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S.B. No. 1491

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the licensing in this state of a person licensed in
3 another jurisdiction to practice psychology, marriage and family
4 therapy, or professional counseling.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 501, Occupations Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 501.265 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 501.265. LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT. (a) The executive
9 council shall issue a psychologist license or a psychological
10 associate license, as applicable, to an applicant who holds a
11 current, unrestricted license in another jurisdiction that
12 maintains licensing requirements that are substantially equivalent
13 to the requirements under this chapter. An applicant for a license
14 under this section must:

15 (1) present proof to the executive council that the
16 applicant is licensed in good standing as a psychologist or
17 psychological associate, as applicable, in that jurisdiction;

18 (2) provide to the executive council information
19 regarding the status of any other professional license that the
20 applicant holds or has held in this state or another jurisdiction;

21 (3) present proof to the executive council that the
22 applicant has passed a jurisprudence examination required by the
23 executive council;

24 (4) meet the qualifications required by Section

1 501.2525 or 501.259, as applicable;

2 (5) not have committed an act that is grounds for
3 disciplinary action under Section 501.401;

4 (6) submit to the executive council a current
5 photograph that meets the requirements for a United States
6 passport; and

7 (7) meet any additional requirements provided by
8 executive council rule.

9 (b) The executive council shall adopt rules for issuing a
10 license with a provisional status under Section 501.253 to an
11 applicant for a license by endorsement who encounters a delay that
12 is outside the applicant's control in submitting to the executive
13 council the documentation required by this section.

14 SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Occupations Code, is
15 amended by adding Section 502.262 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 502.262. LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT. (a) The executive
17 council shall issue a marriage and family therapist license or a
18 marriage and family therapist associate license, as applicable, to
19 an applicant who holds a current, unrestricted license in another
20 jurisdiction that maintains licensing requirements that are
21 substantially equivalent to the requirements under this chapter.
22 An applicant for a license under this section must:

23 (1) present proof to the executive council that the
24 applicant is licensed in good standing as a marriage and family
25 therapist or marriage and family therapist associate, as
26 applicable, in that jurisdiction;

27 (2) provide to the executive council information

1 regarding the status of any other professional license that the
2 applicant holds or has held in this state or another jurisdiction;

3 (3) present proof to the executive council that the
4 applicant has passed a jurisprudence examination required by the
5 executive council;

6 (4) meet the qualifications required by Section
7 502.252;

8 (5) not have committed an act that is grounds for
9 disciplinary action under Section 502.351;

10 (6) submit to the executive council a current
11 photograph that meets the requirements for a United States
12 passport; and

13 (7) meet any additional requirements provided by
14 executive council rule.

15 (b) The executive council shall adopt rules for issuing a
16 provisional license under Section 502.259 to an applicant for a
17 license by endorsement who encounters a delay that is outside the
18 applicant's control in submitting to the executive council the
19 documentation required by this section.

20 SECTION 3. Subchapter G, Chapter 503, Occupations Code, is
21 amended by adding Section 503.315 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 503.315. LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT. (a) The executive
23 council shall issue a professional counselor license to an
24 applicant who holds a current, unrestricted license in another
25 jurisdiction that maintains licensing requirements that are
26 substantially equivalent to the requirements under this chapter.

27 An applicant for a license under this section must:

1 (1) present proof to the executive council that the
2 applicant is licensed in good standing as a professional counselor
3 in that jurisdiction;

4 (2) provide to the executive council information
5 regarding the status of any other professional license that the
6 applicant holds or has held in this state or another jurisdiction;

7 (3) present proof to the executive council that the
8 applicant has passed a jurisprudence examination required by the
9 executive council;

10 (4) meet the qualifications required by Section
11 503.302;

12 (5) not have committed an act that is grounds for
13 disciplinary action under Section 503.401;

14 (6) submit to the executive council a current
15 photograph that meets the requirements for a United States
16 passport; and

17 (7) meet any additional requirements provided by
18 executive council rule.

19 (b) The executive council shall adopt rules for issuing a
20 provisional license under Section 503.310 to an applicant for a
21 license by endorsement who encounters a delay that is outside the
22 applicant's control in submitting to the executive council the
23 documentation required by this section.

24 SECTION 4. Not later than December 1, 2023, the Texas
25 Behavioral Health Executive Council shall adopt the rules necessary
26 to implement the changes in law made by this Act.

27 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.