

## **Professional Counselors Licensure Act; SB 386**

**SB 386** amends the Professional Counselors Licensure Act. In continuing law, an individual making an application to the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board for licensure as a professional counselor is required to, among other things, have earned a graduate degree in counseling. The bill allows licensure for an applicant who earned a graduate degree in a counseling-related field as long as all the remaining qualifications set forth in statute are met. The change is applicable to individuals applying for initial licensure and to individuals applying for licensure who are licensed to practice professional counseling in another jurisdiction.

The bill clarifies that the licensure requirement of 45 graduate semester hours in various areas set forth in statute is counseling coursework.