

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **78th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1991**  
4 **By: Representative Dawson**

# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL 1329**

## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8        "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY  
9        LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS FROM ANY INSURER OR  
10       HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION WHICH PROVIDES  
11       FOR MENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

15        SECTION 1. Every insurer or hospital and medical service corporation  
16 which issues a group disability insurance policy, contract or agreement in  
17 this state which provides for mental health coverage, shall offer coverage for  
18 the payment of services rendered by licensed professional counselors. Such  
19 offer shall be made either at the time of application for, or upon the first  
20 renewal of such policy, contract or agreement after the effective date of this  
21 act. If such offer is accepted, the amount paid for services provided by  
22 licensed professional counselors shall be subject to the same limitations as  
23 set forth in the policy for mental health coverage. Nothing in this act shall  
24 be deemed to expand the scope of the practice of licensed professional  
25 counselors currently licensed by the Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling  
26 and possessing the qualifications set forth in Ark. Code Ann. §17-24-301.

28        SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
29 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
30 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

32        SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
33 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
34 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
35 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this

1 act are declared to be severable.

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3       SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
4 hereby repealed.

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