

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2420

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-54-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 73-54-23. (1) The board shall issue a license by
10 examination of credentials to any applicant licensed or certified
11 as a marriage and family therapist in another state that has such
12 requirements for the license or certificate that the board is of
13 the opinion that the applicant is competent to engage in the
14 practice of marriage and family therapy in this state, provided
15 that the applicant submits an application on forms prescribed by
16 the board, has passed the national Examination in Marital and
17 Family Therapy, and pays the * * * licensure fee prescribed by
18 Section * * * 73-54-27. The issuance of a license by reciprocity
19 to a military-trained applicant or military spouse shall be
20 subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1.

21 (2) The board shall issue a temporary license by examination
22 of credentials to any applicant who has been licensed or certified
23 for at least one (1) year as a social worker or marriage and

24 family therapist in another state that has such requirements for
25 the license or certificate for the same scope of practice that the
26 board is of the opinion that the applicant is competent to engage
27 in the same practice in this state, provided that the applicant
28 submits an application on forms prescribed by the board, has
29 passed the applicable national examination for marriage and family
30 therapy or the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)
31 examination for social workers and pays the licensure fee
32 prescribed by Section 73-54-27. The practice setting for the
33 temporary licensee shall be limited to a nonprofit health or
34 family counseling facility. The applicant shall be required to
35 hold his or her license or certificate from the other state in
36 good standing and the applicant shall be subject to a criminal
37 history records check by the board. The temporary license shall
38 be issued within sixty (60) days after receiving the application
39 if the applicant submits credentials affirming that he or she
40 satisfies the provisions of this subsection (2). The applicant
41 may practice under the temporary license until a regular license
42 is granted for a period not to exceed three hundred sixty-five
43 (365) days. Insurers shall provide reimbursement to providers
44 based upon the temporary license held by the applicant while the
45 regular license process is completed, and the insurance company
46 may bill for any reimbursement paid to the provider if the
47 application is denied.

48 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
49 and after July 1, 2021.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-54-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AND
3 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS TO ISSUE A TEMPORARY LICENSE TO
4 OUT-OF-STATE LICENSEES TO PRACTICE IN A NONPROFIT HEALTH
5 CARE/COUNSELING FACILITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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