

SB 707 (DeSaulnier)
April 22, 2009 Amended Version
Summary of Suggested Amendments

Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP)
05-22-09

- Implementation date of bill extended one year to January 1, 2011 and all other dates extended one year.
- Eliminates advance level counselor [Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor –Advanced (CAODC-A)] tier and all CAODC-A related language from the bill.
- Removes requirement for clinical supervision from Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor (CAODC) definition.
- Clarifies that Licensed Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor (LAODC) tier can practice outside of a program licensed or certified by ADP.
- Replaces “supervision” with “clinical supervision” in all sections of the bill.
- Makes the establishment of voluntary standards for advanced levels of alcohol and other drug (AOD) counselors and subspecialties with distinct requirements optional for the department, after implementation of the basic provisions of the bill.
- Requires ADP to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations to the department concerning curriculum, criminal background checks, unprofessional conduct and such other matters as ADP may refer to the committee.
- Specifies that clinically-focused majors are qualifying areas of study that meet the educational requirements of certification or licensure.
- Requires six hours of education in law and ethics and ten hours of education in the recognition of co-occurring disorders for all tiers of certification/licensure.
- Changes the Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor-Clinical Supervisor (CAODC-CS) grandparenting requirements to allow applicants to have either 10,000 hours of work experience in clinical supervision and 40 hours of continuing education in clinical supervision **or** a qualifying advanced certificate from one of the certifying organizations.
- Eliminates the “regional” requirement for accredited educational agencies, expanding the pool of possible education providers.
- Changes the supervised experience hours required for licensure at the LAODC level from 2,000 hours to 3,200 hours.

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- Changes the work experience hours required for licensure at the LAODC level from 6,000 hours to 4,800 hours.
- Authorizes ADP to provide for the administration of tests by such means as it finds appropriate.
- Changes the period in which supervised experience may be gained from one or more years to two or more years.
- Authorizes ADP to recognize additional accrediting entities.
- Includes registrants in the provisions outlined in sections 11975.80, 11975.85, and 11975.90, clarifying that registrants are permitted to perform counseling.
- Redefines the scope of practice for AOD counseling based on concepts from SAMHSA's "Addiction Counseling Competencies," Technical Assistance Publication Series No. 21.
- Adds to the scope of practice the need to understand the limits of qualifications and scope, and to appropriately screen and refer clients with mental health needs.
- Makes it unlawful, effective January 1, 2012, for a person to engage in the practice of AOD counseling without a valid, unexpired, and unrevoked registration, certification, or license.
- Authorizes ADP to deny, revoke, suspend, or impose conditions upon a license, certification, or registration for any crime which ADP finds is substantially related to the practice of AOD counseling.
- Authorizes individuals who are three years from the date of last conviction and on parole to become registered, certified, or licensed, conditioned upon written approval of his or her parole officer or the Board of Parole Hearings.
- Eliminates fees associated with the application of exam eligibility, oral examination, and rescoring.
- Expands the exemption available to clerics and other religious leaders.

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- Makes various non-substantive deletions and additions to the language of the bill.