1	HOUSE BILL NO. 101
2	INTRODUCED BY J. GILLETTE
3	BY REQUEST OF THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE
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5	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LICENSING RECIPROCITY PROVISIONS FOR OUT-
6	OF-STATE PRACTITIONERS LICENSED BY THE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH; ESTABLISHING
7	THAT LICENSURE IN ANOTHER STATE IS SUFFICIENT TO OBTAIN MONTANA LICENSURE FOR NEW
8	RESIDENTS IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS EXIST; AND AMENDING SECTION 37-1-304, MCA."
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10	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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12	NEW SECTION. Section 1. Licensure reciprocity for out-of-state applicants. (1) The board shall
13	issue a license as provided in this section to a person who moves to Montana and establishes residence in
14	compliance with 1-1-215 if all of the following apply:
15	(a) The person is currently licensed as a clinical social worker, a baccalaureate social worker, or a
16	master's social worker in at least one other state.
17	(b) The person has been licensed by another state for at least 1 year.
18	(c) The person's license is in good standing in all states in which the person holds a license.
19	(d) If the state in which the person is licensed set minim um education requirements and, if
20	applicable, work experience and clinical supervision requirements at the time the person was licensed, the
21	licensing authority in that state verifies that the person met those requirements when obtaining licensure in that
22	state.
23	(e) The person previously passed an examination required for the license if required to do so by
24	the state in which the license was issued.
25	(f) The person has not had a license revoked and has not voluntarily surrendered a license in any
26	other state or country while under investigation for unprofessional conduct.
27	(g) A complaint, allegation, or investigation relating to unprofessional conduct is not pending
28	against the person before a licensing authority in another state or country. If a complaint, allegation, or
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1 investigation is pending, the board shall suspend the application process and may not issue or deny a license 2 until the complaint, allegation, or investigation is resolved. 3 The person has not been disciplined by another state licensing authority. If another jurisdiction (h) has taken disciplinary action against the person, the board shall determine if the cause for the action was 4 5 corrected and the matter resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by the jurisdiction having authority, the 6 board may not issue or deny a license until the matter is resolved. 7 The person pays all applicable fees. (i) 8 (i) The person does not have a disgualifying criminal history as determined by the board pursuant 9 to Title 37, chapter 1, part 2. A person licensed pursuant to this section is subject to the jurisdiction of the board and to the 10 (2)11 laws regulating the practice of social work in this state. 12 (3)The license may be issued if the applicant affirms or states in the application that the applicant 13 has requested verification from the state or states in which the applicant is licensed that the applicant is 14 currently licensed and is not subject to pending charges or final disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct or 15 impairment. If the board or its screening panel finds reasonable cause to believe that the applicant falsely 16 affirmed or stated that the applicant has requested verification from another state, the board may summarily 17 suspend the license pending further action to discipline or revoke the license. 18 (4) This section does not apply to : a person who is a candidate for licensure in another state and is not considered fully licensed 19 (a) 20 in that state; 21 criteria for a license that is established by an interstate compact; or (b) 22 (c) the board's ability to require an applicant to submit fingerprints for a fingerprint-based check by 23 the Montana department of justice and the federal bureau of investigation for noncriminal justice purposes. 24 A license issued pursuant to this section is valid only in Montana and does not make the (5) person eligible to be part of an interstate compact. The board may determine eligibility for an applicant to be 25 26 licensed under this section if the applicant is not part of an interstate compact. 27 (1) AN APPLICANT FOR RECIPROCITY LICENSURE IS SUBJECT TO THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE IN THIS 28 CHAPTER AND MUST HAVE AN ACTIVE LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING FROM A JURISDICTION WHOSE LICENSE



1	QUALIFICATIONS, MEASURED AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION TO THIS STATE, ARE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE
2	LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS IN THIS STATE AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
3	(2) IF THE QUALIFICATIONS IN SUBSECTION (1) ARE NOT SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT, THE DEPARTMENT
4	SHALL REFER THE APPLICATION TO THE BOARD TO DETERMINE IF THE DEFICIENCY CAN BE ADDRESSED BY THE
5	APPLICANT'S ACTUAL QUALIFICATIONS AND WORK EXPERIENCE.
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7	NEW SECTION. Section 2. Licensure reciprocity for out-of-state applicants. (1) The board shall
8	issue a license as provided in this section to a person who moves to Montana and establishes residence in
9	compliance with 1-1-215 if all of the following apply:
10	(a) The person is currently licensed as a clinical professional counselor in at least one other state.
11	(b) The person has been licensed by another state for at least 1 year.
