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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1256

By: Representative Wooldridge

By: Senator Irvin

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING TO ISSUE A PROVISIONAL LICENSE FOR A LICENSED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR AND A LICENSED ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING TO ISSUE A PROVISIONAL LICENSE FOR A LICENSED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR AND A LICENSED ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-27-302, concerning the qualifications to become a licensed associate counselor, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e)(1) Upon application and satisfactory documentation of all requirements, the board shall issue a provisional license to an applicant to be a licensed associate counselor if he or she qualifies under this section.

(2) A provisional license under subdivision (e)(1) of this section:

(A) Is valid for one (1) year and up to three (3) attempts to pass the examination under § 17-27-306; and

(B) Cannot be renewed.



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-27-305, concerning the qualifications for a licensed associate marriage and family therapist, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e)(1) Upon application and satisfactory documentation of all requirements, the board shall issue a provisional license to an applicant to be a licensed associate marriage and family therapist if he or she qualifies under subsection (a) of this section.

(2) A provisional license under subdivision (e)(1) of this section:

(A) Is valid for one (1) year and up to three (3) attempts to pass the examination under § 17-27-306; and

(B) Cannot be renewed.

/s/Wooldridge

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