

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

## 2005 Wisconsin Act 422 [2005 Senate Bill 502]

Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board Certificates and Training Certificates

2005 Wisconsin Act 422 does the following:

- Changes references in current law to "certificates" granted by the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board, to "licenses."
- Makes the following changes with regard to training licenses:
  - Provides that a training license may be in effect for up to 48 months, instead of 24 months, and may be renewed at the discretion of the board.
  - Provides that the applicant for a training license must be employed, or have an offer for a position, instead of being required to be employed *full-time* or have an offer for *full-time* employment.
  - Provides that the board may grant a training license to a person who is enrolled or will be enrolled in an institute for marriage and family therapy that is approved by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy or by the marriage and family therapist section, or holds a graduate degree in a mental health field approved by the marriage and family therapist section and is enrolled or will be enrolled in a master's or doctoral degree program in marriage and family therapy Education or by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education or by the marriage and family therapist section.

Effective Date: Act 422 takes effect on June 3, 2006.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <u>http://www.legis.state.wi.us/</u>.