

Bill No. SB 392

Amendment No. 1

<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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The Committee on Children, Families and Seniors recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 1, lines 15-23, delete those lines

and insert:

(25) "Qualified professional" means a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459; a professional licensed under chapter 490 or chapter 491; or a person who has at least an earned master's degree in a social or behavioral science in a human services discipline with a minimum of 2 years' experience in the assessment or treatment of substance abuse or who is certified through a department-recognized certification process for substance abuse treatment services and who holds, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree. A person who is certified in substance abuse treatment services by a state-recognized certification process in another state at the time of employment with a licensed substance abuse provider in this state may perform the functions of a qualified professional as defined in chapter 397 but must meet

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1 certification requirements contained in this paragraph no  
2 later than 1 year after his or her date of employment.

3       Section 2. (1) A person who holds a master's degree  
4 in a social or behavioral science in a human services  
5 discipline with a minimum of 2 years' experience in the  
6 assessment or treatment of substance abuse may perform the  
7 duties of a qualified professional with respect to substance  
8 abuse treatment services as defined in chapter 397, Florida  
9 Statutes, until January 1, 2001.

10       (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a  
11 person who was certified through a certification process  
12 recognized by the former Department of Health and  
13 Rehabilitative Services before January 1, 1995, may perform  
14 the duties of a qualified professional with respect to  
15 substance abuse treatment services as defined in chapter 397,  
16 Florida Statutes, and need not meet the certification  
17 requirements contained in section 397.311(25), Florida  
18 Statutes.

19       Section 3. This act shall take effect on January 1,  
20 1999.

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23 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

24 And the title is amended as follows:

25       On page 1, line 6, after the semicolon,

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27 insert:

28       providing for a person certified in substance  
29       abuse treatment in other states to achieve  
30       Florida certification within 1 year after his  
31       or her employment date; providing that certain

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certified professionals are exempt from meeting  
the additional statutory requirements for a  
qualified professional;