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Overview

This bill modifies licensure provisions for alcohol and drug counselors.

Section

- 1 **Licensing requirements for the first five years.** Amends § 148C.04, subd. 3. Amends the licensing requirements that apply to applicants for alcohol and drug counselor licensure for the first five years after licensing rules are adopted, to specify that the applicant's alcohol and drug counseling practicum must have been supervised.
- 2 **Licensing requirements after five years.** Amends § 148C.04, subd. 4. Amends the licensing requirements that apply to applicants for alcohol and drug counselor licensure after five years after licensing rules are adopted, to specify that the applicant's alcohol and drug counseling practicum must have been supervised.
- 3 **Temporary practice requirements.** Amends § 148C.04, subd. 6. Adds another class of persons to the list of persons eligible to temporarily practice alcohol and drug counseling before being licensed (persons with an alcohol and drug counselor credential from a national certification body or a certification body from another state or other jurisdiction). Strikes language requiring persons to request temporary practice status within a certain period, and strikes language requiring persons with temporary practice status to be licensed within 12 months of receiving a degree. Strikes language allowing the commissioner to extend temporary practice status. Prohibits a person with temporary practice status from using any title that implies licensure. Makes an applicant's temporary practice status expire on the date the commissioner grants or denies licensure.
- 4 **Practice allowed; certain individuals.** Amends § 148C.10, subd. 1a. Extends the date by which a person who is applying for licensure and wants to practice during the licensure process must pass any licensure examinations, from January 28, 2001 to July 1, 2002. Also requires the person to apply for licensure within 90 days of passing the exam, rather than 60 days.

5 **Effective date.** Makes this bill effective the day following final enactment.