

# SENATE BILL 476

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By: **Senator Benson**

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## 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 and Therapists from authorizing home study courses towards  
7 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)

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

15 **Article – Health Occupations**

16 17–504.

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

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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.



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

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

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

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

10                  (3)     The amount of the renewal fee.

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

13                  (d)     Before the license or certificate expires, the licensee or certificate holder  
14 periodically may renew it for an additional 2-year term, if the licensee or certificate  
15 holder:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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