



HOUSE BILL 727: Marriage/Family Therapy Mods.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 727 would add a requirement that marriage and family therapists who are licensed by reciprocity pass an examination on North Carolina laws for marriage and family therapists and reduce the required of years of practice experience to two. It would also allow applicants for licensure by reciprocity to pass the exam required by the marriage and family therapy Board in California.*

CURRENT LAW: Under current law, applicants for marriage and family therapist licensure by reciprocity must be licensed in another jurisdiction for 5 years, have an unrestricted license in good standing, have no complaints in the other jurisdiction, and pass a national exam.

BILL ANALYSIS: House bill 727 would amend the licensure by reciprocity provisions for marriage and family therapists in the following ways:

- It would reduce the practice experience requirement from five years to two years.
- It would require applicants to pass an exam on the laws and regulations for marriage and family therapists in North Carolina.
- It would allow applicants to pass the exam required by the marriage and family therapist licensure board in the state of California instead of the National Marriage and Family Therapy Examination.

The North Carolina Marriage and Family Licensure Board would have authority to adopt rules to implement to provisions of this act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would be effective October 1, 2025, and apply to applications for licensure on or after that date.

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