

Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill: HB 745 – State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists – Behavior

Analysts - Licensure Applications

Hearing Date: March 19, 2025

Position: Support

The Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland (LCPCM) supports HB 745 – State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists – Behavior Analysts – Licensure Applications as amended. This bill puts certain time requirements in place for the issuance of a behavior analyst license and requires notification from the Board to applicants when applications are received, begin review, determined more information is necessary, or decisions are made to issue or deny a license.

LCPCM supports the establishment of timeframes for the review and issuance of licenses, as well as providing communication as to application status throughout the process. The extension of the timeframe to 30 days will ensure adequate time for thorough review, appropriate action, and is consistent with the processing time for other licenses.

For these reasons, LCPCM urges the Committee to give HB 745 a FAVORABLE Report

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