HOUSE BILL 1155

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

JUDY VANDERSTAR RUSSELL

AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSURE; AMENDING THE COUNSELING AND THERAPY PRACTICE ACT TO REDUCE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS A PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 61-9A-18 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 49, Section 18) is amended to read:

"61-9A-18. LICENSURE WITHOUT EXAMINATION--PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR.--An applicant for licensure as a professional clinical mental health counselor may be licensed without examination if:

A. the applicant files an application within one year of the effective date of the Counseling and Therapy Practice Act, accompanied by the required fees, and if the board determines that the applicant meets all other requirements for

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1   licensure as a professional clinical mental health counselor; <u>or</u>

2   <u>B.   the board determines that the applicant:</u>

3   <u>(1)   has been engaged in full-time practice of</u>

4   <u>professional clinical mental health counseling for at least five</u>

5   <u>consecutive years prior to the effective date of licensure;</u>

6   <u>(2)   has obtained, prior to beginning practice</u>

7   <u>as a professional clinical mental health counselor, a master's</u>

8   <u>or doctoral degree in counseling, psychology or a closely</u>

9   <u>related field, including special education of the emotionally</u>

10   <u>disturbed, art therapy or expressive arts therapy, from an</u>

11   <u>accredited institution; and</u>

12   <u>(3)   has been certified to the board as</u>

13   <u>competent by at least three persons who have practiced as</u>

14   <u>professional clinical mental health counselors or state-licensed</u>

15   <u>psychologists or psychiatrists with the applicant during that</u>

16   <u>five-year consecutive period.</u>"

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FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 6, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE,** to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, and thence referred to the **JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Fred Luna, Chairman

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5   Date _____

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7   The roll call vote was _9_ For _1_ Against

8   Yes: 9

9   No: Olguin

10   Excused: Getty, Gubbels, Kissner

11   Absent: None

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FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 19, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your **JUDICIARY COMMITTEE,** to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with

recommendation that it **DO NOT PASS**, but that

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DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas P. Foy, Chairman

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7 The roll call vote was _10_ For _0_ Against

8 Yes: 10

9 Excused: King, Rios, Sanchez

10 Absent: None

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March 21, 1997

Mr. President:

Your **PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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7   Yes: 5
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10 Absent: None
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