

SENATE BILL 476

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Health and Government Operations* —

Introduced by **Senator Benson**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Counselors Home Study – Online Study~~

3 Professional Counselors and Therapists – Continuing Education – Home

4 Study

5 FOR the purpose of repealing a provision prohibiting the State Board of Professional

6 ~~Counselor~~ Counselors and Therapists from authorizing home study courses

7 towards completion of continuing education requirements.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Health Occupations

10 Section 17–504

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Health Occupations**

4 17–504.

5 (a) (1) A license or certificate expires on the date set by the Board, unless
6 the license or certificate is renewed for an additional term as provided in this section.

7 (2) A license or certificate may not be renewed for a term longer than 2
8 years.

9 (b) At least 1 month before the license or certificate expires, the Board shall
10 send to the licensee or certificate holder, by first–class mail to the last known address
11 of the licensee or certificate holder, a renewal notice that states:

12 (1) The date on which the current license or certificate expires;

13 (2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the
14 Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license or certificate expires;
15 and

16 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

17 (c) Each licensee or certificate holder shall notify the Board of any change in
18 the address of the licensee or certificate holder.

19 (d) Before the license or certificate expires, the licensee or certificate holder
20 periodically may renew it for an additional 2–year term, if the licensee or certificate
21 holder:

22 (1) Otherwise is entitled to be licensed or certified;

23 (2) Pays to the Board the renewal fee set by the Board;

24 (3) Submits to the Board a renewal application on the form that the
25 Board requires; and

26 (4) Submits satisfactory evidence of compliance with any continuing
27 education requirements as required by the Board for license or certificate renewal.

28 (e) [The Board may not authorize home study towards the completion of the
29 continuing education requirements.

1 (f)] (1) The Board shall renew the license or certificate of and issue a
2 renewal license or certificate to each licensee or certificate holder who meets the
3 requirements of this section.

4 (2) The Board shall include the term of the renewal on each renewal
5 license or certificate that the Board issues.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2011.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.