

By Senator Rouson

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to marriage and family therapist
licensure by endorsement; creating s. 491.019, F.S.;
requiring the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage
and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling to
issue a license by endorsement to certain applicants;
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 491.019, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

491.019 Licensure by endorsement; marriage and family
therapists.—The board shall issue a license to practice marriage
and family therapy to an applicant who meets all of the
following criteria:

(1) Submits a complete application.

(2) Submits the required application fee.

(3) Holds an active, unencumbered marriage and family
therapy license in good standing issued by another state, the
District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States, and
provides proof of all mental health licenses held in any other
jurisdiction.

(4) Attests that he or she is not, at the time of
submission of the application, the subject of a disciplinary
proceeding in a jurisdiction in which he or she holds a license
for reasons related to the practice of marriage and family
therapy.

(5) Has not had disciplinary action taken against him or

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30 her in the 5 years immediately preceding the date of submission
31 of the application.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.