

PLEASE SUPPORT HB 3626

**THIS IS A TECHNICAL CLEAN UP BILL WITH
NO OPPOSITION AND NO FISCAL NOTE**

HB 3626 (Zaffirini), relating to the licensing of marriage and family therapists, marriage and family therapist associates, professional counselors, professional counselor associates, and social workers, including certain out-of-state applicants.

This bill does NOT create new licenses – it is a technical clean-up bill with no opposition that will help to increase the availability of well qualified Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFTs), Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) and Social Workers (SWs) in Texas by making it easier for LMFTs, LPCs, and SWs from other states to move here and obtain a Texas license.

- Allows the licensing boards to expedite the approval of LMFTs, LPCs and SWs who are licensed in good standing in other states.
- Expected to reduce the time to process out of state licenses for LPCs and SWs by 53 days or more than 65% and by 46 days or almost 42% for LMFTs.
- Removes the requirement that LPCs licensed in good standing in other states must have acquired at least 3,000 hours of supervision.
- Makes technical corrections to accurately reflect the responsibilities of the licensing boards to establish the criteria for licensure as an LMFT or LPC in Texas.
- Changes the term “Temporary License” to “Associate License” to remove archaic language to reflect the actual license title currently in use for LPC Associates in the Texas Administrative Code.
- Has no fiscal note.
- Supported by the Texas Counseling Association, the Texas Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, the National Association of Social Workers-Texas Chapter, and the Texas Society for Clinical Social Work.



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