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Overview

This bill modifies alcohol and drug counselor licensure provisions.

Section

- 1 Temporary permit requirements. Amends § 148C.04, subd. 6. Adds an option for the commissioner to grant a temporary permit if the applicant follows the requirements to renew a lapsed license.
- Transition period for hospital and city, county, and state agency alcohol and drug counselors. Amends § 148C.11, subd. 6. Permits alcohol and drug counselors employed by school districts to be granted licensure until January 1, 2006, if they fulfill certain requirements. Currently, alcohol and drug counselors employed by a hospital, city, county, or state agency are granted the same status: the requirements for licensure until January 1, 2006, are less stringent than requirements for licensure after that time.
- **School district alcohol and drug counselors.** Amends § 148C.11 by adding a subdivision. Requires school districts employing alcohol and drug counselors to employ only licensed alcohol and drug counselors after January 1, 2006.
- **Biennial renewal fee.** Amends § 148C.12, subd. 2. Makes a technical change.
- **Temporary permit fee.** Amends § 148C.12, subd. 3. Requires temporary permit fees to be prorated when the first expiration date occurs in less than one year.