

# HOUSE BILL NO. 5074

September 26, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Thompson, Schmaltz, Schuette, DeBoyer, Meerman, Greene, Frisbie and Hoadley and referred to Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending sections 16903, 18111, 18223, 18233, and 18509 (MCL  
333.16903, 333.18111, 333.18223, 333.18233, and 333.18509), section  
16903 as amended by 2006 PA 388, section 18111 as amended by 2019  
PA 96, section 18223 as amended by 2018 PA 24, section 18233 as  
amended by 1994 PA 234, and section 18509 as amended by 2004 PA 61,  
and by adding sections 18111a and 18227.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 16903. (1) An individual licensed under this part as a  
2 marriage and family therapist shall use only the title "licensed  
3 marriage and family therapist" or "licensed marriage counselor" or  
4 the abbreviation "l.m.f.t." in representing ~~his or her~~ **the**  
5 **individual's** services in the practice of marriage and family  
6 therapy to the public.

7       (2) Unless exempt under section 16905(3), only an individual  
8 licensed under this part may advertise that ~~he or she~~ **the**  
9 **individual** offers marriage and family therapy; marriage or family  
10 counseling service or advice; marriage or family guidance service  
11 or advice; marriage or family relations service or advice; marriage  
12 or family problems service or advice; marriage or family relations  
13 advice or assistance; service in the alleviation of a marital or  
14 family problem; or service of similar import or effect that is  
15 included in the practice of marriage and family therapy.

16       (3) The board may grant a limited license to an individual who  
17 has met the requirements of section ~~16909(a)~~ **16909(1)(a)** and (b) in  
18 order to permit that individual to obtain the experience required  
19 under section ~~16909(c)~~. ~~The~~ **16909(1)(c)**. **Except as otherwise**  
20 **provided in subsection (6), the** board shall not renew a limited  
21 license for more than 6 years. ~~A~~ **An individual who is granted a**  
22 **limited license** ~~license~~ **under this subsection** shall do all of the  
23 following:

24       (a) Use only the title "limited licensed marriage and family  
25 therapist" or "limited licensed marriage counselor".

26       (b) Not represent that ~~he or she~~ **the individual** is engaged in  
27 the independent practice of marriage and family therapy.

28       (c) Practice only under the supervision of a fully licensed  
29 marriage and family therapist.

1 (d) Confine ~~his or her~~ **the individual's** practice to an  
2 organized health care setting or other arrangement approved by the  
3 board.

4 (4) An individual engaged in obtaining experience required  
5 under section ~~16909(b)~~ **16909(1)(b)** may use the title "marriage and  
6 family therapist intern" or "marriage and family therapist trainee"  
7 during the training period. The board shall not require an  
8 individual obtaining experience required under section ~~16909(b)~~  
9 **16909(1)(b)** to hold a limited license.

10 (5) The following words, titles, or letters or a combination  
11 thereof, with or without qualifying words or phrases, are  
12 restricted in use only to those individuals authorized under this  
13 part to use the terms and in a way prescribed by this part:  
14 "marriage advisor" or "marriage consultant"; "family counselor",  
15 "family advisor", "family therapist", or "family consultant";  
16 "family guidance counselor", "family guidance advisor", or "family  
17 guidance consultant"; "marriage guidance counselor", "marriage  
18 guidance advisor", or "marriage guidance consultant"; "family  
19 relations counselor"; "marriage relations counselor", "marriage  
20 relations advisor", or "marriage relations consultant"; or "marital  
21 counselor" or "marital therapist".

22 (6) **By not later than 5 years after the effective date of the**  
23 **amendatory act that added this subsection, the department shall**  
24 **promulgate rules under section 16194 to prescribe a 3-year license**  
25 **cycle for a limited license granted under subsection (3), which may**  
26 **be renewed for 1 additional 3-year term.**

27 Sec. 18111. (1) Subject to subsection (3), the department may  
28 grant a limited license to an individual who meets both of the  
29 following criteria:

1 (a) Is not less than 18 years of age.

