

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 586

HOUSE BILL NO. 2666

By Representatives Zachary, Powell

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2628

By Senator Massey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 68, relative to professional counselors.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-116, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) If the board has entered into a reciprocal agreement with another state as described in subsection (b) on or before January 1, 2024, then the board shall grant a license to a person who:

(1) Has a master's degree in counseling or education;

(2) Has a valid, unencumbered license in the state with which this state has such reciprocal agreement;

(3) Has actively practiced for at least the preceding twenty-four (24) months in the state with which this state has such reciprocal agreement; and

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

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 4, 2024

CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

<u>D</u>_ RANDY MCNALLY

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 15th day of March 2024

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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR