Amend printed bill, page 8, after line 8 insert:

"SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-245-214, amend (2) as follows:

12-245-214. Denial of license, registration, or certification - reinstatement. (2) If a board determines that an applicant does not possess the applicable qualifications required by this article 245 or, for a licensed clinical social worker, licensed social worker, licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed professional counselor, licensed addiction counselor, or level II or III certified addiction counselor, is unable to demonstrate his or her continued professional competence as required by section 12-245-410, 12-245-506, 12-245-606, or 12-245-806, respectively, the board may deny the applicant a license, registration, or certification or deny the reinstatement of a license, registration, or certification. If the application is denied, the board shall provide the applicant with a statement in writing setting forth the basis of the board's determination that the applicant does not possess the qualifications or professional competence required by this article 245. The applicant may request a hearing on the determination as provided in section 24-4-104 (9)."

Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

Page 19, after line 16 insert:

"SECTION 26. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-245-801, amend (6) as follows:

12-245-801. Definitions. As used in this part 8, unless the context otherwise requires:

(6) "Certified" means certified as an addiction counselor certified at level I, II, or III ADDICTION TECHNICIAN OR ADDICTION SPECIALIST."

Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

Page 20, after line 5 insert:

"SECTION 29. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-245-804, amend (1)(d)(I), (1)(e), (1)(g), and (2)(c); and add (3.5) as follows:

12-245-804. Requirements for licensure and certification - rules. (1) The board shall issue a license as an addiction counselor to an applicant who files an application in the form and manner required by the
board, submits the fee required by the board pursuant to section 12-245-205, and submits evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

(d) Demonstrates professional competence by:
   (I) Passing a national examination demonstrating special knowledge and skills in behavioral health disorders counseling as determined by the office of behavioral health in the department of human services and approved by the board administered by the National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, or an equivalent examination administered by a successor organization; and
(e) Has met the requirements for a certificate of addiction counseling, level III specialist;
(g) Has completed at least five thousand hours of clinically supervised work experience in the addiction field with a minimum of two thousand direct clinical hours.

(2) The board shall issue a certification as an addiction counselor to an applicant who files an application in the form and manner required by the board, submits the fee required by the board pursuant to section 12-245-205, and submits evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

(c) Has met the requirements for certification at a particular certification level as a certified addiction technician or a certified addiction specialist as specified in rules adopted pursuant to subsection (3) of this section by the state board of human services in the department of human services and as specified in subsection (3.5) of this section.

(3.5) In the rules promulgated pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, the state board shall require that:

(a) A certified addiction technician:
   (I) Have a high school diploma or its equivalent;
   (II) Accrued a minimum of one thousand hours of supervised clinical experience hours over a minimum of six months;
   (III) Passed a jurisprudence examination as determined by the board; and
   (IV) Passed the national certification addiction counselor level I examination administered by the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, or an equivalent examination administered by a successor organization.

(b) A certified addiction specialist:
   (I) Have a bachelor's degree in a clinical behavioral
HEALTH CONCENTRATION;

(II) ACCRUED A MINIMUM OF TWO THOUSAND HOURS OF
SUPERVISED CLINIC WORK HOURS OVER A MINIMUM OF TWELVE MONTHS,
WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE HOURS REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION AS A
CERTIFIED ADDICTION SPECIALIST;

(III) PASSED A JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION AS DETERMINED BY
THE BOARD; AND

(IV) PASSED THE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION ADDICTION
COUNSELOR LEVEL II EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED BY THE NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION FOR ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS, OR AN
EQUIVALENT EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED BY A SUCCESSOR
ORGANIZATION.

SECTION 30. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-245-805, amend
(1); and add (3) as follows:

12-245-805. Rights and privileges of certification and licensure
- titles. (1) Any person who possesses a valid, unsuspended, and
unrevoked certificate as a level I, II, or III certified addiction counselor
CERTIFIED ADDICTION TECHNICIAN OR CERTIFIED ADDICTION SPECIALIST
has the right to practice addiction counseling under supervision or
consultation as required by the rules of the state board of human services
in the department of human services; a level III certified addiction
counselor has the right to
A CERTIFIED ADDICTION SPECIALIST MAY
supervise addiction counseling practice, and all levels of certification
have the right to MAY use the title "certified addiction counselor" and the
abbreviations "CAC I", "CAC II", or "CAC III", as applicable "CAC" or
"CAS"; A CERTIFIED ADDICTION TECHNICIAN MAY USE THE TITLE
"CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR", "CAC", OR "CAT". No other person
shall assume these titles or use these abbreviations on any work or media
to indicate that the person using the title or abbreviation is a certified
addiction counselor.

