

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act  
5 is amended by changing Section 65 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 55/65) (from Ch. 111, par. 8351-65)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2027)

8 Sec. 65. Endorsement. The Department may issue a license  
9 as a licensed marriage and family therapist, without the  
10 required examination, to an applicant licensed under the laws  
11 of another state if the requirements for licensure in that  
12 state are, on the date of licensure, substantially equivalent  
13 to the requirements of this Act or to a person who, at the time  
14 of his or her application for licensure, possessed individual  
15 qualifications that were substantially equivalent to the  
16 requirements then in force in this State. An applicant under  
17 this Section shall pay all of the required fees.

18 An individual applying for licensure as a licensed  
19 marriage and family therapist who has been licensed without  
20 discipline at the independent level in another United States  
21 jurisdiction for at least 30 months during the 5 consecutive  
22 years preceding application ~~without discipline~~ is not required  
23 to submit proof of completion of the education, professional

1 experience, and supervision required in Section 40.  
2 Individuals meeting this requirement ~~with 5 consecutive years~~  
3 ~~of experience~~ must submit certified verification of licensure  
4 from the jurisdiction in which the applicant practiced and  
5 must comply with all other licensing requirements and pay all  
6 required fees.

7 If the accuracy of any submitted documentation or the  
8 relevance or sufficiency of the course work or experience is  
9 questioned by the Department or the Board because of a lack of  
10 information, discrepancies or conflicts in information given,  
11 or a need for clarification, the applicant seeking licensure  
12 may be required to provide additional information.

13 Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to  
14 complete the application process. If the process has not been  
15 completed within the 3 years, the application shall be denied,  
16 the fee shall be forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and  
17 meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

18 (Source: P.A. 102-1053, eff. 6-10-22.)