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Dear AZBBHE Licensee,

The Board would like to take this time to highlight several significant changes affecting licensees and provide recent Board updates and resource information. Please continue to visit the website for updates and the most current information.

- [Senate Bill 1062](#) : *Effective September 14, 2024*  
**Behavioral Health Professionals; Addiction Counseling:** On April 23, 2024, Governor Hobbs signed SB1062 which replaces statutory use of the term *substance abuse counseling* with the term *addiction counseling*. It also expands the practice of substance abuse counseling to include treatment for all forms of addiction that are a persistent, compulsive dependence on a behavior or substance. Defines *practice of addiction counseling* as the application of general counseling theories, principles and techniques to the specialized needs of persons who are experiencing an addiction that is a persistent, compulsive dependence on a behavior or substance, including mood altering behaviors or activities known as process addictions. With the expansion of scope, it is important to know that you must stay within your scope of competency which means your education, training and experience. Please see the [FAQ](#) Sheet on our website.
- [Senate Bill 1062](#) : The Bill also made changes to A.R.S. § 32-3274 to ease the licensure by endorsement requirements for behavioral health professionals, reducing the necessary time licensed or certified in another jurisdiction from three years to one year.
- [Senate Bill 1173](#): *Effective September 14, 2024*  
**Licensed Professional Counselors; Compact:** On April 2, 2024, Governor Hobbs signed SB1173 which adopts the Licensed Professional Counselor Compact, permitting licensed professional counselors to obtain licensure in other Compact states. The Counseling Compact is an interstate compact, or a contract among states, allowing professional counselors licensed and residing in a compact member state to practice in other compact member states without need for multiple licenses. The Compact is not yet active. Development and implementation are projected to be completed sometime in 2025. Additional information surrounding the Counseling Compact can be found on the [Counseling Compact](#) website. This implementation is overseen by the Counseling Compact and Arizona has no influence over the implementation date. Please continue to check the Counseling Compact website and direct your questions there.
- [Senate Bill 1036](#): *Effective September 14, 2024*  
**Social Work Compact:** On June 21, 2024, Governor Hobbs signed SB1036 which adopts the Social Work Licensure Compact, permitting social workers to obtain licensure in other Compact states. The Social Work Compact is an interstate compact, or a contract among states, allowing social workers licensed and residing in a compact member state to practice in other compact member states without need for multiple licenses. The Compact is not yet active. Additional information surrounding the Social Work Licensure Compact can be found on the [Social Work Licensure Compact](#) website. This implementation is overseen by the Social Work Compact and Arizona has no influence over the implementation date. Please continue to check the Social work Compact website and direct your questions there.
- [House Bill 2473](#): *Effective September 14, 2024*  
**Licensure Renewal; Fee Waiver:** On March 29, 2024, Governor Hobbs signed [HB2473](#) which amended

A.R.S. § 32-3272 resulting in the waiving of the renewal fee for an associate level licensee if the licensee has submitted the renewal application and the licensee's application for independent licensure is pending at the time of renewal.

The most current information can be found on the [Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners](#) website along with quick guides, "cheat sheet" resources, Board meeting minutes, audio, and copies of our quarterly newsletters.

The Board sincerely thanks you for your continued service and commitment to the people of Arizona.

Respectfully,



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