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**SENATE BILL 640**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO THE COUNSELING AND THERAPY PRACTICE ACT; PROVIDING  
FOR PROVISIONAL LICENSURE FOR CERTAIN COUNSELOR AND THERAPIST  
PRACTITIONERS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:**

**Section 1. A new section of the Counseling and Therapy  
Practice Act is enacted to read:**

**" [NEW MATERIAL] PROVISIONAL LICENSURE. --**

**A. Prior to an examination, an applicant for  
licensure may apply for and obtain a provisional license to  
engage in any counseling and therapy practice licensed or  
registered pursuant to the Counseling and Therapy Practice Act  
if the applicant has a current valid license or other  
regulatory document authorizing the applicant to practice in  
another state and if the applicant will practice in New Mexico**

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1 within the scope of practice of that license or other  
2 regulatory document authorizing the practice.

3 B. The provisional license is valid for the  
4 period, not to exceed three years, that is necessary for the  
5 applicant to complete any additional requirements for  
6 education, experience or supervision and examination that are  
7 required under the Counseling and Therapy Practice Act for the  
8 license sought by the applicant. The applicant shall also  
9 provide the board with a personal development plan for  
10 licensure showing how and when the applicant will obtain the  
11 necessary courses, training or experience and complete the  
12 examination needed for licensure.

13 C. The board shall issue a provisional license  
14 within five working days after the date the board receives the  
15 application upon proof satisfactory to the board of the  
16 applicant's licensure or other regulatory document authorizing  
17 the applicant to practice in another state and payment of the  
18 license fee. "

19 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
20 peace, health and safety that this act take effect  
21 immediately.