

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT  
TITLE 86. STATE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LICENSURE  
CHAPTER 15. LICENSED MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPIST

1. **DESCRIPTION:** The proposed amendments to 86:15-3-1 seek to amend an incorrect reference in the regulation and update the regulation with the correct referenced regulation. The proposed amendments to 86:15-3-3 more clearly define the unprofessional conduct of pleading guilty to or no contest to or being convicted of a state or federal felony crime in accordance with HB 1373. The proposed amendments to 86:15-5-3 more clearly define the academic requirements by including degree programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) as acceptable degree programs. The proposed amendments to 86:15-9-3 strikes duplicative language referencing the permanent expiration of an approved supervisor status for failure to meet the continuing education requirement for approved supervisors. The proposed amendments to 86:15-13-4 more clearly define the continuing education requirement for approved supervisors and seeks to amend an incorrect reference in the regulation and update the regulation with the correct referenced regulation. The proposed amendments to 86:15-13-8 strikes language referencing the requirement of applicants for licensure by endorsement to provide proof the applicant has held a license in another jurisdiction for at least five years and possess a master's degree or doctoral degree in marital and family, or a content-equivalent degree as defined by the Board. The proposed amendments to 86:15-17-1 waives the application fee for active-duty military service members. The proposed amendments to 86:15-17-3 waives the application fee for spouses of active-duty military service members.
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3. **CLASSES OF PERSONS BENEFITTED:** Persons benefitting would be Licensed Marital and Family Therapists, Licensed Marital and Family Therapist Candidates, Licensed Marital and Family Therapist supervisors, consumers, employers, and Agency staff.
4. **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** The Board does not anticipate any economic impact upon the most likely affected classes of persons or political subdivisions as a result of implementation of the proposed rule change at this time.
5. **COST:** The Board does not anticipate any costs to the Board to implement and enforce as a result of the proposed changes in the rules at this time. Additional record keeping, if any, will be performed by existing staff.
6. **IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:** The Board does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule changes at this time.
7. **ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS:** The Board does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small businesses as a result of these proposed rule changes at this time.

8. **LESS COSTLY METHODS:** None.
9. **SIGNIFICANT RISKS:** The Board does not anticipate any impact on public health, safety, or environment as a result of these proposed rule changes at this time.
10. **DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS:** The Board does not anticipate any detrimental effects on public health, safety, or environment as a result of these proposed rules changes at this time.
11. The initial rule impact statement was prepared on October 15, 2019.