

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

SENATE BILL NO. 2143
(Human Services Committee)
(At the request of the Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 43-45-05.1 and section 43-45-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the licensure of addiction counselors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

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

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

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

One year from the date of the revocation, the license holder may make application for initial licensure.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2143.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 87 Nays 4 Absent 3

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2003.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2003,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State