(3)(a) THE PRACTICE OF A CERTIFIED ADDICTION TECHNICIAN MAY
INCLUDE:

(I) COLLECTION OF BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL SCREENING DATA;

(II) SERVICE COORDINATION AND CASE MANAGEMENT;

(III) MONITORING COMPLIANCE WITH CASE MANAGEMENT PLANS;

(IV) SKILL BASED EDUCATION;

(V) CO-FACILITATING THERAPY GROUPS WITH CERTIFIED
ADDICTION SPECIALISTS OR LICENSED ADDICTION COUNSELORS;

(VI) CLIENT, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY ADDICTION EDUCATION;

AND

(VII) REFERRAL AND DISCHARGE RESOURCING AND PLANNING.

(b) THE PRACTICE OF A CERTIFIED ADDICTION SPECIALIST MAY
INCLUDE:
Retreating substance use and co-occurring disorders; clinical assessments including diagnostic impression; treatment planning; referral and discharge planning; service coordination and case management; addiction counseling for individuals, families, and groups; and client, family, and community education and psycho-education.

Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

Page 20, strike lines 14 through 22 and substitute:

"SECTION 32. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-245-806, amend (1)(a), (1)(b) introductory portion, (1)(b)(I), (1)(b)(III), (1)(c) introductory portion, (1)(d), (2)(a), and (3) as follows:

12-245-806. Continuing professional competency - rules - definition. (1) (a) In accordance with sections 12-245-803 and 12-245-804, the board issues a license or certificate to practice addiction counseling based on whether the applicant satisfies minimum educational and experience requirements that demonstrate professional competency to practice addiction counseling. After a license or a certificate as a level II or level III addiction counselor is issued to an applicant, the licensed or level II or level III certified addiction counselor shall maintain continuing professional competency to practice addiction counseling. (b) The board, in consultation with the office of behavioral health in the department of human services, and, in consultation with other stakeholders, shall adopt rules establishing a continuing professional competency program that includes, at a minimum, the following elements:

(I) A self-assessment of the knowledge and skills of a licensed or level II or level III certified addiction counselor seeking to renew or reinstate a license;

(III) Periodic demonstration of knowledge and skills through documentation of activities necessary to ensure at least minimal ability to safely practice the profession. Nothing in this subsection (I)(b)(III) shall require a licensed or level II or level III certified addiction counselor to retake any examination required pursuant to section 12-245-804 in connection with initial licensure or certification.

(c) A licensed or level II or level III certified addiction counselor satisfies the continuing competency requirements of this section if the licensed or level II or level III certified addiction counselor meets the..."
continued professional competence requirements of one of the following entities:

(d) (I) After the program is established, a licensed or level II or level III certified addiction counselor shall satisfy the requirements of the program in order to renew or reinstate a license or certificate to practice addiction counseling in Colorado.

(II) The requirements of this section apply to individual addiction counselors who are licensed or level II or level III certified pursuant to this part 8, and nothing in this section shall be construed to require a person who employs or contracts with a licensed or level II or level III certified addiction counselor to comply with the requirements of this section.

(2) (a) Records of assessments or other documentation developed or submitted in connection with the continuing professional competency program are confidential and not subject to inspection by the public or discovery in connection with a civil action against a licensed or certified addiction counselor. The records or documents shall be used only by the board for purposes of determining whether a licensed or level II or level III certified addiction counselor is maintaining continuing professional competency to engage in the profession.

(3) As used in this section, "continuing professional competency" means the ongoing ability of a licensed or level II or level III certified addiction counselor to learn, integrate, and apply the knowledge, skill, and judgment to practice as an addiction counselor according to generally accepted industry standards and professional ethical standards in a designated role and setting.

SECTION 33. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-80-108, add (2) as follows:

27-80-108. Rules. (2) In the rules promulgated pursuant to subsection (1)(e) of this section, the State Board of Human Services shall require the following education requirements:

(a) For certified addiction technicians:

(I) Completion of course work and training in addiction counseling, client records management, principles of addiction, professional ethics, culturally informed treatment, pharmacology, motivational interviewing, trauma informed care, and group counseling skills; and

(II) Other courses and training as determined by the State Board of Human Services.

(b) For certified addiction specialists:

(I) Completion of course work and training in clinical assessment and treatment planning, cognitive behavioral therapy, co-occurring disorders, advanced pharmacology,
ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL ETHICS, ADVANCED MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING, ADVANCED MODELS, SPECIALIZED ADDICTION TREATMENT, AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES; AND

(II) OTHER COURSES AND TRAINING AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES.

SECTION 34. Act subject to petition - effective date. Sections 9, 26, 29, 30, 32, and 33 take effect July 1, 2021, and the remainder of this act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is May 6, 2020); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor; except that section 9, 26, 29, 30, 32, and 33 take effect July 1, 2021.".

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