

A bill for an act

relating to health-related occupations; providing an exception for continuing education requirements for licensed professional counselors; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 148B.54, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 148B.54, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3. Exception to continuing education requirement. An individual who was issued a license as a professional counselor on November 1, 2004, and whose license was terminated on February 20, 2009, shall be eligible for license renewal without complying with the continuing education requirements during the first four years of licensure as required by Minnesota Rules, part 2150.2520, subpart 4, or the continuing education requirement for relicensure following termination in Minnesota Rules, part 2150.0130, subpart 2. The individual must show that at the time of license termination, except for failure to meet the continuing education requirement for renewal, there was no disciplinary action pending against the licensee. Upon relicensure, the individual must complete at least 20 continuing education credits within one year of the renewal date.