

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments**

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2143

Introduced by

Human Services Committee

(At the request of the Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 43-45-05.1 and section
2 43-45-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the licensure of addiction counselors.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 43-45-05.1 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 6 1. The board shall issue an initial one-year license as an addiction counselor to an
7 applicant who:
 - 8 a. Has successfully completed coursework, approved by the board, at an
9 accredited college or university;
 - 10 b. Has successfully completed ~~an examination~~ one or more oral or written
11 examinations approved by the board for this purpose;
 - 12 c. Has successfully completed an addiction counselor training program
13 approved by the board, a practicum, and a work experience or internship; and
 - 14 d. Has satisfied the board that the applicant agrees to adhere to the code of
15 professional conduct adopted by the board.

16 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-45-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **43-45-07.1. Grounds for disciplinary proceedings.** The board may deny an
19 application, refuse to renew, suspend, revoke, or place on probationary status any license
20 issued under this chapter on proof at a hearing that the applicant or holder of the license has
21 engaged in unprofessional conduct. Unprofessional conduct includes:

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- 1 1. Obtaining an initial license or renewal by means of fraud, misrepresentation, or
- 2 concealment of material facts.
- 3 2. Violating rules set by the board.
- 4 3. Violating a provision of this chapter.
- 5 4. Violating the professional code of conduct as adopted by the board.
- 6 5. Being adjudged guilty of an offense determined by the board to have a direct
- 7 bearing on an applicant's or holder of the license's ability to serve the public as an
- 8 addiction counselor or being adjudged guilty of any offense and being insufficiently
- 9 rehabilitated as determined by the board under section 12.1-33-02.1.
- 10 One year from the date of the revocation, the license holder may make application for initial
- 11 licensure.