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09500HB0122ham001 LRB095 03940 RAS 35012 a 1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 122 2 AMENDMENT NO. . Amend House Bill 122 on page 2, immediately below line 5, by inserting the following: 3 "Section 10. The Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act 4 is amended by changing Sections 10, 25, 30, 60, 65, 85, 90, 95, 5 6 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, and 145 and by adding Section 91 7 as follows: (225 ILCS 55/10) (from Ch. 111, par. 8351-10) 8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008) 9 10 Sec. 10. Definitions. As used in this Act: "Advertise" means, but is not limited to, issuing or 11 12 causing to be distributed any card, sign or device to any 13 person; or causing, permitting or allowing any sign or marking on or in any building, structure, newspaper, magazine or 14 15 directory, or on radio or television; or advertising by any other means designed to secure public attention. 16

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1 "Approved program" means an approved comprehensive program
2 of study in marriage and family therapy in a regionally
3 accredited educational institution approved by the Department
4 for the training of marriage and family therapists.

5 "Associate licensed marriage and family therapist" means a
6 person to whom an associate marriage and family therapist
7 license has been issued under this Act.

8 "Board" means the Illinois Marriage and Family Therapy9 Licensing and Disciplinary Board.

10 "Department" means the Department of <u>Financial and</u>
11 Professional Regulation.

12 "Director" means the Director of the Department of 13 Professional Regulation.

14 "License" means that which is required to practice marriage 15 and family therapy under this Act, the qualifications for which 16 include specific education, acceptable experience and 17 examination requirements.

18 "Licensed marriage and family therapist" means a person to 19 whom a marriage and family therapist license has been issued 20 under this Act.

"Marriage and family therapy" means the evaluation and 21 22 treatment of mental and emotional problems within the context 23 of human relationships. Marriage and family therapy involves 24 psychotherapeutic methods to the use of ameliorate 25 interpersonal and intrapersonal conflict and to modify 26 perceptions, beliefs and behavior in areas of human life that

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1 include, but are not limited to, premarriage, marriage, sexuality, family, divorce adjustment, and parenting. 2 3 "Person" individual, firm, corporation, means any 4 partnership, organization, or body politic. 5 "Practice of marriage and family therapy" means the 6 rendering of marriage and family therapy services to individuals, couples, and families as defined in this Section, 7 8 either singly or in groups, whether the services are offered 9 directly to the general public or through organizations, either 10 public or private, for a fee, monetary or otherwise. 11 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and 12 Professional Regulation. "Title or description" means to hold oneself out as a 13 14 licensed marriage and family therapist or an associate licensed 15 marriage and family therapist to the public by means of stating 16 mailboxes, address plates, signs, stationerv, on 17 announcements, calling cards or other instruments of professional identification. 18 (Source: P.A. 91-362, eff. 1-1-00.) 19

20 (225 ILCS 55/25) (from Ch. 111, par. 8351-25)

21 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

22 Sec. 25. Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing and 23 Disciplinary Board.

(a) There is established within the Department the Marriageand Family Therapy Licensing and Disciplinary Board to be

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1 appointed by the <u>Secretary</u> Director. The Board shall be 2 composed of 7 persons who shall serve in an advisory capacity 3 to the <u>Secretary</u> Director. The Board shall elect a chairperson 4 and a vice chairperson.

5 (b) In appointing members of the Board, the <u>Secretary</u> 6 Director shall give due consideration to recommendations by 7 members of the profession of marriage and family therapy and by 8 the statewide organizations solely representing the interests 9 of marriage and family therapists.

10 (c) Five members of the Board shall be marriage and family 11 therapists who have been in active practice for at least 5 years immediately preceding their appointment, or engaged in 12 13 education and training of masters, doctoral, the or 14 post-doctoral students of marriage and family therapy, or 15 engaged in marriage and family therapy research. Each marriage 16 or family therapy teacher or researcher shall have spent the majority of the time devoted to the study or research of 17 18 marriage and family therapy during the 2 years immediately 19 preceding his or her appointment to the Board. The appointees 20 shall be licensed under this Act.

(d) Two members shall be representatives of the general public who have no direct affiliation or work experience with the practice of marriage and family therapy and who clearly represent consumer interests.

(e) Board members shall be appointed for terms of 4 years
each, except that any person chosen to fill a vacancy shall be

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appointed only for the unexpired term of the Board member whom he or she shall succeed. Upon the expiration of this term of office, a Board member shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed and qualified. No member shall be reappointed to the Board for a term that would cause continuous service on the Board to be longer than 8 years.

