
By: **Senators Conway and Jacobs**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations - Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists -**
3 **Reciprocity**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to
5 grant a certain license to an applicant for a license to practice clinical marriage
6 and family therapy if the applicant meets certain requirements; requiring the
7 Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to a reciprocal license
8 for licensed clinical marriage and family therapists.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Health Occupations
11 Section 17-3A-02(e)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article - Health Occupations
16 Section 17-3A-02.2
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article - Health Occupations**

22 17-3A-02.

23 (e) [For] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 17-3A-02.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE, FOR a
24 license to practice clinical marriage and family therapy, the applicant shall have:

25 (1) Met the requirements of § 17-302.1 of this article; and

26 (2) Provided documentation to the Board evidencing the completion of 60
27 hours of graduate course work, including training in personality development,

1 diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders, psychopathology, family
2 therapy, and psychotherapy from an accredited college or university approved by the
3 Board.

4 17-3A-02.2.

5 (A) THE BOARD SHALL GRANT A LICENSE TO PRACTICE CLINICAL MARRIAGE
6 AND FAMILY THERAPY TO AN APPLICANT IF THE APPLICANT:

7 (1) IS A STATE RESIDENT;

8 (2) IS LICENSED OR CERTIFIED AS A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST
9 IN ANOTHER STATE WHOSE REQUIREMENTS ARE EQUIVALENT TO OR EXCEED THE
10 REQUIREMENTS OF § 17-3A-02(E) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

11 (3) SUBMITS AN APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD
12 REQUIRES; AND

13 (4) PAYS TO THE BOARD THE APPLICATION FEE SET BY THE BOARD.

14 (B) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2003.