12	(c) The person's license is in good standing in all states in which the person holds a license.
13	(d) If the state in which the person is licensed set minimum education requirements and, if
14	applicable, work experience and clinical supervision requirements at the time the person was licensed, the
15	licensing authority in that state verifies that the person met those requirements when obtaining licensure in that
16	state.
17	(e) The person previously passed an examination required for the license if required to do so by
18	the state in which the license was issued.
19	(f) The person has not had a license revoked and has not voluntarily surrendered a license in any
20	other state or country while under investigation for unprofessional conduct.
21	(g) A complaint, allegation, or investigation relating to unprofessional conduct is not pending
22	against the person before a licensing authority in another state or country. If a complaint, allegation, or
23	investigation is pending, the board shall suspend the application process and may not issue or deny a license
24	until the complaint, allegation, or investigation is resolved.
25	(h) The person has not been disciplined by another state licensing authority. If another jurisdiction
26	has taken disciplinary action against the person, the board shall determine if the cause for the action was
27	corrected and the matter resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by the jurisdiction having authority, the
28	board may not issue or deny a license until the matter is resolved.



1	(i) The person pays all applicable fees.
2	(j) The person does not have a disqualifying criminal history as determined by the board pursuant
3	to Title 37, chapter 1, part 2.
4	(2) A person licensed pursuant to this section is subject to the jurisdiction of the board and to the
5	laws regulating the practice of professional counseling in this state.
6	(3) The license may be issued if the applicant affirms or states in the application that the applicant
7	has requested verification from the state or states in which the applicant is licensed that the applicant i s
8	currently licensed and is not subject to pending charges or final disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct or
9	impairment. If the board or its screening panel finds reasonable cause to believe that the applicant falsely
10	affirmed or stated that the applicant has requested verification from another state, the board may summarily
11	suspend the license pending further action to discipline or revoke the license.
12	(4) This section does not apply to:
13	(a) a person who is a candidate for licensure in another state and is not considered fully licensed
14	in that state;
15	(b) criteria for a license that is established by an interstate compact; or
16	(c) the board's ability to require an applicant to submit fingerprints for a fingerprint-based check by
17	the Montana department of justice and the federal bureau of investigation for noncriminal justice purposes.
18	(5) A license issued pursuant to this section is valid only in Montana and does not make the
19	person eligible to be part of an interstate compact. The board may determine eligibility for an applicant to be
20	licensed under this section if the applicant is not part of an interstate compact.
21	(1) AN APPLICANT FOR RECIPROCITY LICENSURE IS SUBJECT TO THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE IN THIS
22	CHAPTER AND MUST HAVE AN ACTIVE LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING FROM A JURISDICTION WHOSE LICENSE
23	QUALIFICATIONS, MEASURED AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION TO THIS STATE, ARE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE
24	LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS IN THIS STATE AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
25	(2) IF THE QUALIFICATIONS IN SUBSECTION (1) ARE NOT SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT, THE DEPARTMENT
26	SHALL REFER THE APPLICATION TO THE BOARD TO DETERMINE IF THE DEFICIENCY CAN BE ADDRESSED BY THE
27	APPLICANT'S ACTUAL QUALIFICATIONS AND WORK EXPERIENCE.
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1	NEW SECTION. Section 3. Licensure reciprocity for out-of-state applicants. (1) The board shall
2	issue a license as provided in this section to a person who moves to Montana and establishes residence in
3	compliance with 1-1-215 if all of the following apply:
4	(a) The person is currently licensed as an addiction counselor in at least one other state.
5	(b) The person has been licensed by another state for at least 1 year.
6	(c) The person's license is in good standing in all states in which the person holds a license.
7	(d) If the state in which the person is licensed set minimum education requirements and, if
8	applicable, work experience and clinical supervision requirements at the time the person was licensed, the
9	licensing authority in that state verifies that the person met those requirements when obtaining licensure in that
10	state.
11	(e) The person previously passed an examination required for the license if required to do so by
12	the state in which the license was issued.
13	(f) The person has not had a license revoked and has not voluntarily surrendered a license in any
14	other state or country while under investigation for unprofessional conduct.
15	(g) A complaint, allegation, or investigation relating to unprofessional conduct is not pending
16	against the person before a licensing authority in another state or country. If a complaint, allegation, or
17	investigation is pending, the board shall suspend the application process and may not issue or deny a license
18	until the complaint, allegation, or investigation is resolved.