2 (b) Has received, from an accredited college or university  
3 approved by the department, a master's or doctoral degree in  
4 counseling from a qualified program, or a degree determined by the  
5 department in consultation with the board to be substantially  
6 equivalent to a counseling degree from a qualified program. The  
7 department in consultation with the board shall promulgate rules to  
8 establish standards to approve qualified programs.

9 (2) A limited license granted under this section must require  
10 that the individual confine ~~his or her~~ **the individual's** practice to  
11 a program of counseling experience under the supervision of a  
12 licensed professional counselor.

13 (3) The department in consultation with the board shall  
14 promulgate rules under section 16145 as necessary or appropriate to  
15 supplement the requirements for licensure under this part as a  
16 limited licensed counselor, including adopting updated standards of  
17 the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related  
18 Educational Programs or a successor organization.

19 **(4) Subject to section 18111a, by not later than 5 years after**  
20 **the effective date of the amendatory act that added this**  
21 **subsection, the department shall promulgate rules under section**  
22 **16194 to prescribe a 3-year license cycle for a limited license**  
23 **granted under this section, which may be renewed for 3 additional**  
24 **3-year terms.**

25 **Sec. 18111a. (1) Beginning not later than 5 years after the**  
26 **effective date of rules promulgated under section 18111(4), the**  
27 **department, in consultation with the board, may toll a 3-year**  
28 **license cycle for a licensee under section 18111 if the licensee**  
29 **demonstrates a hardship to the satisfaction of the department. A**

1 licensee seeking to toll the license cycle during the time period  
2 of the licensee's hardship shall submit an application to the  
3 department on a form and in a manner required by the department  
4 with any documentation required by the department. The application  
5 must include at least all of the following information:

6 (a) A description of the hardship and how it impacts the  
7 licensee's ability to fulfill the requirements for full licensure  
8 under this part.

9 (b) A description of the cause for the hardship.

10 (c) A description of the measures taken by the licensee to  
11 remedy the hardship.

12 (d) Whether, at the time of the application, the hardship  
13 still exists.

14 (e) The number of supervised hours completed at the time of  
15 the application.

16 (f) The number of supervised hours left to complete at the  
17 time of the application.

18 (g) The name and contact information for each individual  
19 described in section 18111 who supervised the licensee and time  
20 period for which the supervision occurred.

21 (h) The name and contact information for each employer of the  
22 licensee, the licensee's period of employment, and the nature of  
23 the work performed by the licensee during the time that the  
24 licensee has held the limited license.

25 (i) The dates the licensee tried to pass an examination  
26 required for licensure and number of attempts to pass the  
27 examination.

28 (j) Whether the licensee made a prior request under this  
29 section and, if yes, the department's decision on the request.

1           (k) The duration of the request.

2           (l) Any other information that the department considers  
3 necessary or appropriate.

4           (2) The department may approve not more than 3 requests from a  
5 licensee under this section during each license cycle of the  
6 licensee. If the department approves a licensee's request under  
7 this section, the department shall toll the license cycle of the  
8 licensee for at least 1 month. However, the total time period  
9 during any license cycle for which a licensee's license cycle may  
10 be tolled under this section shall not exceed 1 year.

11          (3) The department, in consultation with the board, shall  
12 promulgate rules to implement this section.

13          Sec. 18223. (1) The department, in consultation with the  
14 board, shall promulgate rules requiring that to be granted a  
15 license under this part, except as provided in subsection (2), an  
16 individual must meet both of the following requirements:

17           (a) Have been granted a doctoral degree in psychology, or a  
18 doctoral degree in a closely related field, from a doctoral degree  
19 program that meets all of the following requirements:

20           (i) Is offered by a regionally accredited or other college,  
21 university, or institution approved by the board, and includes  
22 education and training appropriate to the practice of psychology.

23           (ii) Has obtained the Association of State and Provincial  
24 Psychology Boards' national register designation, has been  
25 accredited by the American Psychological Association or the  
26 Canadian Psychological Association, or has obtained a similar  
27 designation from or been accredited by an entity approved by the  
28 board. However, a program that is in the process of obtaining the  
29 designation or becoming accredited as required in this subparagraph

1 before August 1, 2011, and that obtains the designation or becomes  
2 accredited on or before August 31, 2020, meets the requirements of  
3 this subparagraph.

