

Floor Amendment to SB 54

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

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3 AN ACT relative to the licensure of alcohol and drug counselors, requiring occupational
4 regulatory boards and commissions to post reciprocity information, and establishing
5 a committee to study licensure of alcohol and drug counselors.
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

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9 3 New Paragraph; Alcohol and Other Drug Use Professionals; Applicants from Other States.

10 Amend RSA 330-C:21 by inserting after paragraph I the following new paragraph:

11 I-a. An applicant whose state licensure meets the requirements in paragraph I shall be
12 deemed able to practice in this state not more than 60 days after the application is received by the
13 board pending final approval or denial for other reason by the board. The board shall adopt rules
14 under RSA 541-A to ensure the timely review and approval of applications under this section.

15 4 New Section; General Administration; Boards and Commissions; Reciprocity Information.

16 Amend RSA 332-G by inserting after section 11 the following new section:

17 332-G:12 Reciprocity Information.

18 I. All boards or commissions, including the board of hearing care providers established in
19 RSA 137-F:3, shall post information on their website relative to reciprocal licensure or certification
20 for persons holding a current and valid license or certification for the practice of the regulated
21 profession in another state. Such information shall include a list of the states which the board or
22 commission has determined to have license or certification requirements equal to, or greater than,
23 the requirements of this state. The posting shall also list states with which the board or commission
24 has:

25 (a) Entered into a reciprocity agreement;

26 (b) Entered into a multistate compact; or

27 (c) Established criteria for licensure by endorsement.

28 II. In addition, the posted reciprocity information shall clearly identify and describe the
29 terms, conditions, or criteria under which a licensee or certificate holder from a listed state may
30 obtain a license or certification in this state. Such terms, conditions, and criteria, may include, but
31 shall not be limited to, the successful completion of an examination addressing the laws of the state
32 of New Hampshire and the payment of a fee.

33 5 Committee to Study Licensure of Alcohol and Drug Counselors Established.

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

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

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

5 (b) Two members of the house of representatives, who shall be members of the executive
6 departments and administration committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of
7 representatives.

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

10 IV. The committee shall:

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

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

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

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

19 VI. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
20 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
21 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2017.

22 6 Effective Date.

23 I. Section 1-3 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

24 II. Section 4 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2018.

25 III. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Increases the number of hours of alcohol and drug use education required for initial licensure as a master license alcohol and drug counselor or as a licensed alcohol and drug counselor.

II. Provides that qualified alcohol and drug counselors from other states are able to practice in this state not more than 60 days after application to the board of licensing for alcohol and other drug use professionals, pending final approval.

III. Requires that occupational regulatory boards and commissions provide information on their website concerning reciprocity for persons holding a current and valid license or certification in another state.

IV. Establishes a committee to study the licensure of alcohol and drug counselors.