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S.F. No. 3880 - Provisional licensure sections movement and modification

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Bill Overview

S.F. 3880 modifies provisions governing provisional social work licenses. Specifically, the bill removes certain requirements to obtain a provisional license under existing law, permits “one-to-one supervision” and “group supervision” of provisional licensees to include supervision provided via “eye-to-eye electronic media while maintaining visual contact,” and removes the existing requirement for a supervisor of a provisional licensee to have either completed 30 hours of training in supervision or have 5,000 hours experience engaged in authorized social work practice. In addition, S.F. 3880 increases permissible supervisors. Specifically, it adds, if the provisional licensee isn’t engaged in clinical practice, the following as permissible supervisors: (1) licensed graduate social workers who have completed the supervised practice requirements; (2) licensed independent social workers; and (3) licensed independent clinical social workers. It further instructs the Revisor of Statutes to recodify the three sections on provisional licensees from Chapter 146D (these are the only three remaining sections in the chapter, the rest were repealed) to Chapter 146E (on “Board of Social Work Practice”).

Section Summaries

Section 1 (amends Minn. Stat. §148D.061, subd. 1) This section removes certain requirements to obtain a provisional license, including that the applicant: be born in foreign country, communicate in English, and has taken certain exams.

Section 2 (amends Minn. Stat. §148D.062, subd. 3) This section permits “one-to-one supervision” and “group supervision” of provisional licensees to include supervision provided via “eye-to-eye electronic media while maintaining visual contact.” It also reduces the permissible number of members of a group for purposes of group supervision of provisional licensees from 7 to 6. This section further prohibits supervision by email.

Section 3 (amends Minn. Stat. §148D.062, subd. 4) This section removes the existing requirement for a supervisor of a provisional licensee to have either completed 30 hours of training in supervision or have 5,000 hours experience engaged in authorized social work practice. In addition, this section increases permissible supervisors. Specifically, it adds, if the provisional licensee isn't engaged in clinical practice, the following as permissible supervisors: (1) licensed graduate social workers who have completed the supervised practice requirements; (2) licensed independent social workers; and (3) licensed independent clinical social workers.

Section 4 (amends Minn. Stat. §148D.063, subd. 1) This section removes the board's ability to revoke a provisional license for failure to submit the supervision plan (for meeting the various supervision requirements), or a revised supervision plan, within 30 days. It further removes an existing requirement that the supervision plan include the number of one-on-one in-person supervision hours, such that the supervision plan requirement is instead the inclusion of the number of hours of any form of supervision.

Section 5 (Revisor's Instruction) This section directs the Revisor to moves the three sections on provisional licensees from Chapter 146D (these are the only three remaining sections in the chapter, the rest were repealed) to Chapter 146E (on "Board of Social Work Practice").