4 (b) Have not less than 1 year of postdoctoral experience in  
5 the practice of psychology in an organized health care setting or  
6 other arrangement, as established by the board.

7 (2) In addition to section 16182, the board shall grant a  
8 limited license to an individual granted a master's degree in  
9 psychology from a regionally accredited college, or university, or  
10 institution approved by the board, if the individual has education,  
11 training, and experience appropriate to the practice of psychology,  
12 as established by the board. An individual who applies for an  
13 initial limited license under this subsection before March 31, 2018  
14 is not required to take an examination that is approved by the  
15 board to be granted a limited license under this part if the  
16 individual was granted a master's degree in psychology after  
17 January 1, 2007 but before June 30, 2010 from the college,  
18 university, or institution described in this subsection, the  
19 individual has continuously held the temporary license described in  
20 this section since it was initially granted by the board, and the  
21 disciplinary subcommittee has not imposed a sanction against the  
22 individual while holding the temporary license described in this  
23 section. Except for duties performed as an employee of a  
24 governmental entity or of a nonprofit organization serving  
25 benevolent and charitable purposes, the board shall place 2  
26 limitations on a license granted to an individual under this  
27 subsection. The limitations must require supervision by a  
28 psychologist who has a license other than a limited license and  
29 must prohibit advertising or other representation to the public

that will lead the public to believe the individual is engaging in the practice of psychology. A limited license granted under this subsection is renewable under part 161. An individual who is applying for a limited license under this subsection must have 1 year of supervised postgraduate experience in an organized health care setting or other arrangement, as established by the board. The individual must be supervised by a psychologist who has a license other than a limited license, or if a psychologist who has a license other than a limited license is not available, by a psychologist who has at least a master's degree in psychology and at least 3 years of experience in the practice of psychology or by any other individual approved by the board.

(3) The board shall grant a temporary license to an individual described in subsection (2) for the purpose of obtaining the 1 year of postgraduate experience described in that subsection. ~~Beginning on March 31, 2018, a~~ **Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5), a** temporary license granted under this subsection is valid for 24 months and may be renewed for 1 additional 24-month term. ~~If~~ **Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5), if** an individual described in subsection (2) was granted a temporary license by the board before March 31, 2018, ~~his or her~~ **the individual's** temporary license may be renewed for 1 additional 24-month term.

(4) The board shall grant a temporary license to an individual who is enrolled in a doctoral degree program that meets the requirements of subsection (1). ~~Beginning on March 31, 2018, a~~ **Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5), a** temporary license granted under this subsection is valid for 24 months and may be renewed for 3 additional 24-month terms. ~~If~~ **Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5), if** an individual enrolled in a doctoral



1 program that meets the requirements of subsection (1) was granted a  
2 temporary license by the board before March 31, 2018, ~~his or her~~  
3 **the individual's** temporary license may be renewed for 3 additional  
4 24-month terms.

5 (5) By not later than 5 years after the effective date of the  
6 amendatory act that added this subsection, the department shall  
7 promulgate rules under section 16194 to prescribe the following  
8 license cycles:

9 (a) For a license granted under subsection (1) or (2), a 3-  
10 year license cycle, which license is renewable under part 161.

11 (b) Subject to section 18227, for a license granted under  
12 subsection (3), a 3-year license cycle, which license is not  
13 renewable.

14 (c) For a license granted under subsection (4), a 3-year  
15 license cycle, which license is renewable for 2 additional 3-year  
16 terms.

17 Sec. 18227. (1) Beginning not later than 5 years after the  
18 effective date of rules promulgated under section 18223(5), the  
19 department, in consultation with the board, may toll the 3-year  
20 license cycle for a licensee under section 18223(3) if the licensee  
21 demonstrates a hardship to the satisfaction of the department. A  
22 licensee seeking to toll the license cycle during the time period  
23 of the licensee's hardship shall submit an application to the  
24 department on a form and in a manner required by the department  
25 with any documentation required by the department. The application  
26 must include at least all of the following information:

27 (a) A description of the hardship and how it impacts the  
28 licensee's ability to fulfill the requirements for full licensure  
29 under this part.

