

HB 1328-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL

1328-FN

AN ACT relative to alcohol and other drug use professionals and relative to the qualifications to obtain certain occupational licenses.

SPONSORS: Rep. Grote, Rock. 24; Rep. Layon, Rock. 13; Rep. C. McGuire, Merr. 27; Rep. Schmidt, Straf. 14; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Amends the membership of the board of licensing for alcohol and other drug use professionals.
- II. Eliminates the license type of licensed clinical supervisor.
- III. Modifies the qualifications for licensure for recreational therapists.
- IV. Amends the qualifications for speech-language assistants.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals; Board Established. Amend RSA 330-C:3, I to read
2 as follows:

3 I. There is established a board of licensing for alcohol and other drug use professionals. The
4 board shall comprise 7 members to be appointed by the governor with the consent of the council.
5 The members of the board shall be citizens of the United States and shall include [4] 3 master
6 licensed alcohol and drug counselors, one licensed alcohol and drug counselor, ~~one~~ 2 certified
7 recovery support **workers** [~~worker~~], and one member of the general public.

8 2 Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals; Board Established. Amend RSA 330-C:3, IV to
9 read as follows:

10 IV. [~~The~~] **Each** CRSW member shall be a resident of this state, certified in good standing
11 under the provisions of this chapter, and currently engaged in the practice of the profession, and
12 shall have no fewer than 3 years of experience as a CRSW, at least 2 of which shall have
13 immediately preceded appointment.

14 3 Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals; Title. Amend RSA 330-C:14, I to read as follows:

15 I. Only persons licensed under this chapter may use the title "master licensed alcohol and
16 drug counselor" and the abbreviation "MLADC," **or** the title "licensed alcohol and drug counselor"
17 and the abbreviation "LADC," [~~or the title "licensed clinical supervisor" and the abbreviation "LCS,"~~]
18 provided that the title and abbreviation correspond to the license held pursuant to this chapter.

19 4 Speech-Language Pathology and Hearing Care Providers Practice; Rulemaking. Amend RSA
20 326-F:5, V to read as follows:

21 V. The minimum qualifications of, requirements for direction and supervision of, and scope
22 of tasks that may be performed by speech-language assistants. Such qualifications shall include a
23 minimum of a 2-year associate's degree granted by a speech-language pathology program **or an**
24 **equivalent program** accredited by an accrediting organization approved by the board.

25 5 Recreational Therapists; Eligibility for Licensure. Amend RSA 326-J:5, I(c) and (d) to read as
26 follows:

27 (c) Successfully complete an academic program with a baccalaureate degree or higher
28 from an accredited college or university [~~with a major in therapeutic recreation or a major in~~
29 ~~recreation or leisure with an option in therapeutic recreation~~].

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1 (d) Successfully complete a period of field experience as defined by the National Council
2 for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC) under the supervision of a Certified Therapeutic
3 Recreation Specialist (CTRS) ~~[approved by the educational institution where the applicant has met~~
4 ~~his or her academic requirements]~~.

5 6 Repeal. The following are repealed:

6 I. RSA 330-C:2, XIV, relative to the definition of a "licensed clinical supervisor."

7 II. RSA 330-C:12, relative to licensed clinical supervisors scope of practice.

8 III. RSA 330-C:18, relative to licensed clinical supervisor initial licensing.

9 IV. RSA 330-C:24, II(b), relative to continuing education for licensed clinical supervisors.

10 7 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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HB 1328-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2026-0618h)

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2026 through 2029.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Office of Professional Licensure and Certification