

Amendment to SB 44-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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

5 I. "Advertise" means, but is not limited to, the attempt by a visual, oral, or written
6 publication, dissemination, solicitation, or circulation to induce any person to do business with a
7 licensed alcohol and drug counselor, ~~[or]~~ a master licensed alcohol and drug counselor **or a certified**
8 **recovery support worker**.

9 2 Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals; Definitions. Amend RSA 330-C:2, IX and X to read
10 as follows:

11 IX. "Continuum of care network" means public and private substance use care agencies such
12 as detoxification centers, emergency rooms, hospitals, treatment centers, outpatient and day
13 treatment clinics, and community residences for ~~[substance users]~~ **individuals with substance use**
14 **disorder**.

15 X. "Co-occurring disorders " means a diagnosis that includes both a ~~[mental illness]~~ **mental**
16 **health disorder** and substance use disorder.

17 3 Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals. Amend RSA 330-C:2, XII to read as follows:

18 XII. "Facility" means an alcohol and other drug use prevention, intervention, **recovery**, or
19 treatment agency which is publicly or privately owned, for-profit or not-for-profit, and which is
20 licensed, ~~[or]~~ certified, or ~~[required]~~ **otherwise overseen or approved** to be licensed or certified by
21 the state, or is under contract to a state agency.

22 4 Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals. Amend RSA 330-C:2, XV to read as follows:

23 XV. "Master licensed alcohol and drug counselor," or MLADC, means an individual licensed
24 by the board to practice substance use, **mental health**, and co-occurring disorder counseling who
25 meets the qualifications set forth in this chapter.

26 5 Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals. Amend RSA 330-C:2, XVII to read as follows:

27 XVII. "Peer collaboration" means ongoing regularly occurring clinical consultation with, or
28 small group meetings among, MLADCs, LADCs or licensees of the board of nursing, the board of
29 mental health practice, or the board of medicine, with expertise in substance use, **mental health**
30 and co-occurring disorder counseling, at which clinical issues and/or cases are discussed.

31 6 Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals. Amend RSA 330-C:2, XIX to read as follows:

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1 XIX. "Substance use disorder" means a disorder related to the taking of a drug, including
2 alcohol *to the extent or frequency that it causes distress and results in a reduced ability to*
3 *function psychologically, socially, occupationally, or interpersonally, as set forth in the*
4 *current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of the*
5 *American Psychiatric Association.*

6 7 Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals. Amend RSA 330-C:10, I to read as follows:

7 I. The scope of practice of the MLADC is the screening, assessment, diagnosis, treatment
8 planning, and treatment of substance use disorders, ***mental health disorders***, and co-occurring
9 disorders ~~[only within the context of addressing substance use disorders]~~. The practice of alcohol
10 and drug counseling and co-occurring disorder counseling includes the following performance areas
11 which encompass the 12 core functions and practice dimensions of addiction counseling:

12 (a) The performance of clinical evaluations including the screening, assessment, and
13 diagnosis of substance use disorders, ~~[and]~~ mental health disorders ***and*** ~~[when they are]~~ co-
14 occurring ~~[with a substance abuse]~~ disorders, and the performance of differential diagnoses. ***This***
15 ***includes severity assessment and assessment of dangerousness to self or others;***

16 (b) The performance of treatment planning, case management, consultation, education,
17 documentation, and client advocacy;

18 (c) The performance of counseling including:

19 (1) Individual, group, family, and significant other counseling;

20 (2) Crisis prevention and intervention ***to include enlisting the support of trained***
21 ***personnel to manage risk of harm to self or others;***

22 (3) Co-occurring disorder counseling with the use of integrated models of
23 assessment, intervention, and counseling techniques ~~[within]~~ ***with and without the context or***
24 ***treatment of a substance use disorder;***

25 (d) Adherence to professional and ethical standards as determined by the board.

26 8 Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals. Amend RSA 330-C:16, I through II-a to read as
27 follows:

28 I.(a) Have graduated with a minimum ~~[graduate degree]~~ of a 60-hour masters degree or
29 advanced standing masters degree in clinical mental health, clinical psychology, substance use
30 treatment, social work, ~~[or human services]~~ or equivalent~~[;]~~ ***with clinical internship and course***
31 ***work in assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of substance use and mental health***
32 ***disorders,*** ~~[with clinical course work and internship requirements]~~, from an accredited college or
33 university, 300 hours of alcohol and drug use education, which may be included in the coursework of
34 the master's program, and 300 hours of supervised practical training.

35 (b) Have graduated with a masters degree of less than 60 hours in a discipline described
36 in subparagraph (a) and has completed the necessary additional hours of masters level course work
37 as determined by the board pursuant to RSA 330-C:9, I(d).

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1 II. ~~[Either hold a current LADC license or pass the testing procedures required under RSA~~
2 ~~330-C:17, II.]~~ ***Pass testing procedures of a nationally recognized credentialing entity***
3 ***specified by the board. Such procedures shall be based on the core functions and practice***
4 ***dimensions of substance use and co-occurring disorders counseling.***

5 ~~[II-a. Either hold a current license issued by the board of mental health practice or pass the~~
6 ~~examination approved by the board of licensing for alcohol and other drug use professionals to~~
7 ~~demonstrate competence to provide co-occurring disorder counseling within the context of substance~~
8 ~~use counseling.]~~

9 9 Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals. Amend RSA 330:C-17, I(b) to read as follows:

10 (b) Have graduated with a bachelor's degree in a clinical mental health, social work,
11 psychology, substance use counseling, addiction studies, ***criminal justice***, human services
12 discipline, or equivalent program from an accredited college or university, obtained 300 hours of
13 alcohol and drug use education within the degree-granting program or separately, completed 4,000
14 hours of supervised work experience, and completed 300 hours of supervised practical training
15 within the degree-granting program, as part of the supervised work experience or separately.

16 10 Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals. Amend RSA 330:C-24, II(c) to read as follows:

17 (c) For certified recovery support workers, ~~[12]~~ **24** hours of approved continuing
18 education in the 24 months subsequent to the date of certification or re-certification.

19 11 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.