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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1187

5 By: Representative Vaught
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT FOR
9 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO AUTHORIZE A LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT
15 FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-27-308 is amended to read as follows:

21 17-27-308. Reciprocity – Licensure by Endorsement.

22 (a) At its discretion, the Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling
23 may waive formal examination requirements of a candidate who is licensed or
24 certified to practice counseling or marriage and family therapy by a similar
25 board in another state if, in the opinion of the Arkansas Board of Examiners
26 in Counseling, the standards and qualifications required for the practice of
27 counseling in the candidate’s licensing state are at least equal to those
28 required by this chapter.

29 (b) The board may issue a licensure by endorsement for a marriage and
30 family therapist or a licensed associate marriage and family therapist if the
31 applicant:

32 (1) Submits documentation that his or her license issued in
33 another state, territory, or district of the United States is currently in
34 good standing;

35 (2) Does not have a disqualifying criminal offense under § 17-3-
36 102 or any additional state law relating to marriage and family therapy; and



1 (3) Does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation
2 pending in any jurisdiction.

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