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1 Page 1-line 3 After "licensure;" insert "revising
2 provisions relating to addictions therapy
3 licensure;".
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5 Page 1-line 7 After "worker;" insert "requiring a report;
6 requiring the adoption of rules;".
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8 Page 1-lines 13 through 15 Delete entirely and insert:
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10 "and 33-38-106(c)(ii), (iii), (v), by creating a new
11 paragraph (vii) and by creating new subsections (q), (r) and (s)
12 are amended to read:".
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14 Page 2-lines 22 and 23 Delete entirely.
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16 Page 3-lines 1 through 7 Delete entirely and insert:
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18 "(c) Certification under this subsection shall allow
19 practice as a certified addictions practitioner only under the
20 supervision of a qualified clinical supervisor who has obtained a
21 clinical supervisor certification issued by the national
22 association for alcohol and drug abuse counselors or the
23 international certification and reciprocity consortium, and
24 subject to ~~any~~-other necessary restrictions which may be specified
25 by the board pursuant to rules which are required to protect the
26 public and are consistent with this section. The board shall grant
27 certification as a certified addictions practitioner to any
28 applicant who files an application upon a form and in the manner
29 prescribed by the board, accompanied by the appropriate fee and
30 who furnishes satisfactory evidence to the board of the
31 following:".
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33 Page 3-lines 17 through 23 Delete entirely.
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35 Page 4-lines 1 through 12 Delete entirely and insert:
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37 "(iii) The applicant has received a baccalaureate degree in
38 a human resource discipline from a regionally accredited
39 institution of higher education, which is ~~professional in content~~
40 ~~and which meets the academic and training content standards~~
41 ~~established by the board, or in a field that substantially relates~~
42 to addictions therapy, including psychology, sociology or criminal
43 justice, a baccalaureate level equivalency in addiction therapy or
44 an associate degree with specified coursework in addictions

1 therapy, as determined by the board. The board shall not require
2 a practicum for baccalaureate degree holders, but shall require a
3 practicum for associate degree holders. Except as otherwise
4 provided in this paragraph, the board shall ~~use—recognize~~ the
5 professional training and experience standards of the ~~appropriate~~
6 ~~professional associations—national association for alcohol and~~
7 ~~drug abuse counselors and the international certification and~~
8 ~~reciprocity consortium,~~ as established by ~~the—rules and~~
9 ~~regulations—~~for the purposes of this section, in a manner that
10 will promote access to certified addictions practitioners for the
11 public. An applicant with an associate degree shall complete not
12 less than four thousand (4,000) hours of supervised clinical
13 experience before becoming eligible to apply for certification
14 under this subsection;

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16 (v) The applicant has demonstrated knowledge in the field of
17 addictions treatment in general by passing a standard examination
18 which may be written or situational, ~~as the board prescribes. The~~
19 ~~board may develop, adopt and administer appropriate examinations~~
20 ~~and is comprised of either the examination offered by the national~~
21 ~~association for alcohol and drug abuse counselors or the~~
22 ~~international certification and reciprocity consortium. The board~~
23 ~~shall accept the results of either examination.~~ The board shall
24 establish specific provisions for examination of applicants for
25 certification in the specific discipline at reasonable times and
26 places at least twice each year;".

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28 Page 6-after line 17 Insert:

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30 "(r) In addition to other provisions establishing licensing
31 without examination under this section, the board shall grant
32 certification without examination as a licensed addictions
33 therapist or certified addictions practitioner if:

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35 (i) The person, at the time of application, maintains
36 a license in good standing to practice in another state and has
37 been licensed in that state for not less than two (2) years as a
38 licensed addictions therapist or certified addictions
39 practitioner, or any other role, however designated, with a scope
40 of practice substantially similar to a licensed addictions
41 therapist or certified addictions practitioner. As used in this
42 paragraph, "substantially similar" means having a preponderance of
43 characteristics in common and does not mean that the scope of
44 practice of the person in the licensed state is required to be
45 identical to the scope of practice for licensed addictions
46 therapists or certified addictions practitioners in Wyoming;

1 (ii) The applicant has no felony convictions and no
2 misdemeanor convictions that relate adversely to the practice of
3 addictions therapy, provided that exemptions to this requirement
4 may be granted by the board if consistent with the public interest;
5 and

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7 (iii) Upon payment of a fee established by the board.

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9 (s) The provisions of subsection (r) of this section shall
10 be an additional means of licensure for licensed addictions
11 therapists and certified addictions practitioners. The board shall
12 not impose other requirements for licensure under subsection (r)
13 of this section."

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15 Page 6-after line 20 Insert:

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17 **"Section 3.** The mental health professions licensing board
18 shall adopt rules to implement this act on or before October 1,
19 2019.

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21 **Section 4.** The mental health professions licensing board
22 shall issue a report to the joint labor, health and social services
23 interim committee on all actions taken pursuant to this act, which
24 shall include the adoption of rules, on or before October 1,
25 2019."

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27 Page 7-line 1 Delete entirely and insert:

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29 **"Section 5.** This act is effective immediately upon completion
30 of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by
31 Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution." SCOTT, CHAIRMAN