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H. 2342 “An Act creating an entry-level licensing program to allow applicants to practice under supervision prior to becoming a Licensed Mental Health Counselor”

<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD3647>

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This legislation would create an entry level License for MA/MS level graduates who need 2 years of full-time work experience in a mental health agency licensed by the state in order to obtain their LMHC license. The new proposed license would be the LSMHC – Licensed Supervised Mental Health Counselor

Benefits of this legislation would include:

- An increase in consumer protection by clarifying the counselor’s role.
- Promotion of Workforce Development by allowing entry level mental health counselors to become eligible for state and federal loan reimbursement programs
- Assistance to agencies employing post-MA individuals in the LMHC track with billing and payments

Please support H.2342 to help ensure more efficient and streamlined consumer protection and professional oversight.