7 (f) The membership of the Board shall reasonably reflect
8 representation from the various geographic areas of the State.

9 (g) Members of the Board shall be immune from suit in any 10 action based upon any disciplinary proceedings or other 11 activities performed in good faith as members of the Board.

12 (h) The <u>Secretary</u> Director may remove any member of the
13 Board for any cause that, in the opinion of the <u>Secretary</u>
14 Director, reasonably justifies termination.

15 (i) The <u>Secretary</u> Director may consider the 16 recommendations of the Board on questions of standards of 17 professional conduct, discipline, and qualification of 18 candidates or licensees under this Act.

(j) The members of the Board shall be reimbursed for alllegitimate, necessary, and authorized expenses.

(k) A majority of the Board members currently appointed shall constitute a quorum. A vacancy in the membership of the Board shall not impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the Board.

25 (Source: P.A. 90-61, eff. 12-30-97.)

1 (225 ILCS 55/30) (from Ch. 111, par. 8351-30)

2 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

3 Sec. 30. Application.

4 (a) Applications for original licensure shall be made to 5 the Department in writing on forms prescribed by the Department 6 and shall be accompanied by the appropriate documentation and 7 the required fee, which fee is nonrefundable. Any application 8 shall require such information as, in the judgment of the 9 Department, will enable the Department to pass on the 10 qualifications of the applicant for licensing.

(b) Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to complete the application process. If the application has not been completed within 3 years, the application shall be denied, the fee shall be forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

(c) A license shall not be denied to an applicant because of the applicant's race, religion, creed, national origin, political beliefs or activities, age, sex, sexual orientation, or physical <u>disability that does not affect a person's ability</u> <u>to practice with reasonable judgment, skill, or safety</u> <u>impairment</u>.

22 (Source: P.A. 90-61, eff. 12-30-97.)

(225 ILCS 55/60) (from Ch. 111, par. 8351-60)
(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)
Sec. 60. Payments; penalty for insufficient funds. Any

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1 person who delivers a check or other payment to the Department that is returned to the Department unpaid by the financial 2 3 institution upon which it is drawn shall pay to the Department, 4 in addition to the amount already owed to the Department, a 5 fine of \$50. The fines imposed by this Section are in addition to any other discipline provided under this Act prohibiting 6 unlicensed practice or practice on a nonrenewed license. The 7 Department shall notify the person that payment of fees and 8 9 fines shall be paid to the Department by certified check or 10 money order within 30 calendar days after notification. If, 11 after the expiration of 30 days from the date of the notification, the person has failed to submit the necessary 12 13 remittance, the Department shall automatically terminate the 14 license or deny the application, without hearing. If, after 15 termination or denial, the person seeks a license, he or she 16 shall apply to the Department for restoration or issuance of the license and pay all fees and fines due to the Department. 17 18 The Department may establish a fee for the processing of an application for restoration of a license to pay all expenses of 19 20 processing this application. The Secretary Director may waive the fines due under this Section in individual cases where the 21 Secretary Director finds that the fines would be unreasonable 22 23 or unnecessarily burdensome.

24 (Source: P.A. 92-146, eff. 1-1-02.)

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(225 ILCS 55/65) (from Ch. 111, par. 8351-65)

1 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008) Sec. 65. Endorsement. The Department may issue a license as 2 a licensed marriage and family therapist, without the required 3 4 examination, to an applicant licensed under the laws of another 5 state if the requirements for licensure in that state are, on 6 the date of licensure, substantially equal to the requirements of this Act or to a person who, at the time of his or her 7 application for licensure, possessed individual qualifications 8 9 that were substantially equivalent to the requirements then in 10 force in this State. An applicant under this Section shall pay 11 all of the required fees.

Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to complete the application process. If the process has not been completed within the 3 years, the application shall be denied, the fee shall be forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication. (Source: P.A. 90-61, eff. 12-30-97.)

