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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 453D-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

3           "(c) For an applicant who graduated from an accredited  
4 educational institution as specified in subsection (a)(1) before  
5 July 1, 2007, the department shall also deem acceptable:

6           (1) For practicum intern experience, written certification  
7 from an official of the institution of higher  
8 education attesting [~~that the applicant has completed~~  
9 ~~the academic terms, graduate credit hours, and~~  
10 ~~supervised client contact hours in subsection (a)(2)~~  
11 ~~and]~~ that the applicant's practicum intern experience  
12 is equivalent to a mental health graduate level  
13 practicum program; and

14           (2) For post-graduate experience, written certification  
15 from an officer and the clinical supervisor of the  
16 agency at which the applicant has earned experience  
17 attesting [~~that the applicant has completed the hours~~  
18 ~~of experience and supervision in subsection (a)(3)~~



1           ~~within the time frame set forth in that subsection,~~  
2           and] that the applicant's post-graduate experience is  
3           equivalent to the practice of mental health  
4           counseling.

5 The license requirements for clinical supervisors under  
6 subsections (a)(2) and (a)(3) shall not apply to this  
7 subsection."

8           SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
9 and stricken.

10           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Mental Health Counselors

**Description:**

Clarifies grandfathering provisions for licensure as a mental health counselor.

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