. Powers. The Department shall adopt rules for
6 the administration of this Act. The Department may enter into
7 an intergovernmental agreement with the Department of Revenue
8 for the administration of this Act.

9 Section 3-30. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by
10 adding Section 232 as follows:

11 (35 ILCS 5/232 new)

12 Sec. 232. Recovery and Mental Health Tax Credit Act. For
13 taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, a
14 taxpayer who has been awarded a credit under the Recovery and
15 Mental Health Tax Credit Act is entitled to a credit against
16 the tax imposed by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 201 as
17 provided in that Act. This Section is exempt from the
18 provisions of Section 250.

19 Article 5.

20 Section 5-10. The Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act is
21 amended by changing Section 13 as follows:

1 (225 ILCS 15/13) (from Ch. 111, par. 5363)

2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2027)

3 Sec. 13. License renewal; restoration.

4 (a) The expiration date and renewal period for each
5 license issued under this Act shall be set by rule. Every
6 holder of a license under this Act may renew such license
7 during the 90-day period immediately preceding the expiration
8 date thereof upon payment of the required renewal fees and
9 demonstrating compliance with any continuing education
10 requirements. The Department shall adopt rules establishing
11 minimum requirements of continuing education and means for
12 verification of the completion of the continuing education
13 requirements. The Department may, by rule, specify
14 circumstances under which the continuing education
15 requirements may be waived.

16 A clinical psychologist who has permitted his or her
17 license to expire or who has had his or her license on inactive
18 status may have his or her license restored by making
19 application to the Department and filing proof acceptable to
20 the Department, as defined by rule, of his or her fitness to
21 have his or her license restored, including evidence
22 certifying to active practice in another jurisdiction
23 satisfactory to the Department and by paying the required
24 restoration fee.

25 If the clinical psychologist has not maintained an active

1 practice in another jurisdiction satisfactory to the
2 Department, the Board shall determine, by an evaluation
3 program established by rule, his or her fitness to resume
4 active status and may require the clinical psychologist to
5 complete a period of supervised professional experience and
6 may require successful completion of an examination.

7 However, any clinical psychologist whose license expired
8 while he or she was (1) in Federal Service on active duty with
9 the Armed Forces of the United States, or the State Militia
10 called into service or training, or (2) in training or
11 education under the supervision of the United States
12 preliminary to induction into the military service, may have
13 his or her license renewed or restored without paying any
14 lapsed renewal fees if within 2 years after honorable
15 termination of such service, training or education he or she
16 furnishes the Department with satisfactory evidence to the
17 effect that he or she has been so engaged and that his or her
18 service, training or education has been so terminated.

19 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
20 following requirements for restoration of an inactive or
21 expired license of less than 5 years as set forth in subsection
22 (a) are suspended for any licensed clinical psychologist who
23 has had no disciplinary action taken against his or her
24 license in this State or in any other jurisdiction during the
25 entire period of licensure: proof of fitness, certification of
26 active practice in another jurisdiction, and the payment of a

1 renewal fee.

2 (Source: P.A. 96-1050, eff. 1-1-11.)

3 Section 5-15. The Clinical Social Work and Social Work
4 Practice Act is amended by changing Section 11 as follows:

5 (225 ILCS 20/11) (from Ch. 111, par. 6361)

6 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

7 Sec. 11. Licenses; renewal; restoration; person in
8 military service; inactive status.

9 (a) The expiration date and renewal period for each
10 license issued under this Act shall be set by rule. The
11 licensee may renew a license during the 60-day period
12 preceding its expiration date by paying the required fee and
13 by demonstrating compliance with any continuing education
14 requirements. The Department shall adopt rules establishing
15 minimum requirements of continuing education and means for
16 verification of the completion of the continuing education
17 requirements. The Department may, by rule, specify
18 circumstances under which the continuing education
19 requirements may be waived.

20 (b) Any person who has permitted a license to expire or who
21 has a license on inactive status may have it restored by
22 submitting an application to the Department and filing proof
23 of fitness, as defined by rule, to have the license restored,
24 including, if appropriate, evidence which is satisfactory to

1 the Department certifying the active practice of clinical
2 social work or social work in another jurisdiction and by
3 paying the required fee.

