

2019 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2339

2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee
Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2339
1/28/2019
Job # 31547

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature: Justin Velez / Carie Winings

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 43-45-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to qualification for addiction counseling licensure for an applicant licensed in another jurisdiction.

Minutes:

Attachments: 1

Madam Chair Lee: Opens the hearing on SB 2339.

Senator Anderson: Introduced the bill and gave a brief explanation of the bill. See Attachment #1 for testimony submitted for Kurt Snyder, North Dakota Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners. They were looking at a way for their board to give a license to someone who had worked in another state that had similar credentials to what they required but did not need a letter of the specifics of what they wanted to do. We checked with the Attorney General and the language they currently have in law now did not give them the ability to do that. We used some similar language in the social workers bill last session. Even though that bill did not work too well for other reasons, the language worked for licensing and it allowed them to license about 15 individuals that otherwise would not have met the criteria. This is another example of how we have worked over the past 3 sessions to get more worker availability in the state.

Madam Chair Lee: Asked for any questions. Reminded the committee of the issues with licensing addiction counselors addressed in the last session and commended the board on changing their rules and adapting to allow for expanding licensing. There was no further testimony. (Asked someone from legislative council that was present in the room if the phrase “substantially equivalent” needed to be used, and it was stated that they would check on that and get back to the committee.)

Senator Anderson: I did ask attorney Schaible that same question and his opinion was that the reason that we needed Subsection B was because of using “substantially equivalent” it meant that they had to evaluate the licensing requirement in the other jurisdiction to see that they actually were such. The phrase “substantially similar” gives them more flexibility that they needed.

Senator Anderson: Moved a Do Pass.

Senator Larsen: Seconded.

Madam Chair Lee: Asked committee for discussion on the motion.

Senator Larsen: We have been making some movement with the licensure and trying to get more people on board, and I know that we had expanded some of the scholarship applications to include these folks too. I wanted to know where that is going and how many people are using that? I don't want to hold that up on this bill. I would like to know that information.

Madam Chair Lee: Did we do scholarships or loan repayment? (It was confirmed by someone present in the room that it was loan repayment.)

Senator Anderson: I carried a bill on the use of the scholarship loan repayment funds. Right now we do have more applicants for those programs than we have had in the past. Last time we expanded that to include addiction counselors and other mental health boards. We sent the bill out of here too early to include the behavioral health analysts, but I think the House may amend that. Not everyone who applies gets it but the health council rates them based on the criteria that the legislature has set. I would say the loan repayment program is working very well. The only difference is that the nurses have their own repayment program that is managed by the board of nursing and they can apply to the board of nurses to get the repayment. Mental health nurses can apply to the health council for some of that money.

Senator Roers: I sit on the health council and in the last round there were a decent number of license addiction counselors that did receive loan repayment. I am not sure on the exact numbers. We do have some specific information from the health council on that and we can get that for the committee.

Madam Chair Lee: That would be good to see but I am not hearing that we want to delay action on this bill because of that.

A Roll Call Vote Was Taken: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

Motion Carried.

Senator Larsen will carry the bill.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2339: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2339 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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Human Services Committee
Fort Union Room, State Capitol

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Committee Clerk Nicole Klaman

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to the qualification for addiction counseling licensure for an applicant licensed in another jurisdiction.

Minutes:

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Senator Howard C. Anderson, : Introduced bill, see attachment 1

The bill follows the efforts of streamlining licensing for mental health professionals. This same thing was done to the Social Work Examiner's licensing last session and it's proved successful. It allows for flexibility of licensure for people coming from another state.

Opposition? None

Chairman Weisz: Closed hearing

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- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Nicole Klamann

By: Elaine Stromme

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to the qualification for addiction counseling licensure for an applicant licensed in another jurisdiction.

Minutes:

Chairman Weisz: Opened the meeting on SB 2339

Rep. Rohr: Made a motion for a Do Pass on SB 2339

Rep. M Ruby: Seconded

Chairman Weisz: Any discussion? Seeing none. Clerk will call the roll for a Do Pass on SB2339

A roll call vote was taken: Yes 12 No 0 Absent 2

Do Pass carries on SB2339

Rep. Kiefert will carry SB2339

**2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2339**

House Human Services Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: Adopt Amendment
 Do Pass Do Not Pass Without Committee Recommendation
 As Amended Rerefer to Appropriations
 Place on Consent Calendar
 Other Actions: Reconsider _____

Motion Made By Representative Rohr Seconded By Representative M. Ruby

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Robin Weisz - Chairman	X		Gretchen Dobervich	A	
Karen M. Rohr – Vice Chairman	X		Mary Schneider	X	
Dick Anderson	X				
Chuck Damschen	X				
Bill Devlin	X				
Clayton Fegley	X				
Dwight Kiefert	X				
Todd Porter	A				
Matthew Ruby	X				
Bill Tveit	X				
Greg Westlind	X				
Kathy Skroch	X				

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Rep. Kiefert

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2339: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2339 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2019 TESTIMONY

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Anderson, Jr., Howard C.

From: Kurt Snyder <kurt@heartview.org>
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2019 11:59 PM
To: Anderson, Jr., Howard C.
Cc: Schaibley, David J.
Subject: SB2339

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Senator Anderson,

I understand that you may introduce SB2339 on Monday at 10:15? Unfortunately, I am stranded in Denver due to the large storm in ND. I wanted to make sure that you and the Senate Human Services committee were aware that the ND Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners (NDBACE) supports this legislation. Our board has made great efforts in recent years to remove undue barriers for licensing applicants. We see this bill as giving us more flexibility to license qualified applicants while still protecting to public. I humbly ask that you submit this email as written testimony on behalf of NDBACE in support of SB2339.

Kurt Snyder, Chair
North Dakota Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners

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Testimony of Howard C Anderson Jr.

Senator of District 8

Chairman Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee.

This bill follows along with our efforts to streamline licensing for mental health professionals begun one or two sessions ago. We added similar language to the Social Work Examiners bill last session, which was so successful the addiction counselors asked me to sponsor this addition for them.

We discovered that 14 or 15 social workers were licensed as a result of the flexibility granted that board and we trust it will work similarly for the Board of Addiction Counselors.

Thank you.