

AMENDMENTS TO LB912

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER144)

Introduced by Ballard, 21.

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 **Sec. 13.** Section 38-2101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
3 2024, is amended to read:

4 38-2101 Sections 38-2101 to 38-2147 and section 14 of this act shall  
5 be known and may be cited as the Mental Health Practice Act.

6 **Sec. 14.** (1) Every two years, a minimum of two hours of continuing  
7 education in domestic abuse counseling shall be required for all licensed  
8 mental health practitioners and licensed independent mental health  
9 practitioners under the Mental Health Practice Act.

10 (2) Such training shall be conducted by an individual who has (a)  
11 received the domestic abuse training required in section 38-2123, (b) a  
12 minimum of three years' experience working with victims of domestic abuse  
13 or offenders, and (c) completed an additional forty hours in domestic  
14 abuse-related training.

15 (3) For purposes of the section, domestic abuse means abuse as  
16 defined in section 42-903.

17 **Sec. 15.** Section 38-2123, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
18 2024, is amended to read:

19 38-2123 (1) A person who needs to obtain the required three thousand  
20 hours of supervised experience in mental health practice as specified in  
21 section 38-2122 to qualify for a mental health practitioner license shall  
22 obtain a provisional mental health practitioner license. To qualify for a  
23 provisional mental health practitioner license, such person shall:

24 (a) Have a master's degree, a doctoral degree, or the equivalent of  
25 a master's degree, as determined by the board, that consists of course  
26 work and training which was primarily therapeutic mental health in

1 content and included a practicum or internship and was from a mental  
2 health program as specified in section 38-2122;

3 (b) Apply prior to earning the three thousand hours of supervised  
4 experience; ~~and~~

5 (c) Pay the provisional mental health practitioner license fee;  
6 and -

7 (d) Beginning September 1, 2027, obtain three hours of training  
8 relating to domestic abuse, which shall include: (i) Appropriate  
9 screening tools for victims of domestic abuse; (ii) indicators of high  
10 lethality or risk; (iii) documentation standards; (iv) appropriate  
11 referrals to domestic abuse specific services, advocacy, and systems  
12 navigation professionals; (v) impact on children; (vi) ethical practice  
13 and boundaries; and (vii) trauma-informed, victim-centered care and  
14 safety planning. For purposes of this subdivision (1)(d), domestic abuse  
15 means abuse as defined in section 42-903.

16 (2) An individual or organization providing the training described  
17 in subdivision (1)(d) of this section shall submit all training materials  
18 to the board for approval.

19 (3) ~~(2)~~ The rules and regulations approved by the board and adopted  
20 and promulgated by the department shall not require that the applicant  
21 have a supervisor in place at the time of application for a provisional  
22 mental health practitioner license.

23 (4) ~~(3)~~ A provisional mental health practitioner license shall  
24 expire upon receipt of licensure as a mental health practitioner or five  
25 years after the date of issuance, whichever comes first.

26 (5) ~~(4)~~ A person who holds a provisional mental health practitioner  
27 license shall inform all clients that he or she holds a provisional  
28 license and is practicing mental health under supervision and shall  
29 identify the supervisor. Failure to make such disclosure is a ground for  
30 discipline as set forth in section 38-2139.

31 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references

1 accordingly.

2 3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the

3 sections added by this amendment become operative on January 1, 2027.