

REFERENCE TITLE: marriage and family therapists; endorsement

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Introduced by
Representative Willoughby

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-3274, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 32, CHAPTER 33, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 32-3274.01; RELATING TO THE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 32-3274, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 32-3274. Licensure by endorsement
5 A. The board may issue a license by endorsement to a person in that
6 person's behavioral health discipline if the person is licensed or
7 certified by the regulatory agency of one or more other states or federal
8 jurisdictions at a substantially equivalent or higher practice level as
9 determined by the board, pays the fee prescribed by the board and meets
10 all of the following requirements:
11 1. ~~The person~~ Is currently licensed or certified in behavioral
12 health by the regulatory agency of one or more other states or federal
13 jurisdictions and each license or certification is current and in good
14 standing.
15 2. ~~The person~~ Has been licensed or certified for at least three
16 years in one or more **OTHER STATES OR FEDERAL** jurisdictions in the
17 discipline and practice level for which an application is submitted. The
18 practice level of the jurisdictions must be substantially equivalent, as
19 determined by the board, to the practice level for which the application
20 is submitted.
21 3. ~~The person~~ Meets the basic requirements for licensure prescribed
22 by section 32-3275.
23 4. ~~The person~~ Submits to the board all of the following:
24 (a) A listing of every jurisdiction in the United States in which
25 the person has been licensed or certified in the practice of behavioral
26 health and any disciplinary action taken by any regulatory agency or any
27 instance in which a license has been surrendered in lieu of discipline.
28 (b) Verification of licensure or certification from every
29 jurisdiction in which the person is licensed or certified for the
30 discipline and practice level for which the person applies.
31 (c) Any other procedural application requirements adopted by the
32 board in rule.
33 B. In addition to the requirements of subsection A of this section,
34 a person seeking license by endorsement for the following practice levels
35 must have earned a master's or higher degree in the applicable field of
36 practice granted by a regionally accredited college or university:
37 1. Licensed clinical social worker.
38 2. Licensed professional counselor.
39 ~~3. Licensed marriage and family therapist.~~
40 ~~4.~~ 3. Licensed independent substance abuse counselor.
41 C. Except for licenses by endorsement issued in the practice levels
42 prescribed in subsection B of this section, a person **WHO IS** issued a
43 license pursuant to this section shall practice behavioral health only
44 under the direct supervision of a licensee.

1 D. The board by rule may prescribe a procedure to issue licenses
2 pursuant to this section.

3 Sec. 2. Title 32, chapter 33, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes,
4 is amended by adding section 32-3274.01, to read:

5 32-3274.01. Licensure by endorsement; marriage and family
6 therapists

7 A. THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT TO A PERSON IN
8 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY IF THE PERSON IS LICENSED OR CERTIFIED BY THE
9 REGULATORY AGENCY OF ONE OR MORE OTHER STATES OR FEDERAL JURISDICTIONS
10 THAT IS SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY LICENSE
11 ISSUED IN THIS STATE AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, PAYS THE FEE PRESCRIBED
12 BY THE BOARD AND MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

13 1. CURRENTLY HOLDS A VALID AND UNRESTRICTED LICENSE OR
14 CERTIFICATION IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY BY THE REGULATORY AGENCY OF
15 ONE OR MORE OTHER STATES OR FEDERAL JURISDICTIONS.

16 2. MEETS THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE PRESCRIBED BY SECTION
17 32-3275.

18 3. SUBMITS TO THE BOARD ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

19 (a) A LISTING OF EVERY JURISDICTION IN THE UNITED STATES IN WHICH
20 THE PERSON HAS BEEN LICENSED OR CERTIFIED IN THE PRACTICE OF MARRIAGE AND
21 FAMILY THERAPY AND ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN BY ANY REGULATORY AGENCY
22 OR ANY INSTANCE IN WHICH A LICENSE HAS BEEN SURRENDERED IN LIEU OF
23 DISCIPLINE.

24 (b) VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION FROM EVERY
25 JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE PERSON IS LICENSED OR CERTIFIED AS A MARRIAGE
26 AND FAMILY THERAPIST FOR THE PRACTICE LEVEL FOR WHICH THE PERSON APPLIES.

27 (c) ANY OTHER PROCEDURAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED BY THE
28 BOARD IN RULE.

29 B. IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION,
30 A PERSON WHO IS SEEKING LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
31 THERAPY MUST HAVE EARNED A MASTER'S OR HIGHER DEGREE IN THE PRACTICE OF
32 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY THAT IS GRANTED BY A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED
33 COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.

34 C. THE BOARD BY RULE MAY PRESCRIBE A PROCEDURE TO ISSUE LICENSES
35 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.