

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

### **Introduced**

### **House Bill 4288**

BY Delegate D. Smith

[Introduced; referred  
to the Committee on.]

- 1 A BILL to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to  
2 authorizing the Board of Examiners in Counseling to promulgate a legislative rule relating  
3 to marriage and family therapist licensing.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 9. AUTHORIZATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS BOARDS AND AGENCIES TO  
PROMULGATE LEGISLATIVE RULES.**

**§64-9-1. Board of Examiners in Counseling.**

- 1 The legislative rule filed in the State Register on July 28, 2025, authorized under the  
2 authority of §30-31-6 of this code, modified by the Board of Examiners in Counseling to meet the  
3 objections of the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee and refiled in the State Register on  
4 October 21, 2025, relating to the Board of Examiners in Counseling (marriage and family therapist  
5 licensing, [27 CSR 08](#)), is authorized.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Board of Examiners in Counseling to promulgate a legislative rule relating to marriage and family therapist licensing.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.