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Jennifer Dolphin, LPC

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I request that the above rule(s) be reviewed in the upcoming legislative session as set out in N.C.G.S. 150B-21.3. I further request that the rule(s) be subject to a delayed effective date as set out in that same provision.

My concerns are all related to the **high** amount of the fee.

The high fee will negatively impact continuity of care for current NC therapy clients when their counselor relocates to another state. That therapist would have to pay a steep cost to continue working legally with the client, and the odds would be low they could/will do that.

The client would have to start all over, a demoralizing and painful process with negative outcomes for mental health wellness.

The fee will also negatively impact the continuity of care for clients who relocate to NC if the client's counselor from their prior state wants legally continue seeing them.

Again, the client would have to start all over, a demoralizing and painful process with negative outcomes for mental health wellness.

Other states have **much** lower fees for this same service & privilege-granting procedure and I don't understand what is so different about NC that our fee should be so high. Each state has the same administrative burden for processing the privilege licenses.

More transparency into how the \$200 fee came about would be very helpful.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration -

Heather McKenzie

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Thank you for your consideration.

Elisha Medrano, LCMHCA

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Dear Members of the North Carolina Rules Review Commission,

My name is Van Ethan Levy, and I am a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) in California.

I respectfully request that Rule 21 NCAC 53 .0505, Professional Counseling Licensure Compact Fees and Examination, be reviewed in the upcoming legislative session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 150B-21.3. I further request that the rule be subject to a delayed effective date as provided under that statute.

As a licensed mental health professional, I support efforts to reduce unnecessary barriers to interstate practice and to promote continuity of care for clients. The Counseling Compact was created to facilitate professional mobility and improve access to behavioral health services. Rules that create substantial financial barriers to participation warrant careful review and legislative consideration before implementation.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mx. Van Ethan Levy, MA Clinical Psychology

Pronouns: they (for English) | elle (for Spanish)
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Please excuse any typos/grammar errors.

Please ask clarifying questions.

Please communicate directly and transparently as I will be doing the same.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Dr. Kade Sharp, PhD, LICSW, CMHS, CST, Registered Play Therapist - Supervisor™

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Tonya Bishop

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Tonya Bishop

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While the fee does not currently apply to me, the fee would apply to me if I move out of state, my home Compact member state changes, and I seek to continue to provide services to current clients in North Carolina through the Compact.

The fee is not only a question of access for individuals who are licensed in other Compact member states, but also one of continuity of care for current North Carolina clients whose counselor may relocate.

Additionally, the continuity of care for clients who relocate to North Carolina may also be affected. If the client's counselor from their prior state seeks a privilege to practice in North Carolina, the fee may hinder their ability to do so.

I also want to follow up on the explanation that the fee supports administrative functions such as Compact Commission coordination, eligibility verification, system integration, and monitoring. These are largely the same categories of work performed by other Compact member states, several of which have set their fees substantially lower than North Carolina's proposed \$200 and lower than their state's full licensure fee. Given this disparity, I would welcome any cost analysis or fiscal breakdown the Board can share that explains the basis for the \$200 figure relative to other active Compact states.

Greater transparency and insight into these efforts would be beneficial for LCMHC/A/Ss as we navigate the Counseling Compact process for our state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dr. Brittany Wyche

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