

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 727

Short Title: Marriage/Family Therapy Mods. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Reeder, Blackwell, Wheatley, and Gable (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Health, if favorable, Regulatory Reform, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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 for five continuous years and is~~Is currently licensed as a
11 ~~marriage and family therapist or marriage and family therapy associate in~~
12 ~~another state.~~state and meets one of the following:

13 a. Has passed the Board's examination on jurisprudence that is limited to
14 testing the applicant's knowledge of the law and rules of this State.

15 b. Has been licensed for two continuous years.

16 (2) Has an unrestricted license in good standing in the other state.

17 (3) Has no unresolved complaints in any jurisdiction.

18 (4) Has passed the National Marriage and Family Therapy
19 ~~examination.~~examination or the clinical examination required by the licensing
20 board that regulates marriage and family therapy in the State of California."

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

22 **"§ 90-270.63. Criminal history record checks of applicants for licensure as a marriage and**
23 **family therapist and a marriage and family therapy associate.**

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

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

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

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

