

HOUSE BILL 331

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE; EXPANDING
TEMPORARY LICENSURE; CLARIFYING RECIPROCITY; AMENDING SECTIONS
OF THE COUNSELING AND THERAPY PRACTICE ACT.

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

Section 1. Section 61-9A-16 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
Chapter 49, Section 16, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-9A-16. TEMPORARY LICENSURE.--

A. Prior to examination, an applicant for licensure
may obtain a temporary license to engage in any counselor and
therapist practice if the person meets all of the requirements,
except examination, provided for in Section 61-9A-10, 61-9A-11,
61-9A-11.1, 61-9A-12, 61-9A-12.1, 61-9A-13, [~~or~~] 61-9A-14,
61-9A-14.1 or 61-9A-14.2 NMSA 1978. The temporary license
shall be valid no more than sixty days after the results of the

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1 next examination become available. If the individual should
2 fail to take or pass those examinations, the temporary license
3 shall automatically expire and the applicant will not be
4 reissued a temporary license.

5 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A
6 of this section, as deemed necessary by the board, an applicant
7 for licensure pursuant to the Counseling and Therapy Practice
8 Act may be issued a temporary license for a period not to
9 exceed six months or for a period of time necessary for the
10 board to ensure that the applicant has met licensure
11 requirements as set out in that act."

12 Section 2. Section 61-9A-22 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
13 Chapter 49, Section 22, as amended) is amended to read:

14 "61-9A-22. LICENSURE BY CREDENTIALS--RECIPROCITY---

15 A. The board may issue a license in the same
16 licensure level to a person who:

17 (1) files a completed application accompanied
18 by the required fees [~~and who~~];

19 (2) submits satisfactory evidence that the
20 applicant holds and has held for a minimum of five years a
21 current license issued by the appropriate examining board under
22 the law of any other state or territory of the United States,
23 the District of Columbia or any foreign nation and is:

24 [~~A.~~] (a) a nationally certified
25 counselor as determined by the national board of certified

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1 counselors;

2 ~~[B-]~~ (b) a certified clinical mental
3 health counselor or therapist as determined by the national
4 board of certified counselors;

5 ~~[C-]~~ (c) a clinical member of the
6 American association for marriage and family therapy;

7 ~~[D-]~~ (d) a registered art therapist,
8 board certified by the art therapy credential board; or

9 ~~[E-]~~ (e) an alcohol and drug abuse
10 counselor who is a national certified addiction counselor level
11 I;

12 (3) is in good standing with no disciplinary
13 action pending or brought against the applicant within the past
14 five years; and

15 (4) possesses a master's or doctoral degree in
16 counseling or a counseling-related field from an accredited
17 institution.

18 B. Applicants who do not meet the licensure by
19 credential must meet the current licensure requirements."