



Board of Behavioral Sciences

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**To:** Committee Members

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**Subject:** Legislative Update

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## BOARD-SPONSORED LEGISLATION

The Board is pursuing of the following legislative proposals this year.

**1. Technical and/or Nonsubstantive Amendments (No Bill Number Assigned at This Time)**

The Board identified several technical or nonsubstantive amendments needed to clarify or clean up its current practice acts. They are as follows:

- Amendments related to the enforcement statute of limitations in the LMFT Practice Act.
- Amendments to clarify the required supervision ratio for associate clinical social workers.
- Amendments to make the definition of “advertising” consistent across the practice acts.
- Amendments to clarify supervision requirements for professional clinical counselor trainees.
- Amendments clarifying W-2 form requirements for applicants.
- Amendments to make the unprofessional conduct provision for telehealth consistent across the practice acts.
- Amendments to clarify degree program certification requirements for LMFT applicants.

The Board approved these proposed amendments at its September 20, 2024 and November 15, 2024 meetings.

**2. Statutory Amendments to Potentially Allow Adoption of the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards' (AMFTRB) Marital and Family Therapy National Examination as the Clinical Examination via Regulations (No Bill Number Assigned at This Time)**

This proposal would give the Board the option to designate the AMFTRB Marital and Family Therapy National Exam as the clinical exam approved for LMFT licensure through regulations.

The Board approved these amendments at its September 20, 2024 meeting.

**3. Sunsetting Statutory Provisions (No Bill Number Assigned at This Time)**

This proposal would delete or extend the sunset dates for two provisions of the Board's practice acts that sunset on January 1, 2026:

- Allowance of supervision via videoconferencing in all settings.
- Temporary practice allowance.

The Board approved this proposal at its September 20, 2024 meeting.

**4. Licensing Requirements for Licensed Educational Psychologists (No Bill Number Assigned at This Time)**

This proposal makes amendments to BPC §4989.20, which is the section of the LEP Practice Act that specifies the requirements for LEP licensure. The proposed amendments fall into three categories:

- Specifying experience requirements in greater detail.
- Clarifying experience requirements for in-state versus out-of-state school psychologists.
- Adding an age limit to a passing score on the LEP exam.

The Board approved this proposal at its September 20, 2024 and November 15, 2024 meetings.