18 (225 ILCS 55/85) (from Ch. 111, par. 8351-85)

19 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

20 Sec. 85. Refusal, revocation, or suspension.

(a) The Department may refuse to issue or renew, or may
revoke a license, or may suspend, place on probation, fine, or
take any disciplinary <u>or non-disciplinary</u> action as the
Department may deem proper, including fines not to exceed
\$10,000 \$1000 for each violation, with regard to any licensee

for any one or combination of the following causes: 1 (1) Material misstatement in furnishing information to 2 3 the Department. (2) Violations of this Act or its rules. 4 5 (3) Conviction of or entry of a plea of quilty or nolo contendere to any crime that is a felony under the laws of 6 7 the United States or any state or territory thereof or that 8 is (i) a felony, (ii) a misdemeanor, an essential element of which is dishonesty, or (iii) a crime that is related to 9 10 the practice of the profession. 11 (4) Making any misrepresentation for the purpose of obtaining a license or violating any provision of this Act 12 13 or its rules. 14 (5) Professional incompetence or gross negligence. 15 (6) Gross negligence Malpractice. 16 (7) Aiding or assisting another person in violating any provision of this Act or its rules. 17 (8) Failing, within <u>30</u> 60 days, to provide information 18 19 in response to a written request made by the Department. 20 (9) Engaging in dishonorable, unethical, or 21 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive, 22 defraud or harm the public as defined by the rules of the 23 Department, or violating the rules of professional conduct 24 adopted by the Board and published by the Department. 25 (10) Habitual or excessive use or addiction to alcohol, 26 narcotics, stimulants, or any other chemical agent or drug that results in the inability to practice with reasonable judgment, skill, or safety.

3 (11) Discipline by another state, territory, or 4 country if at least one of the grounds for the discipline 5 is the same or substantially equivalent to those set forth 6 in this Act.

7 (12) Directly or indirectly giving to or receiving from
8 any person, firm, corporation, partnership or association
9 any fee, commission, rebate, or other form of compensation
10 for any professional services not actually or personally
11 rendered.

(13) A finding by the Department that the licensee,
after having his or her license placed on probationary
status, has violated the terms of probation.

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(14) Abandonment of a patient without cause.

(15) Willfully making or filing false records or
 reports relating to a licensee's practice, including but
 not limited to false records filed with State agencies or
 departments.

(16) Wilfully failing to report an instance of
 suspected child abuse or neglect as required by the Abused
 and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

(17) Being named as a perpetrator in an indicated
 report by the Department of Children and Family Services
 under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act and upon
 proof by clear and convincing evidence that the licensee

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has caused a child to be an abused child or neglected child as defined in the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

3 (18) Physical illness or mental illness or impairment disability, including, but not limited to, deterioration 4 5 through the aging process, or loss of motor skill $\frac{1}{2}$ and skills that results in the inability to practice the 6 profession with reasonable judgment, skill, or safety. 7

8 (19) Solicitation of professional services by using 9 false or misleading advertising.

10 (20) A finding that licensure has been applied for or obtained by fraudulent means. 11

(21) Practicing or attempting to practice under a name 12 13 other than the full name as shown on the license or any other legally authorized name. 14

15 (22) Gross overcharging for professional services 16 including filing statements for collection of fees or 17 moneys for which services are not rendered.

18 The Department shall deny any application for a (b) license, without hearing, or renewal, without hearing, under 19 20 this Act to any person who has defaulted on an educational loan 21 guaranteed by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission; 22 however, the Department may issue a license or renewal if the 23 person in default has established a satisfactory repayment 24 record as determined by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. 25

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(c) The determination by a circuit court that a licensee is

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1 subject to involuntary admission or judicial admission, as 2 provided in the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities 3 Code, operates as an automatic suspension. The suspension will terminate only upon a finding by a court that the patient is no 4 5 longer subject to involuntary admission or judicial admission 6 and the issuance of an order so finding and discharging the patient, and upon the recommendation of the Board to the 7 8 Secretary Director that the licensee be allowed to resume his or her practice as a licensed marriage and family therapist or 9 10 an associate marriage and family therapist.

(d) The Department may refuse to issue or may suspend the license of any person who fails to file a return, pay the tax, penalty, or interest shown in a filed return or pay any final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest, as required by any tax Act administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue, until the time the requirements of the tax Act are satisfied.

(e) In enforcing this Section, the Department or Board upon 17 a showing of a possible violation may compel an individual 18 licensed to practice under this Act, or who has applied for 19 20 licensure under this Act, to submit to a mental or physical 21 examination, or both, as required by and at the expense of the 22 Department. The Department or Board may order the examining 23 physician to present testimony concerning the mental or 24 physical examination of the licensee or applicant. No 25 information shall be excluded by reason of any common law or 26 statutory privilege relating to communications between the 09500HB0122ham001 -13- LRB095 03940 RAS 35012 a

1 or applicant and the examining physician. licensee The 2 examining physicians shall be specifically designated by the 3 Board or Department. The individual to be examined may have, at 4 his or her own expense, another physician of his or her choice 5 present during all aspects of this examination. Failure of an 6 individual to submit to a mental or physical examination, when directed, shall be grounds for suspension of his or her license 7 until the individual submits to the examination if the 8 Department finds, after notice and hearing, that the refusal to 9 10 submit to the examination was without reasonable cause.

