



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5246

Introduced 2/9/2024, by Rep. Lindsey LaPointe

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 55/65

from Ch. 111, par. 8351-65

Amends the Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act. Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may issue a license as a licensed marriage and family therapist, without the required examination, to an applicant who is currently registered, certified, or licensed to practice marriage and family therapy in another state, territory, or jurisdiction (rather than the requirements for licensure in another state or territory must be substantially equivalent to the requirements of the Act or the person must have possessed individual qualifications at the time of applying for licensure that were substantially equivalent to the requirements then in force in this State), submits an application on a form that is approved by the Department, and pays the application fee set by the Department. Provides that an individual applying for licensure as a licensed marriage and family therapist who has been licensed at the independent level in another United States jurisdiction without discipline (rather than 5 years without discipline) is not required to submit proof of completion of the education, professional experience, and supervision otherwise required. Makes conforming changes.

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7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2027)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

11 (i) is currently registered, certified, or licensed to
12 practice marriage and family therapy in another state,
13 territory, or jurisdiction;

14 (ii) submits an application on a form that is approved
15 by the Department; and

16 (iii) pays the application fee set by the Department.

17 ~~licensed under the laws of another state if the requirements~~
18 ~~for licensure in that state are, on the date of licensure,~~
19 ~~substantially equivalent to the requirements of this Act or to~~
20 ~~a person who, at the time of his or her application for~~
21 ~~licensure, possessed individual qualifications that were~~
22 ~~substantially equivalent to the requirements then in force in~~
23 ~~this State. An applicant under this Section shall pay all of~~

1 ~~the required fees.~~

2 An individual applying for licensure as a licensed
3 marriage and family therapist who has been licensed at the
4 independent level in another United States jurisdiction ~~for 5~~
5 ~~consecutive years~~ without discipline is not required to submit
6 proof of completion of the education, professional experience,
7 and supervision required in Section 40. ~~Individuals with 5~~
8 ~~consecutive years of experience must submit certified~~
9 ~~verification of licensure from the jurisdiction in which the~~
10 ~~applicant practiced and must comply with all other licensing~~
11 ~~requirements and pay all required fees.~~

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

18 Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to
19 complete the application process. If the process has not been
20 completed within the 3 years, the application shall be denied,
21 the fee shall be forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and
22 meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

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