4 (b-5) If the person has not maintained an active practice
5 in another jurisdiction which is satisfactory to the
6 Department, the Department shall determine the person's
7 fitness to resume active status. The Department may also
8 require the person to complete a specific period of evaluated
9 clinical social work or social work experience and may require
10 successful completion of an examination for clinical social
11 workers.

12 (b-7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, any
13 person whose license expired while on active duty with the
14 armed forces of the United States, while called into service
15 or training with the State Militia or in training or education
16 under the supervision of the United States government prior to
17 induction into the military service may have his or her
18 license restored without paying any renewal fees if, within 2
19 years after the honorable termination of that service,
20 training or education, except under conditions other than
21 honorable, the Department is furnished with satisfactory
22 evidence that the person has been so engaged and that the
23 service, training or education has been so terminated.

24 (c) A license to practice shall not be denied any
25 applicant because of the applicant's race, religion, creed,
26 national origin, political beliefs or activities, age, sex,

1 sexual orientation, or physical impairment.

2 (d) (Blank).

3 (e) (Blank).

4 (f) (Blank).

5 (g) The Department shall indicate on each license the
6 academic degree of the licensee.

7 (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
8 following requirements for restoration of an inactive or
9 expired license of 5 years or less as set forth in subsections
10 (b) and (b-5) are suspended for any licensed clinical social
11 worker who has had no disciplinary action taken against his or
12 her license in this State or in any other jurisdiction during
13 the entire period of licensure: proof of fitness,
14 certification of active practice in another jurisdiction, and
15 the payment of a fee or renewal fee.

16 (Source: P.A. 102-326, eff. 1-1-22.)

17 Section 5-20. The Professional Counselor and Clinical
18 Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act is amended
19 by changing Section 50 as follows:

20 (225 ILCS 107/50)

21 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2023)

22 Sec. 50. Licenses; renewal; restoration; person in
23 military service; inactive status.

24 (a) The expiration date and renewal period for each

1 license issued under this Act shall be set by rule. As a
2 condition for renewal of a license, the licensee shall be
3 required to complete continuing education in accordance with
4 rules established by the Department.

5 (b) Any person who has permitted a license to expire or who
6 has a license on inactive status may have it restored by
7 submitting an application to the Department and filing proof
8 of fitness acceptable to the Department, to have the license
9 restored, including, if appropriate, evidence which is
10 satisfactory to the Department certifying the active practice
11 of professional counseling or clinical professional counseling
12 in another jurisdiction and by paying the required fee.

13 (c) If the person has not maintained an active practice in
14 another jurisdiction which is satisfactory to the Department,
15 the Department shall determine, by an evaluation program
16 established by rule, the person's fitness to resume active
17 status and shall establish procedures and requirements for
18 restoration.

19 (d) However, any person whose license expired while he or
20 she was (i) in federal service on active duty with the armed
21 forces of the United States or the State Militia or (ii) in
22 training or education under the supervision of the United
23 States government prior to induction into the military service
24 may have his or her license restored without paying any lapsed
25 renewal fees if, within 2 years after the honorable
26 termination of such service, training, or education, the

1 Department is furnished with satisfactory evidence that the
2 person has been so engaged and that such service, training, or
3 education has been so terminated.

4 (e) A license to practice shall not be denied any
5 applicant because of the applicant's race, religion, creed,
6 national origin, political beliefs or activities, age, sex,
7 sexual orientation, or physical impairment.

8 (f) Any person requesting restoration from inactive status
9 shall (i) be required to pay the current renewal fee, (ii) meet
10 continuing education requirements, and (iii) be required to
11 restore his or her license as provided in this Act.

12 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
13 following requirements for restoration of an inactive or
14 expired license of 5 years or less as set forth in subsections
15 (b), (c), and (f) are suspended for any licensed clinical
16 professional counselor who has had no disciplinary action
17 taken against his or her license in this State or in any other
18 jurisdiction during the entire period of licensure: proof of
19 fitness, certification of active practice in another
20 jurisdiction, and the payment of a renewal fee.

21 (Source: P.A. 97-706, eff. 6-25-12.)

