ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling

RULE NO. & TITLE: 255-X-7-.01 Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) Renewal

INTENDED ACTION:

The Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling proposes to amend sections 255-X-7-.01 to add requirements for reinstatement of an LPC license lapsed less than 15 years if the person has been in a profession for 8 years where counseling is a part of the daily routine. Amendments also made to clarify process for random audit of continuing education for renewal purposes.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

Any person licensed as a licensed professional counselor whose license has lapsed 15 years or less and who has been in a profession for at least 8 years where counseling is part of the daily routine must have 40 hours of continuing education credit earned in the 24-month period prior to requesting the reinstatement. The 40 hours must contain 6 hours devoted to ethical content and meet the requirement for 75% of real-time participation.

Any licensee who is non-compliant with continuing education requirements may be subject to disciplinary action by the board.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views in writing to the Executive Officer of the Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling at any time during the 52-day period following the 31st day of July, 2012, or if requested in advance, by personally appearing at Room 765, Medical Forum Building, 950 22nd Street North, Birmingham, AL at 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 21, 2012.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

September 21, 2012

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