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S 1062. SUBSTANCE ABUSE CERTIFICATION. AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION BOARD TO DEFINE THE TERM CLINICAL SUPERVISOR INTERN AND AMENDING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONALS. Amends various provisions of Art. 5C ("North Carolina Substance Abuse Professionals Certification Act") to make the following changes: (1) Provide that review of denial of an applicant's certification or the granting of a certification on a probationary or other conditional status is to be on the same rules and procedures as review of disciplinary actions. (2) Add a section providing that the cited board may administer oaths and subpoena witnesses and documents, including client records. (3) Add a section providing that the board may in closed session receive evidence regarding the provision of substance abuse counseling or other treatment and services provided to a client who has not expressly or through implication consented to public disclosure of such treatment and that the board may withhold such evidence from public disclosure. (4) Amend the criteria for certification as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor, Certified Substance Abuse Prevention Consultation, Certified Clinical Supervisor, or Certified Clinical Addictions Specialist to specify that the bachelor's or master's degrees required must come from a regionally accredited college or university. Adds other criteria with respect to the Addictions Specialist. (5) Add definition of Clinical Supervisor Intern and establish requirements for that designation. And (6) sets out qualifications beginning January 1, 2000 and changing over time until January 2003 for persons eligible to supervise applicants for various certified positions. Effective October 1, 1999.

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S 1062. SUBSTANCE ABUSE CERTIFICATION. Intro. 4/15/99. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Specifies that when the Substance Abuse Professional Certification Board orders client records or other materials produced before the board, the materials must be produced notwithstanding any counselor-client or physician-patient privilege that might otherwise apply (underlined words added; before the amendment, provision referred to "any privilege").