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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1256

5 By: Representative Wooldridge  
6 By: Senator Irvin  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN  
10 COUNSELING TO ISSUE A PROVISIONAL LICENSE FOR A  
11 LICENSED ASSOCIATE *COUNSELOR AND A LICENSED ASSOCIATE*  
12 *MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST*; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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17 *TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF*  
18 *EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING TO ISSUE A*  
19 *PROVISIONAL LICENSE FOR A LICENSED*  
20 *ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR AND A LICENSED*  
21 *ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST.*  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-27-302, concerning the qualifications to  
26 become a licensed associate counselor, is amended to add an additional  
27 subsection to read as follows:

28 (e)(1) Upon application and satisfactory documentation of all  
29 requirements, the board shall issue a provisional license to an applicant to  
30 be a licensed associate counselor if he or she qualifies under this section.

31 (2) A provisional license under subdivision (e)(1) of this  
32 section:

33 (A) Is valid for one (1) year and up to three (3) attempts  
34 to pass the examination under § 17-27-306; and

35 (B) Cannot be renewed.  
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-27-305, concerning the qualifications  
2 for a licensed associate marriage and family therapist, is amended to add an  
3 additional subsection to read as follows:

4 (e)(1) Upon application and satisfactory documentation of all  
5 requirements, the board shall issue a provisional license to an applicant to  
6 be a licensed associate marriage and family therapist if he or she qualifies  
7 under subsection (a) of this section.

8 (2) A provisional license under subdivision (e)(1) of this  
9 section:

10 (A) Is valid for one (1) year and up to three (3) attempts  
11 to pass the examination under § 17-27-306; and

12 (B) Cannot be renewed.

13 /s/Wooldridge

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