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 
licensure as a professional clinical mental health counselor; or

B. the board determines that the applicant:

(1) has been engaged in full-time practice of

professional clinical mental health counseling for at least five

consecutive years prior to the effective date of licensure;

(2) has obtained, prior to beginning practice

as a professional clinical mental health counselor, a master's

or doctoral degree in counseling, psychology or a closely

related field, including special education of the emotionally

disturbed, art therapy or expressive arts therapy, from an

accredited institution; and

(3) has been certified to the board as

competent by at least three persons who have practiced as

professional clinical mental health counselors or state-licensed

psychologists or psychiatrists with the applicant during that

five-year consecutive period.
March 6, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 1155

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
The roll call vote was 9 For 1 Against

Yes: 9

No: Olguin

Excused: Getty, Gubbel, Kissner

Absent: None
March 19, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred HOUSE BILL 1155 has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO NOT PASS, but that HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 1155 DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas P. Foy, Chairman
The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: King, Rios, Sanchez

Absent: None
March 21, 1997

Mr. President:

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

**HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 1155**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Shannon Robinson, Chairman

Adopted_______________________ Not Adopted_______________________

(Chief Clerk)                           (Chief Clerk)
The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against
Yes: 5
No: 0
Excused: Adair, Feldman, Rodarte, Smith
Absent: None