

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 257**

Introduced by Quick, 35; Conrad, 46.

Read first time January 14, 2025

Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to marriage and family therapists; to amend
- 2 sections 38-2125 and 38-2130, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 3 Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to reciprocity; and
- 4 to repeal the original sections.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           **Section 1.** Section 38-2125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
2 2024, is amended to read:

3           38-2125 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this  
4 section, the ~~The~~ department, with the recommendation of the board, may  
5 issue a license based on licensure in another jurisdiction to an  
6 individual who:

7           (a) Meets the licensure requirements of the Mental Health Practice  
8 Act or substantially equivalent requirements as determined by the  
9 department, with the recommendation of the board; or

10           (b) Has been in active practice in the appropriate discipline for at  
11 least five years following initial licensure or certification in another  
12 jurisdiction and has passed the Nebraska jurisprudence examination.

13           (2) The department may issue a license based on a privilege to  
14 practice in Nebraska under the Licensed Professional Counselors  
15 Interstate Compact as provided in section 5 of such compact.

16           (3) The department, with the recommendation of the board, shall  
17 issue a license to a marriage and family therapist based on licensure in  
18 another jurisdiction to an individual who:

19           (a) Has a valid, independent, and unrestricted license as a marriage  
20 and family therapist in another state or territory;

21           (b) Completes an application and pays all applicable fees; and

22           (c) Has passed the Nebraska jurisprudence examination.

23           (4) ~~(3)~~ An applicant for a license who is a military spouse may  
24 apply for a temporary license as provided in section 38-129.01.

25           **Sec. 2.** Section 38-2130, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
26 2024, is amended to read:

27           38-2130 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this  
28 section, the ~~The~~ department, with the recommendation of the board, may  
29 issue a certificate based on licensure in another jurisdiction to  
30 represent oneself as a certified marriage and family therapist, a  
31 certified professional counselor, a social worker, or a certified art

1 therapist to an individual who meets the requirements of the Mental  
2 Health Practice Act relating to marriage and family therapy, professional  
3 counseling, social work, or art therapy, as appropriate, or substantially  
4 equivalent requirements as determined by the department, with the  
5 recommendation of the board.

6 (2) The department, with the recommendation of the board, shall  
7 issue a certificate to a marriage and family therapist based on licensure  
8 in another jurisdiction to an individual who:

9 (a) Has a valid, independent, and unrestricted license as a marriage  
10 and family therapist in another state or territory;

11 (b) Completes an application and pays all applicable fees; and

12 (c) Has passed the Nebraska jurisprudence examination.

13 (3) An applicant for a certificate who is a military spouse may  
14 apply for a temporary certificate as provided in section 38-129.01.

15 **Sec. 3.** Original sections 38-2125 and 38-2130, Revised Statutes  
16 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.