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

**A BILL ACT 327 OF 1991**  
**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:

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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.*

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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.*

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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*  
36 *act are declared to be severable.*

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

*/s/ John Dawson*

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