

EMERGENCY REGULATION

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Chapter 62. Board of Professional Counselors.

12 AAC 62 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 AAC 62.450. Emergency Courtesy license. (a) In an urgent situation, the board may issue an emergency courtesy license to an applicant who has a license in good standing to practice as a professional counselor in another jurisdiction with licensing requirements at least equivalent to those of this state, and who meets the requirements of this section. The board may limit the scope of a license issued under this section, as appropriate to respond to the urgent situation.

(b) An applicant for an emergency courtesy license under this section must submit to the department a completed application on a form provided by the department.

(c) A license issued under this section is valid for the period specified by the board and may not exceed 120 consecutive days. An emergency courtesy license may be renewed for one additional period specified by the board, not to exceed 120 consecutive days.

(d) While practicing under an emergency courtesy license issued under this section, including by distance, the holder of the license must comply with the standards of practice set out in AS 08.29 and this chapter and is subject to discipline for actions taken or omitted while practicing under the emergency courtesy license.

(e) The board may refuse to issue an emergency courtesy license for the same reasons that it may deny, suspend, or revoke a license under AS 08.29.400.

(f) In this section, "urgent situation" means a health crisis affecting all or part of the state that requires increased availability of professional counselors. (Eff. 11 / 20 / 2020, Register

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