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Present law requires any individual rendering any components of CPST services, except for assessment and treatment planning components, to be a fully licensed mental health professional, a provisionally licensed professional counselor, a provisionally licensed marriage and family therapist, a licensed master social worker, a certified social worker, or a psychology intern from an American Psychological Association approved internship program.

Present law adds that individuals who have been issued a limited scope CSW license may also provide CPST services in the same manner as a provisionally licensed professional counselor, a provisionally licensed marriage and family therapist, or a certified social worker.

Present law provides that at the end of the three-year CSW certification period authorized by the La. State Board of Social Work Examiners, any CSW who has provided CPST services in accordance with present law and who provides certain information to the board shall be issued an limited scope CSW license that authorizes the certified social worker to solely provide CPST services.

Proposed law provides that any CSW whose three-year certification period expired in calendar year 2025 shall be allowed to apply for the limited scope license provided for in present law.

Proposed law further requires that the board shall renew the certification of any certified social worker who had a certification expire in calendar year 2025 so they may proceed with the CPST extension request provided for in present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:2724(B)(2)(a))