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Prime Sponsor: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Mental health professions practice act-amendments.**

Subject: Mental health professions practice act-amendments.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Requires the mental health professions licensing board to run criminal background checks on all initial applicants for licensure or certification under the Mental Health Professions Practice Act, and on renewal applicants once every four (4) years.
- Allows for certification as a certified mental health worker and specifies the requirements for becoming certified and for practicing only under the supervision of a qualified clinical supervisor, and subject to other restrictions specified by the board.
- Modifies the Act's reciprocity provisions to allow for reciprocity to certified mental health workers and grants the Board the discretion to provide, for good cause shown, reciprocity to candidates seeking reciprocity as social workers, addictions practitioners, addictions practitioner assistants or mental health workers who do not otherwise meet the requirement under the Act.

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