

Testimony Before the Administrative Rules Committee
For the ND Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners

December 12, 2007

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I am Tom Tupa representing the ND BACE. I am here to testify on the proposed rule changes.

The proposed rule changes resulted from the 2007 Legislative Session in the form of HB 1053 that passed and was signed into law. HB 1053 dealt with a number of topics including fee changes and a move from a one year to a two year license.

Nothing here resulted from any change in Federal Law.

After the bill was signed into law, the Board began the process of changing the rules and regulations by sending notice and holding a public hearing in Bismarck on September 5, 2007.

The ND BSWE advertised for a public hearing in the State newspapers at a cost of \$1500.00. Several individuals appeared and commented on the proposed changes. In addition, the Board received and considered several written comments.

The proposed rules were given legal approval by the AG's office on November 9, 2007, and were subsequently sent to the Legislative Council for their consideration and review. Neither had any comments or suggested changes except for a few style and grammar changes put on by the LC.

There was no regulatory analysis or takings assessment prepared or required.

Mr. Chairman and Committee members, if there are any questions, I will try to answer them.

Thank you for your time.

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