22 Article 15.

23 Section 15-5. The Clinical Social Work and Social Work
24 Practice Act is amended by changing Section 12.5 as follows:

1 (225 ILCS 20/12.5)

2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

3 Sec. 12.5. Endorsement. The Department may issue a license
4 as a clinical social worker or as a social worker, without the
5 required examination, to an applicant licensed under the laws
6 of another jurisdiction if the requirements for licensure in
7 that jurisdiction are, on the date of licensure, substantially
8 equivalent to the requirements of this Act or to any person
9 who, at the time of his or her licensure, possessed individual
10 qualifications that were substantially equivalent to the
11 requirements then in force in this State. An applicant under
12 this Section shall pay the required fees.

13 An individual applying for licensure as a clinical social
14 worker who has been licensed at the independent level in
15 another United States jurisdiction for 5 ~~10~~ consecutive years
16 without discipline is not required to submit proof of
17 completion of the education and supervised clinical
18 professional experience required in paragraph (3) of Section 9
19 and proof of passage of the examination required in paragraph
20 (4) of Section 9. Individuals with 5 ~~10~~ consecutive years of
21 experience must submit certified verification of licensure
22 from the jurisdiction in which the applicant practiced and
23 must comply with all other licensing requirements and pay all
24 required fees.

25 If the accuracy of any submitted documentation or the

1 relevance or sufficiency of the course work or experience is
2 questioned by the Department or the Board because of a lack of
3 information, discrepancies or conflicts in information given,
4 or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking licensure
5 may be required to provide additional information.

6 An applicant has 3 years from the date of application to
7 complete the application process. If the process has not been
8 completed within 3 years, the application shall be denied, the
9 fee shall be forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and
10 meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

11 (Source: P.A. 100-766, eff. 1-1-19.)

12 Section 15-10. The Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing
13 Act is amended by changing Section 65 as follows:

14 (225 ILCS 55/65) (from Ch. 111, par. 8351-65)

15 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2027)

16 Sec. 65. Endorsement. The Department may issue a license
17 as a licensed marriage and family therapist, without the
18 required examination, to an applicant licensed under the laws
19 of another state if the requirements for licensure in that
20 state are, on the date of licensure, substantially equivalent
21 to the requirements of this Act or to a person who, at the time
22 of his or her application for licensure, possessed individual
23 qualifications that were substantially equivalent to the
24 requirements then in force in this State. An applicant under

1 this Section shall pay all of the required fees.

2 An individual applying for licensure as a licensed
3 marriage and family therapist who has been licensed at the
4 independent level in another United States jurisdiction for 5
5 ~~10~~ consecutive years without discipline is not required to
6 submit proof of completion of the education, professional
7 experience, and supervision required in Section 40.
8 Individuals with 5 ~~10~~ consecutive years of experience must
9 submit certified verification of licensure from the
10 jurisdiction in which the applicant practiced and must comply
11 with all other licensing requirements and pay all required
12 fees.

13 If the accuracy of any submitted documentation or the
14 relevance or sufficiency of the course work or experience is
15 questioned by the Department or the Board because of a lack of
16 information, discrepancies or conflicts in information given,
17 or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking licensure
18 may be required to provide additional information.

19 Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to
20 complete the application process. If the process has not been
21 completed within the 3 years, the application shall be denied,
22 the fee shall be forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and
23 meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

24 (Source: P.A. 100-372, eff. 8-25-17; 100-766, eff. 1-1-19.)

25 Section 15-20. The Professional Counselor and Clinical

1 Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act is amended
2 by changing Section 70 as follows:

3 (225 ILCS 107/70)

4 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2023)

5 Sec. 70. Endorsement. The Department may issue a license
6 as a licensed professional counselor or licensed clinical
7 professional counselor, without the required examination, to
8 (i) an applicant licensed under the laws of another state or
9 United States jurisdiction whose standards in the opinion of
10 the Department, were substantially equivalent at the date of
11 his or her licensure in the other jurisdiction to the
12 requirements of this Act or (ii) any person who, at the time of
13 licensure, possessed individual qualifications which were
14 substantially equivalent to the requirements of this Act. Such
15 an applicant shall pay all of the required fees.

16 An individual applying for licensure as a clinical
17 professional counselor who has been licensed independent level
18 in another United States jurisdiction for 5 ~~10~~ consecutive
19 years without discipline is not required to submit proof of
20 completion of the supervised employment or experience required
21 in subsection (b) of Section 45. Individuals with 5 ~~10~~
22 consecutive years of experience must submit certified
23 verification of licensure from the jurisdiction in which the
24 applicant practiced and must comply with all other licensing
25 requirements and pay all required fees.

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