19	(h) The person has not been disciplined by another state licensing authority. If another jurisdiction
20	has taken disciplinary action against the person, the board shall determine if the cause for the action was
21	corrected and the matter resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by the jurisdiction having authority, the
22	board may not issue or deny a license until the matter is resolved.
23	(i) The person pays all applicable fees.
24	(j) The person does not have a disqualifying criminal history as determined by the board pursuant
25	to Title 37, chapter 1, part 2.
26	(2) A person licensed pursuant to this section is subject to the jurisdiction of the board and to the
27	laws regulating the practice of addiction counseling in this state.
28	(3) The license may be issued if the applicant affirms or states in the application that the applicant



1	has requested verification from the state or states in which the applicant is licensed that the applicant is
2	currently licensed and is not subject to pending charges or final disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct or
3	impairment. If the board or its screening panel finds reasonable cause to believe that the applicant falsely
4	affirmed or stated that the applicant has requested verification from another state, the board may summarily
5	suspend the license pending further action to discipline or revoke the license.
6	(4) This section does not apply to:
7	(a) a person who is a candidate for licensure in another state and is not considered fully licensed
8	in that state;
9	(b) criteria for a license that is established by an interstate compact; or
10	(c) the board's ability to require an applicant to submit fingerprints for a fingerprint-based check by
11	the Montana department of justice and the federal bureau of investigation for noncriminal justice purposes.
12	(5) A license issued pursuant to this section is valid only in Montana and does not make the
13	person eligible to be part of an interstate compact. The board may determine eligibility for an applicant to be
14	licensed under this section if the applicant is not part of an interstate compact.
15	(1) AN APPLICANT FOR RECIPROCITY LICENSURE IS SUBJECT TO THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE IN THIS
16	CHAPTER AND MUST HAVE AN ACTIVE LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING FROM A JURISDICTION WHOSE LICENSE
17	QUALIFICATIONS, MEASURED AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION TO THIS STATE, ARE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE
18	LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS IN THIS STATE AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
19	(2) IF THE QUALIFICATIONS IN SUBSECTION (1) ARE NOT SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT, THE DEPARTMENT
20	SHALL REFER THE APPLICATION TO THE BOARD TO DETERMINE IF THE DEFICIENCY CAN BE ADDRESSED BY THE
21	APPLICANT'S ACTUAL QUALIFICATIONS AND WORK EXPERIENCE.
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23	NEW SECTION. Section 4. Licensure reciprocity for out-of-state applicants. (1) The board shall
24	issue a license as provided in this section to a person who moves to Montana and establishes residence in
25	compliance with 1-1-215 if all of the following apply:
26	(a) The person is currently licensed as a marriage and family therapist in at least one other state.
27	(b) The person has been licensed by another state for at least 1 year.
28	(c) The person's license is in good standing in all states in which the person holds a license.

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1	(d) If the state in which the person is licensed set minimum education requirements and, if
2	applicable, work experience and clinical supervision requirements at the time the person was licensed, the
3	licensing authority in that state verifies that the person met those requirements when obtaining licensure in that
4	state.
5	(e) The person previously passed an examination required for the license if required to do so by
6	the state in which the license was issued.
7	(f) The person has not had a license revoked and has not voluntarily surrendered a license in any
8	other state or country while under investigation for unprofessional conduct.
9	(g) A complaint, allegation, or investigation relating to unprofessional conduct is not pending
10	against the person before a licensing authority in another state or country. If a complaint, allegation, or
11	investigation is pending, the board shall suspend the application process and may not issue or deny a license
12	until the complaint, allegation, or investigation is resolved.
13	(h) The person has not been disciplined by another state licensing authority. If another jurisdiction
14	has taken disciplinary action against the person, the board shall determine if the cause for the action was
15	corrected and the matter resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by the jurisdiction having authority, the
16	board may not issue or deny a license until the matter is resolved.
17	(i) The person pays all applicable fees.
18	(j) The person does not have a disqualifying criminal history as determined by the board pursuant
19	to Title 37, chapter 1, part 2.
20	(2) A person licensed pursuant to this section is subject to the jurisdiction of the board and to the
21	laws regulating the practice of marriage and family therapy in this state.
22	(3) The license may be issued if the applicant affirms or states in the application that the applicant
23	has requested verification from the state or states in which the applicant is licensed that the applicant is
24	currently licensed and is not subject to pending charges or final disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct or
25	impairment. If the board or its screening panel finds reasonable cause to believe that the applicant falsely
26	affirmed or stated that the applicant has requested verification from another state, the board may summarily
27	suspend the license pending further action to discipline or revoke the license.