11 If the Department or Board finds an individual unable to practice because of the reasons set forth in this Section, the 12 13 Department or Board may require that individual to submit to 14 care, counseling, or treatment by physicians approved or 15 designated by the Department or Board, as a condition, term, or 16 restriction for continued, reinstated, or renewed licensure to practice; or, in lieu of care, counseling, or treatment, the 17 Department may file, or the Board may recommend to the 18 Department to file, a complaint to immediately suspend, revoke, 19 20 or otherwise discipline the license of the individual. An individual whose license was granted, continued, reinstated, 21 22 renewed, disciplined or supervised subject to such terms, 23 conditions, or restrictions, and who fails to comply with such 24 terms, conditions, or restrictions, shall be referred to the 25 Secretary Director for a determination as to whether the 26 individual shall have his or her license suspended immediately,

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1 pending a hearing by the Department.

2 In instances in which the Secretary Director immediately 3 suspends a person's license under this Section, a hearing on 4 that person's license must be convened by the Department within 5 30 15 days after the suspension and completed without appreciable delay. The Department and Board shall have the 6 authority to review the subject individual's record of 7 8 treatment and counseling regarding the impairment to the extent 9 permitted by applicable federal statutes and regulations 10 safequarding the confidentiality of medical records.

An individual licensed under this Act and affected under this Section shall be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate to the Department or Board that he or she can resume practice in compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards under the provisions of his or her license.

16 (Source: P.A. 90-61, eff. 12-30-97; 91-362, eff. 1-1-00.)

17 (225 ILCS 55/90) (from Ch. 111, par. 8351-90)

18 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

19 Sec. 90. Violations; injunctions; cease and desist order.

(a) If any person violates a provision of this Act, the
<u>Secretary</u> Director may, in the name of the People of the State
of Illinois, through the Attorney General of the State of
Illinois, petition for an order enjoining the violation or for
an order enforcing compliance with this Act. Upon the filing of
a verified petition in court, the court may issue a temporary

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notice 1 order, without restraining or bond, and may preliminarily and permanently enjoin the violation. If it is 2 3 established that the person has violated or is violating the 4 injunction, the Court may punish the offender for contempt of 5 court. Proceedings under this Section are in addition to, and not in lieu of, all other remedies and penalties provided by 6 7 this Act.

8 (b) If any person practices as a marriage and family 9 therapist or an associate marriage and family therapist or 10 holds himself or herself out as such without having a valid 11 license under this Act, then any licensee, any interested party 12 or any person injured thereby may, in addition to the <u>Secretary</u> 13 Director, petition for relief as provided in subsection (a) of 14 this Section.

15 (c) Whenever in the opinion of the Department any person 16 violates any provision of this Act, the Department may issue a rule to show cause why an order to cease and desist should not 17 be entered against him or her. The rule shall clearly set forth 18 19 the grounds relied upon by the Department and shall provide a 20 period of 7 days from the date of the rule to file an answer to 21 the satisfaction of the Department. Failure to answer to the 22 satisfaction of the Department shall cause an order to cease 23 and desist to be issued immediately.

24 (Source: P.A. 90-61, eff. 12-30-97; 91-362, eff. 1-1-00.)

25 (225 ILCS 55/91 new)

1	Sec. 91. Unlicensed practice; civil penalty.
2	(a) Any person who practices, offers to practice, attempts
3	to practice, or holds himself or herself out to practice as a
4	licensed marriage and family therapist without being licensed
5	under this Act shall, in addition to any other penalty provided
6	by law, pay a civil penalty to the Department in an amount not
7	to exceed \$10,000 for each offense, as determined by the
8	Department. The civil penalty shall be assessed by the
9	Department after a hearing is held in accordance with the
10	provisions set forth in this Act regarding the provision of a
11	hearing for the discipline of a licensee.
12	(b) The Department may investigate any and all unlicensed
13	activity.
14	(c) The civil penalty shall be paid within 60 days after
15	the effective date of the order imposing the civil penalty. The
16	order shall constitute a judgment and may be filed and
17	execution had thereon in the same manner as any judgment from

18 <u>any court of record</u>.

