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Overview

This bill waives the written case presentation and oral examination component of the licensing requirements for alcohol and drug counselors who meet certain requirements until they are able to complete the written case presentation and pass the oral exam.

Section

1 **Federally recognized tribes; ethnic minorities.** Amends § 148C.11, subd. 3. (c) Requires the commissioner of health to issue a license to an applicant who: (1) is exempt from the alcohol and drug counselor licensing requirements because the applicant is licensed to practice according to standards established by federally recognized tribes and is practicing under tribal jurisdiction; (2) has at least 2,000 hours of alcohol and drug counselor experience; and (3) meets the state licensing requirements that are in effect at the time of application, except the written case presentation and oral examination component of the requirements.

Also provides that an applicant who applies for a license under this paragraph must follow the general procedures for admission to licensure.

Requires a person who receives a license under this paragraph to complete the written case presentation and pass the oral examination as soon as possible after the commissioner begins administering the oral exam. Allows the commissioner to suspend or restrict a person's license if the person fails to complete the written case presentation or pass the oral exam. Makes this paragraph expire on July 1, 2004.