

HB 2434 -- LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

SPONSOR: Coleman

This bill modifies the process for licensure as a professional counselor. Within 15 days of receipt of an application for licensure as a professional counselor, the Division of Professional Registration must provide the applicant with electronic access to the application. Any missing information or documentation can be electronically submitted by the applicant to the Division, with certain exceptions provided in the bill.

Upon submission of a completed application by an applicant who holds a graduate degree from certain accredited organizations, the Division must issue the applicant a provisional license. Such license will be valid until the application is reviewed by the Committee for Professional Counselors. If the application is rejected by the Committee, then the provisional license will terminate immediately. If the application is approved, then the provisional license will remain in effect until the termination date provided by rule. The bill authorizes the Division to refuse to issue a provisional license through the expedited process in the bill for certain listed reasons.

This bill is the same as SB 1284 (2024).