19 (225 ILCS 55/95) (from Ch. 111, par. 8351-95)

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(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

Sec. 95. Investigation; notice and hearing. The Department may investigate the actions or qualifications of any person or persons holding or claiming to hold a license. Before suspending, revoking, placing on probationary status, or taking any other disciplinary action as the Department may deem 09500HB0122ham001 -17- LRB095 03940 RAS 35012 a

1 proper with regard to any license, at least 30 days before the 2 date set for the hearing, the Department shall (i) notify the accused in writing of any charges made and the time and place 3 4 for a hearing on the charges before the Board, (ii) direct him 5 or her to file a written answer to the charges with the Board 6 under oath within 20 days after the service on him or her of such notice, and (iii) inform him or her that if he or she 7 fails to file an answer, default will be taken against him or 8 9 her and his or her license may be suspended, revoked, placed on 10 probationary status, or other disciplinary action taken with 11 regard to the license, including limiting the scope, nature, or extent of his or her practice, as the Department may deem 12 proper. In case the person, after receiving notice, fails to 13 14 file an answer, his or her license may, in the discretion of 15 the Department, be suspended, revoked, placed on probationary 16 status, or the Department may take whatever disciplinary action deemed proper, including limiting the scope, nature, or extent 17 18 of the person's practice or the imposition of a fine, without a 19 hearing, if the act or acts charged constitute sufficient 20 grounds for such action under this Act. This written notice and 21 any notice in the subsequent proceedings may be served by 22 personal delivery to the accused person, or by registered or 23 certified mail to the address last specified by the accused in 24 his last notification to the Department. In case the person 25 fails to file an answer after receiving notice, his or her 26 license may, in the discretion of the Department, be suspended,

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1 revoked, or placed on probationary status, or the Department 2 may take whatever disciplinary action deemed proper, including limiting the scope, nature, or extent of the person's practice 3 4 or the imposition of a fine, without a hearing, if the act or 5 acts charged constitute sufficient grounds for such action 6 under this Act. The written answer shall be served by personal delivery, certified delivery, or certified or registered mail 7 8 to the Department. At the time and place fixed in the notice, 9 the Department shall proceed to hear the charges and the 10 parties or their counsel shall be accorded ample opportunity to 11 present such statements, testimony, evidence, and argument as may be pertinent to the charges or to the defense thereto. The 12 13 Department may continue such hearing from time to time. At the discretion of the Secretary Director after having first 14 15 received the recommendation of the Board, the accused person's 16 may be suspended or revoked, if the evidence license constitutes sufficient grounds for such action under this Act. 17 (Source: P.A. 90-61, eff. 12-30-97; 90-655, eff. 7-30-98.) 18

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(225 ILCS 55/105) (from Ch. 111, par. 8351-105)

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(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

Sec. 105. Subpoenas; oaths; attendance of witnesses. The Department has the power to subpoena and to bring before it any person and to take testimony either orally or by deposition, or both, with the same fees and mileage and in the same manner as prescribed in civil cases in the courts of this State. 09500HB0122ham001 -19- LRB095 03940 RAS 35012 a

1 The Secretary Director, the designated hearing officer, 2 and every member of the Board has power to administer oaths to 3 witnesses at any hearing that the Department is authorized to 4 conduct and any other oaths authorized in any Act administered 5 by the Department. Any circuit court may, upon application of 6 the Department or its designee, or of the applicant or licensee against whom proceedings under this Act are pending, enter an 7 8 order requiring the attendance of witnesses and their 9 testimony, and the production of documents, papers, files, 10 books and records in connection with any hearing or 11 investigation. The court may compel obedience to its order by proceedings for contempt. 12

13 (Source: P.A. 87-783; 87-1237.)

14 (225 ILCS 55/110) (from Ch. 111, par. 8351-110)

15 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

Sec. 110. Recommendations for disciplinary action. At the 16 17 conclusion of the hearing, the Board shall present to the Secretary Director a written report of its findings and 18 19 recommendations. The report shall contain a finding whether or 20 not the accused person violated this Act or failed to comply 21 with the conditions required in this Act. The Board shall 22 specify the nature of the violation or failure to comply, and 23 shall make its recommendations to the Secretary Director.

