

1 SENATE BILL 415

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

3 INTRODUCED BY

4 Harold Pope

5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO LICENSURE; PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM STATE  
12 LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL MILITARY AND FAMILY LIFE  
13 COUNSELORS AND MILITARY ONESOURCE COUNSELORS.

14  
15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. A new section of the Uniform Licensing Act is  
17 enacted to read:

18 "[NEW MATERIAL] MILITARY AND FAMILY LIFE COUNSELORS AND  
19 MILITARY ONESOURCE COUNSELORS--LICENSURE WAIVER.--

20 A. A military and family life counselor or a  
21 military onesource counselor shall be exempt from the licensure  
22 requirements pursuant to the Professional Psychologist Act, the  
23 Counseling and Therapy Practice Act and the Social Work  
24 Practice Act.

25 B. A military and family life counselor or a

.223268.1

underscoring material = new  
[bracketed material] = delete

underscoring material = new  
~~[bracketed material]~~ = delete

1 military onsource counselor shall not provide counseling to a  
2 person who is not a member of the federal department of defense  
3 military, the national guard or reserve, affiliated personnel  
4 or their family members unless the military and family life  
5 counselor or military onsource counselor is licensed in this  
6 state to provide the services within the scope of practice of  
7 that counselor's profession.

8 C. As used in this section, "military and family  
9 life counselor" and "military onsource counselor" means a  
10 licensed social worker, marriage and family therapist,  
11 professional clinical counselor or psychologist pursuant to  
12 U.S.C.A. Title 10, Section 1781 who holds a master's degree  
13 from an accredited graduate program in a mental health-related  
14 field such as social work, psychology, marriage and family  
15 therapy or counseling and holds a valid, unrestricted  
16 counseling license or certification from another state, the  
17 District of Columbia, a United States commonwealth or a United  
18 States territory that grants authority to provide counseling  
19 services as an independent practitioner in the respective  
20 fields, that provides non-medical counseling for circumstances  
21 that include stress and anger management, grief and loss, the  
22 deployment cycle, parent-children relations, relationships and  
23 relocations to members of the federal department of defense  
24 military, the national guard or reserve, affiliated personnel  
25 and their family members."

.223268.1