

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to marriage and family therapist
3 licensure by endorsement; creating s. 491.019, F.S.;
4 requiring the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage
5 and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling to
6 issue a license by endorsement to certain applicants;
7 providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 **Section 1. Section 491.019, Florida Statutes, is created**
12 **to read:**

13 491.019 Licensure by endorsement; marriage and family
14 therapists.—The board shall issue a license to practice marriage
15 and family therapy to an applicant who meets all of the
16 following criteria:

17 (1) Submits a complete application.

18 (2) Submits the required application fee.

19 (3) Holds an active, unencumbered marriage and family
20 therapy license in good standing issued by another state, the
21 District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States and
22 provides proof of all mental health licenses held in any other
23 jurisdiction.

24 (4) Attests that he or she is not, at the time of
25 submission of the application, the subject of a disciplinary

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26 proceeding in a jurisdiction in which he or she holds a license
27 for reasons related to the practice of marriage and family
28 therapy.

29 (5) Has not had disciplinary action taken against him or
30 her in the 5 years immediately preceding the date of submission
31 of the application.

32 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.