The report of findings and recommendations of the Board shall be the basis for the Department's order for refusal or 09500HB0122ham001 -20- LRB095 03940 RAS 35012 a

1 for the granting of a license, or for any disciplinary action, 2 unless the Secretary Director shall determine that the Board's report is contrary to the manifest weight of the evidence, in 3 4 which case the Secretary Director may issue an order in 5 contravention of the Board's report. The finding is not 6 admissible in evidence against the person in a criminal prosecution brought for the violation of this Act, but the 7 8 hearing and finding are not a bar to a criminal prosecution 9 brought for the violation of this Act.

10 (Source: P.A. 87-783.)

11 (225 ILCS 55/115) (from Ch. 111, par. 8351-115)

12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

Sec. 115. Rehearing. In any hearing involving disciplinary 13 14 action against a licensee, a copy of the Board's report shall 15 be served upon the respondent by the Department, either personally or as provided in this Act for the service of the 16 notice of hearing. Within 20 calendar days after service, the 17 respondent may present to the Department a motion in writing 18 19 for a rehearing that shall specify the particular grounds for 20 rehearing. If no motion for rehearing is filed, then upon the 21 expiration of the time specified for filing a motion, or if a 22 motion for rehearing is denied, then upon denial, the Secretary 23 Director may enter an order in accordance with recommendations 24 of the Board, except as provided in this Act. If the respondent 25 orders from the reporting service, and pays for, a transcript

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1 of the record within the time for filing a motion for 2 rehearing, the 20 calendar day period within which a motion may 3 be filed shall commence upon the delivery of the transcript to 4 the respondent.

5 (Source: P.A. 87-783; 87-1237; 88-45.)

6 (225 ILCS 55/120) (from Ch. 111, par. 8351-120)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008) 8 Sec. 120. Hearing by other hearing officer examiner. 9 Whenever the Secretary Director is not satisfied that 10 substantial justice has been done in the revocation, suspension or refusal to issue or renew a license, the Secretary Director 11 12 may order a rehearing by the same or other hearing officer 13 examiners.

14 (Source: P.A. 87-783.)

15 (225 ILCS 55/125) (from Ch. 111, par. 8351-125)

16 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

17 Sec. 125. Appointment of a hearing officer. The Secretary 18 Director has the authority to appoint any attorney duly 19 licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois to serve as 20 the hearing officer in any action for refusal to issue or renew 21 a license, or to discipline a licensee. The hearing officer has 22 full authority to conduct the hearing. The hearing officer 23 shall report his findings and recommendations to the Board and 24 the Secretary Director. The Board shall has 60 calendar days 09500HB0122ham001 -22- LRB095 03940 RAS 35012 a

1 from receipt of the report to review the report of the hearing officer and present its findings of fact, conclusions of law 2 and recommendations to the Secretary Director. If the Board 3 4 fails to present its report within the 60 calendar day period, 5 the Secretary Director may issue an order based on the report of the hearing officer. If the Secretary Director disagrees 6 with the recommendation of the Board or the hearing officer, 7 8 the Secretary Director may issue an order in contravention of 9 the recommendation.

10 (Source: P.A. 87-783; 87-1237.)

11 (225 ILCS 55/130) (from Ch. 111, par. 8351-130)

12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

13 Sec. 130. Order; certified copy. An order or a certified 14 copy thereof, over the seal of the Department and purporting to 15 be signed by the <u>Secretary</u> Director, shall be prima facie 16 proof:

17 (a) that the signature is the genuine signature of the
 18 <u>Secretary</u> Director;

19 (b) that the <u>Secretary</u> Director is duly appointed and 20 qualified; and

(c) that the Board and its members are qualified to act.
(Source: P.A. 87-783.)

(225 ILCS 55/145) (from Ch. 111, par. 8351-145)
 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

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Sec. 145. Summary suspension. The Secretary Director may 1 2 summarily suspend the license of a marriage and family 3 therapist or an associate marriage and family therapist without 4 a hearing, simultaneously with the institution of proceedings 5 for a hearing provided for in this Act, if the Secretary 6 Director finds that evidence in his or her possession indicates that a marriage and family therapist's or associate marriage 7 and family therapist's continuation in practice would 8 9 constitute an imminent danger to the public. In the event that 10 the Secretary Director summarily suspends the license of a 11 marriage and family therapist or an associate marriage and family therapist without a hearing, a hearing by the Board must 12 be held within 30 calendar days after the suspension has 13 occurred. 14

15 (Source: P.A. 91-362, eff. 1-1-00.)".