28	(4) This section does not apply to:

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1	(a) a person who is a candidate for licensure in another state and is not considered fully licensed
2	in that state;
3	(b) criteria for a license that is established by an interstate compact; or
4	(c) the board's ability to require an applicant to submit fingerprints for a fingerprint-based check by
5	the Montana department of justice and the federal bureau of investigation for noncriminal justice purposes.
6	(5) A license issued pursuant to this section is valid only in Montana and does not make the
7	person eligible to be part of an interstate compact. The board may determine eligibility for an applicant to be
8	licensed under this section if the applicant is not part of an interstate compact.
9	(1) AN APPLICANT FOR RECIPROCITY LICENSURE IS SUBJECT TO THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE IN THIS
10	CHAPTER AND MUST HAVE AN ACTIVE LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING FROM A JURISDICTION WHOSE LICENSE
11	QUALIFICATIONS, MEASURED AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION TO THIS STATE, ARE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE
12	LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS IN THIS STATE AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
13	(2) IF THE QUALIFICATIONS IN SUBSECTION (1) ARE NOT SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT, THE DEPARTMENT
14	SHALL REFER THE APPLICATION TO THE BOARD TO DETERMINE IF THE DEFICIENCY CAN BE ADDRESSED BY THE
15	APPLICANT'S ACTUAL QUALIFICATIONS AND WORK EXPERIENCE.
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17	NEW SECTION. Section 5. Certification reciprocity for out-of-state applicants. (1) The board
18	shall issue a certification as provided in this section to a person who moves to Montana and establishes
19	residence in compliance with 1-1-215 if all of the following apply:
20	(a) The person is currently certified or licensed as a behavioral health peer support specialist in at
21	least one other state.
22	(b) The person has been certified or licensed by another state for at least 1 year.
23	(c) The person's certification or license is in good standing in all states in which the person holds a
24	certification or license.
25	(d) If the state in which the person is certified or licensed set minimum education requirements
26	and, if applicable, work experience and clinical supervision requirements at the time the person was certified or
27	licensed, the licensing authority in that state verifies that the person met those requirements when obtaining
28	certification or licensure.



1 The person previously passed an examination required for the certification or license if required (e) 2 to do so by the state in which the certification or license was issued. 3 (f) The person has not had a certification or license revoked and has not voluntarily surrendered a 4 certification or license in any other state or country while under investigation for unprofessional conduct. 5 (g) A complaint, allegation, or investigation relating to unprofessional conduct is not pending 6 against the person before a licensing authority in another state or country. If a complaint, allegation, or 7 investigation is pending, the board shall suspend the application process and may not issue or deny a 8 certification until the complaint, allegation, or investigation is resolved. 9 The person has not been disciplined by another state licensing authority. If another jurisdiction (h)__ has taken disciplinary action against the person, the board shall determine if the cause for the action was 10 11 corrected and the matter resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by the jurisdiction having authority, the 12 board may not issue or deny a certification until the matter is resolved. The person pays all applicable fees. 13 (i) 14 The person does not have a disgualifying criminal history as determined by the board pursuant (i) 15 to Title 37, chapter 1, part 2. 16 (2)A person receiving certification pursuant to this section is subject to the jurisdiction of the board 17 and to the laws regulating the provision of behavioral health peer support services in this state. 18 The certification may be issued if the applicant affirms or states in the application that the (3) 19 applicant has requested verification from the state or states in which the applicant holds certification or 20 licensure that the applicant is currently certified or licensed and is not subject to pending charges or final 21 disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct or impairment. If the board or its screening panel finds reasonable 22 cause to believe that the applicant falsely affirmed or stated that the applicant has requested verification from 23 another state, the board may summarily suspend the certification pending further action to discipline or revoke 24 the certification. 25 This section does not apply to: (4)26 a person who is a candidate for certification or licensure in another state and is not considered (a) fully certified or licensed in that state; 27 28 criteria for certification or licensure that is established by an interstate compact; or (b)



1	(c) the board's ability to require an applicant to submit fingerprints for a fingerprint-based check by
2	he Montana department of justice and the federal bureau of investigation for noncriminal justice purposes.
3	(5) A certification issued pursuant to this section is valid only in Montana and does not make the
4	erson eligible to be part of an interstate compact. The board may determine eligibility for an applicant to
5	eceive certification under this section if the applicant is not part of an interstate compact.
