

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 727  
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/29/25

Short Title: Marriage/Family Therapy Mods.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 3, 2025

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 and actively practicing for ~~five~~ at least two continuous years  
11 and is currently licensed as a marriage and family therapist ~~or marriage and~~  
12 ~~family therapy associate~~ in another state.  
13 (2) Has an unrestricted license in good standing in the other state.  
14 (3) Has no unresolved complaints in any jurisdiction.  
15 (4) Has passed the National Marriage and Family Therapy  
16 ~~examination~~ examination or the clinical examination required by the licensing  
17 board that regulates marriage and family therapy in the State of California."

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

19 "**§ 90-270.63. Criminal history record checks of applicants for licensure as a marriage and**  
20 **family therapist and a marriage and family therapy associate.**

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

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

26 ...."

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

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



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