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SENATE BILL DRS35178-NB-82

Short Title: Marriage/Family Therapy Mods. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Corbin (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY
3 LICENSURE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 90-270.56 reads as rewritten:

6 **"§ 90-270.56. Reciprocal licenses.**

7 The Board ~~may shall~~ issue a license as a marriage and family therapist ~~or a marriage and~~
8 ~~family therapy associate~~ by reciprocity to any person who applies for the license as prescribed
9 by the Board and who at all times during the application process:

10 (1) Has been licensed for ~~five two~~ continuous years and is currently licensed as a
11 marriage and family therapist ~~or marriage and family therapy associate~~ in
12 another ~~state~~.state and has passed the Board's examination on jurisprudence
13 that is limited to testing the applicant's knowledge of the law and rules of this
14 State.

15 (2) ~~Has~~ Holds an unrestricted license in good standing in the other state.

16 (3) Has no unresolved complaints in any jurisdiction.

17 (4) Has passed the National Marriage and Family Therapy
18 ~~examination~~.examination or has passed the clinical examination required by
19 the licensing board that regulates marriage and family therapy in the State of
20 California."

21 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 90-270.63 reads as rewritten:

22 **"§ 90-270.63. Criminal history record checks of applicants for licensure as a marriage and**
23 **family therapist and a marriage and family therapy associate.**

24 (a) Definitions. – The following definitions shall apply in this section:

25 (1) Applicant. – A person applying for licensure as a licensed marriage and family
26 therapy associate pursuant to G.S. 90-270.54A or licensed marriage and
27 family therapist pursuant to ~~G.S. 90-270.54~~.G.S. 90-270.54 or
28 G.S. 90-270.56.

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30 **SECTION 3.** The North Carolina Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board
31 may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this act.

32 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2025, and applies to applications
33 for licensure on or after that date.



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