



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1035

SENATE BILL NO. 2004

By Rose, Campbell

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2328

By Freeman

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, relative to health.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-201(2), is amended by deleting "and" at the end of subdivisions (F) and (G) and adding the following new subdivisions:

- (H) Licensed Professional Counselors licensed under chapter 22 of this title;
- (I) Marital and Family Therapists licensed under chapter 22 of this title; and
- (J) Clinical Pastoral Therapists licensed under chapter 22 of this title; and

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-101, is amended by deleting subsection (f) and substituting:

(f) The board shall choose one (1) of its members president, one (1) vice president, and one (1) secretary-treasurer thereof, at an annual meeting, at such place as may be selected or designated by the board. The board may meet more often if necessary, in the discretion of the board, at such times and places as it may deem proper, for the examination of applicants and for the transaction of any business that may come before it.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-102, is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and substituting:

(2) Review the credentials of licensure of professional counselor applicants to determine if they are eligible for licensure, upon payment of a nonrefundable fee as set by the board;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-102, is amended by deleting subdivision (4) and substituting:

(4) License as professional counselor applicants who satisfy the requirements of §§ 63-22-104, 63-22-107, and 63-22-110 and establish by rule any additional qualifications of the applicants necessary for the practice of professional counseling as provided in this part;

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-102, is amended by deleting subdivision (7) and substituting:

(7) License as marital and family therapist applicants who satisfy the requirements of §§ 63-22-106, 63-22-107, and 63-22-108, or satisfy the requirements of § 63-22-103;

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-104, is amended by deleting subdivisions (3)-(6) and substituting:

- (3)(A) Has a conferred graduate degree in counseling or a closely related field;
- (B) Has obtained a total of sixty (60) graduate hours in counseling or a closely related field; and

(C) Has completed a supervised field experience as either a practicum or internship;

(4) Has had at least two (2) years of professional experience of a type judged to be acceptable by the board subsequent to being granted a graduate degree and has not violated § 63-22-110;

(5) Has passed the examination offered by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) or such other examination approved by the board;

(6) Has passed the Tennessee jurisprudence exam; and

(7) Has met any additional criteria of the board established by rule.

SECTION 7. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 25, 2024



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28th day of May 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR