

Amendment to SB 424-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2
3 AN ACT relative to transition provisions for licensure of master licensed alcohol and drug
4 counselors, and establishing a committee to study licensure of alcohol and drug
5 counselors.
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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9 1 Transition Provisions; 2010 Act; Master Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors. Amend 2010,
10 294:24 to read as follows:

11 249:24 Transition Provisions; MLADC.

12 I. An individual who obtained a license as a MLADC prior to ~~[the effective date of this act]~~
13 **September 4, 2010**:

14 (a) Shall, in the event that his/her masters degree is less than a 60 hour degree, have
15 ~~[5]~~ **10** years from ~~[the effective date of this act]~~ **September 4, 2010** to satisfactorily complete the
16 necessary additional hours of course work in co-occurring disorders pursuant to standards
17 established by the board pursuant to paragraph VI; and

18 (b) Shall, in the event that he or she does not hold a current license issued by the board
19 of mental health practice, have ~~[5]~~ **10** years from ~~[the effective date of this act]~~ **September 4, 2010**
20 to either:

21 (1) Obtain a license issued by the board of mental health practice; or

22 (2) Pass the examination approved by the board of licensing for alcohol and other
23 drug use professionals to demonstrate competence in providing co-occurring disorder treatment
24 within the context of substance use counseling.

25 II. An individual subject to paragraph I shall, prior to his or her completion of the
26 requirements set forth in paragraph I, conduct his or her practice as an MLADC in full compliance
27 with RSA 330-C: 10.

28 III. An individual subject to the requirements of this section shall notify the board in
29 writing that he or she has completed the requirements in paragraph I.

30 IV. In the event that an individual subject to the requirements of this section does not
31 satisfy the requirements of this section within ~~[5]~~ **10** years after ~~[the effective date of this act]~~
32 **September 4, 2010**, the board shall not renew the individual's MLADC license but shall, if the
33 individual meets all the requirements for licensure as a LADC, issue a LADC license to the

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1 individual.

2 V. An individual who received his or her MLADC license pursuant to the independent
3 practice provisions of 2008, 189:2, and to whom the board issues a LADC license pursuant to
4 paragraph IV of this section shall be permitted to continue to engage in independent practice upon
5 participating in peer collaboration requirements as required by the board and all continuing
6 education requirements for licensure as a licensed alcohol and drug counselor.

7 VI. The board of licensing for alcohol and other drug use professionals may adopt rules
8 pursuant to RSA 541-A as necessary to implement this section.

9 2 Committee to Study Licensure of Alcohol and Drug Counselors Established.

10 I. There is established a committee to study licensure of alcohol and drug counselors.

11 II. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

12 (a) One member of the senate, who shall be a member of the executive departments and
13 administration committee, appointed by the president of the senate.

14 (b) Two members of the house of representatives, who shall be members of the executive
15 departments and administration committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of
16 representatives.

17 III. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending
18 to the duties of the committee.

19 IV. The committee shall:

20 (a) Study the licensure of alcohol and drug counselors under RSA 330-C.

21 (b) Make recommendations on the addition of other levels of licensure and/or
22 certification of alcohol and drug counselors in New Hampshire.

23 (c) Make recommendations concerning the structure of the board of licensing for alcohol
24 and other drug use professionals in RSA 330-C.

25 V. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members.
26 The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the
27 committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.

28 VI. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
29 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
30 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2016.

31 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill extends from 5 years to 10 years the 2010 transition provisions for licensure of master licensed alcohol and drug counselors. The bill also establishes a committee to study the licensure of alcohol and drug counselors.