6	(1) AN APPLICANT FOR RECIPROCITY CERTIFICATION IS SUBJECT TO THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE IN THIS
7	HAPTER AND MUST HAVE AN ACTIVE CERTIFICATION IN GOOD STANDING FROM A JURISDICTION WHOSE CERTIFICATION
8	QUALIFICATIONS, MEASURED AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION TO THIS STATE, ARE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE
9	CERTIFICATION QUALIFICATIONS IN THIS STATE AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
10	(2) IF THE QUALIFICATIONS IN SUBSECTION (1) ARE NOT SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT, THE DEPARTMENT
11	HALL REFER THE APPLICATION TO THE BOARD TO DETERMINE IF THE DEFICIENCY CAN BE ADDRESSED BY THE
12	PPLICANT'S ACTUAL QUALIFICATIONS AND WORK EXPERIENCE.
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14	Section 6. Section 37-1-304, MCA, is amended to read:
15	"37-1-304. Licensure of out-of-state applicants reciprocity. (1) A-Except as provided in [sections
15 16	"37-1-304. Licensure of out-of-state applicants reciprocity. (1) A-Except as provided in [sections , 2, 3, 4, and 5], the board shall issue a license to practice without examination to a person licensed in another
16	, 2, 3, 4, and 5], the board shall issue a license to practice without examination to a person licensed in another
16 17	<u>, 2, 3, 4, and 5], the</u> board shall issue a license to practice without examination to a person licensed in another tate if the board determines that:
16 17 18	 , 2, 3, 4, and 5], the board shall issue a license to practice without examination to a person licensed in another tate if the board determines that: (a) the other state's license standards at the time of application to this state are substantially
16 17 18 19	 <u>, 2, 3, 4, and 5], the</u> board shall issue a license to practice without examination to a person licensed in another state if the board determines that: (a) the other state's license standards at the time of application to this state are substantially equivalent to or greater than the standards in this state; and
16 17 18 19 20	 , 2, 3, 4, and 5], the board shall issue a license to practice without examination to a person licensed in another tate if the board determines that: (a) the other state's license standards at the time of application to this state are substantially equivalent to or greater than the standards in this state; and (b) there is no reason to deny the license under the laws of this state governing the profession or
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16 17 18 19 20 21 22	 , 2, 3, 4, and 5], the board shall issue a license to practice without examination to a person licensed in another state if the board determines that: (a) the other state's license standards at the time of application to this state are substantially equivalent to or greater than the standards in this state; and (b) there is no reason to deny the license under the laws of this state governing the profession or occupation. (2) The license may be issued if the applicant affirms or states in the application that the applicant
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16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	 <u>, 2, 3, 4, and 5], the</u> board shall issue a license to practice without examination to a person licensed in another tate if the board determines that: (a) the other state's license standards at the time of application to this state are substantially equivalent to or greater than the standards in this state; and (b) there is no reason to deny the license under the laws of this state governing the profession or accupation. (2) The license may be issued if the applicant affirms or states in the application that the applicant tas requested verification from the state or states in which the person is licensed that the person is currently censed and is not subject to pending charges or final disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct or
 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 	 <u>, 2, 3, 4, and 5], the</u> board shall issue a license to practice without examination to a person licensed in another tate if the board determines that: (a) the other state's license standards at the time of application to this state are substantially equivalent to or greater than the standards in this state; and (b) there is no reason to deny the license under the laws of this state governing the profession or accupation. (2) The license may be issued if the applicant affirms or states in the application that the applicant tas requested verification from the state or states in which the person is licensed that the person is currently censed and is not subject to pending charges or final disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct or mpairment. If the board or its screening panel finds reasonable cause to believe that the applicant falsely



1	licensing authority of another state or jurisdiction. The Except as provided in [sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5], the
2	agreement may not permit out-of-state licensees to obtain a license by reciprocity within this state if the license
3	applicant has not met standards that are substantially equivalent to or greater than the standards required in
4	this state as determined by the board on a case-by-case basis."
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6	NEW SECTION. Section 7. Codification instruction. (1) [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
7	integral part of Title 37, chapter 22, part 3, and the provisions of Title 37, chapter 22, apply to [section 1].
8	(2) [Section 2] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 37, chapter 23, part 2, and the
9	provisions of Title 37, chapter 23, apply to [section 2].
10	(3) [Section 3] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 37, chapter 35, part 2, and the
11	provisions of Title 37, chapter 35, apply to [section 3].
12	(4) [Section 4] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 37, chapter 37, part 2, and the
13	provisions of Title 37, chapter 37, apply to [section 4].
14	(5) [Section 5] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 37, chapter 38, part 2, and the
15	provisions of Title 37, chapter 38, apply to [section 5].
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