1 (b) A description of the cause for the hardship.

2 (c) A description of the measures taken by the licensee to  
3 remedy the hardship.

4 (d) Whether, at the time of the application, the hardship  
5 still exists.

6 (e) The number of supervised hours completed at the time of  
7 the application.

8 (f) The number of supervised hours left to complete at the  
9 time of the application.

10 (g) The name and contact information for each individual  
11 described in section 18223(2) who supervised the licensee and time  
12 period for which the supervision occurred.

13 (h) The name and contact information for each employer of the  
14 licensee, the licensee's period of employment, and the nature of  
15 the work performed by the licensee during the time that the  
16 licensee has held the limited license.

17 (i) The dates the licensee tried to pass an examination  
18 required for licensure and number of attempts to pass the  
19 examination.

20 (j) Whether the licensee made a prior request under this  
21 section and, if yes, the department's decision on the request.

22 (k) The duration of the request.

23 (l) Any other information that the department considers  
24 necessary or appropriate.

25 (2) The department may approve not more than 3 requests from a  
26 licensee under this section during the licensee's license cycle. If  
27 the department approves a licensee's request under this section,  
28 the department shall toll the license cycle of the licensee for at  
29 least 1 month. However, the total time period for which a

1 licensee's license cycle may be tolled under this section shall not  
2 exceed 1 year.

3 (3) The department, in consultation with the board, shall  
4 promulgate rules to implement this section.

5 Sec. 18233. (1) In addition to the requirements of part 161,  
6 the board may require a licensee seeking renewal of a license to  
7 furnish the board with satisfactory evidence that during the 2  
8 ~~years—license cycle~~ immediately preceding application for renewal  
9 the licensee has attended continuing education courses or programs  
10 approved by the board totaling not less than a number of hours  
11 established by rule of the board in subjects related to the  
12 practice of psychology and designed to further educate licensees.

13 (2) As required under section 16204, the board shall  
14 promulgate rules requiring each applicant for license renewal to  
15 complete as part of the continuing education requirement of  
16 subsection (1) an appropriate number of hours or courses in pain  
17 and symptom management.

18 Sec. 18509. (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 18515,  
19 an individual granted a license under this part shall meet the  
20 following requirements:

21 (a) A licensed bachelor's social worker shall have been  
22 awarded a bachelor's degree in social work from a college or  
23 university social work program approved by the board and shall have  
24 completed at least 2 years of full-time postbachelor's degree  
25 experience, or the equivalent in part-time hours, in the practice  
26 of social work at the bachelor's level under the supervision of a  
27 licensed master's social worker. ~~Until July 1, 2008, the required~~  
28 ~~experience in the practice of social work at the bachelor's level~~  
29 ~~shall be performed under the supervision of a person who has been~~

~~awarded a master's or doctoral degree in social work from a college or university school of social work.~~

(b) A licensed master's social worker shall have been awarded a master's or doctoral degree in the field of social work from a college or university social work program approved by the board and shall have completed at least 2 years of full-time postmaster's or postdoctoral degree experience, or the equivalent in part-time hours, in the practice of social work at the master's level under the supervision of a licensed master's social worker. ~~Until July 1, 2008, the required experience in the practice of social work at the master's level shall be performed under the supervision of a person who has been awarded a master's or doctoral degree in the field of social work from a college or university school of social work and has engaged in the practice of social work for not less than 2 years.~~ In addition to the requirements set forth in this subdivision, a licensed master's social worker employed by a school district shall meet the requirements for employment as a school social worker contained in the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852, and the rules promulgated under that act.

(2) The board may grant a limited license to engage in the 2-year postdegree experience required under subsection (1) to an individual who has completed all the educational requirements for licensure as a bachelor's social worker or a master's social worker. **Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3),** a limited license granted under this subsection is renewable for not more than 6 years.

**(3) By not later than 5 years after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection, the department shall promulgate rules under section 16194 to prescribe a 3-year license**

1 cycle for a limited license granted under subsection (2), which may  
2 be renewed for 1 additional 3-year term.