

## RULE IMPACT STATEMENT 2021

### TITLE 38:10-3

Changes in Title 38:10-7 are proposed to protect the public by making it clear that LADCs and CADCs shall never have a romantic relationship with a current client, former client, nor accept anyone as a client with whom they have ever had a romantic or sexual relationship. This language is more consistent with other professional licensure boards.

The persons most likely affected will be the counselors by having a really clear understanding about client relationships.

Consumers will benefit by understanding the boundaries between a counselor and the client.

The Board will benefit by having a more consistent and more easily understood code for counselor/client relationships.

Employing agencies will have a more clearly defined code in which the agency can instruct their counselors and counselor candidates regarding counselor/client relationships.

Implementation of these changes will not have any financial impact on candidates or counselors. There is no economic impact on any political subdivision and does not require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule.

The proposed rules do not have any adverse economic effect on small business.

There is no less costly or non-regulatory method or less intrusive method for achieving the purpose of these rule changes.