



HOUSE BILL 727: Marriage/Family Therapy Mods.

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Committee:	House Regulatory Reform. If favorable, re- refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	May 6, 2025
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 727 would amend the licensure by reciprocity provisions for marriage and family therapists by: (i) reducing the practical experience requirement from five years to two years, and (ii) allowing applicants to pass the exam required by the marriage and family therapy board in California, in lieu of the national exam.*

CURRENT LAW: Under current law, applicants for marriage and family therapist licensure by reciprocity must be licensed in another jurisdiction for five 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 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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