

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Senator Malone**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED §§ 17-24-201, 17-
9 24-301 AND 17-24-302(a) TO DELETE THE UNITED STATES
10 CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS BOARD
11 OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO DELETE THE U.S. CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF
15 THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING."

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

19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-24-201(b) is hereby amended to read as
20 follows:

21 "(b) Appointments shall ensure that the board consists of residents of
22 Arkansas, at least one (1) member of each sex, and at least one (1) member of
23 an ethnic minority."

25 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-24-301 is hereby amended to read as
26 follows:

27 "17-24-301. Licensed professional counselor - Qualifications.

28 The board shall issue a license as a licensed professional counselor to
29 each applicant who files an application upon a form and in such a manner as
30 the board prescribes, accompanied by a fee as set by the board, and who
31 furnishes satisfactory evidence of the following to the board that:

- 32 (1) The applicant is not a minor under the laws of Arkansas;
33 (2) The applicant is highly regarded in personal character and
34 professional ethics;
35 (3) The applicant is a resident of or is in the act of establishing

1 residency in the State of Arkansas;

2 (4) The applicant is not in violation of any of the provisions of this
3 chapter and the rules and regulations adopted hereunder;

4 (5) The applicant has received a graduate degree from a regionally
5 accredited institution of higher education which is primarily professional
6 counseling in content and has accumulated at least thirty-six (36) graduate
7 semester hours and which meets the academic and training content standard
8 established by the board. The board shall use the standards for the
9 preparation of counselors prepared by that special professional association
10 nationally as a guide in establishing the standards for counseling;

11 (6) The applicant has three (3) years of supervised full-time
12 experience in professional counseling acceptable to the board. One (1) year of
13 experience may be gained for each thirty (30) graduate semester hours earned
14 beyond the master's degree, provided that the hours are clearly related to the
15 field of counseling and are acceptable to the board. In no case may the
16 applicant have less than one (1) year of professional experience; and

17 (7) The applicant will declare special competencies and demonstrate
18 professional competence in specialty areas by passing a written or oral or
19 situational examination, or any combination thereof, as the board will
20 prescribe. Upon examination of credentials the board, by a majority of the
21 board members present and voting, may consider such credentials adequate
22 evidence of professional competence and recommend to the chairman of the board
23 that a license be approved in that specialty."

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25 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-24-302(a) is hereby amended to read as
26 follows:

27 "(a) The board shall issue a license of licensed associate counselor to
28 each applicant who meets the requirements established in § 17-24-301, with the
29 exception of subdivision (6) of that section."

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31 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
32 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
33 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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35 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to

1 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
2 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
3 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
4 act are declared to be severable.

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6 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
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