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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors - Drug and Alcohol Therapists -**
3 **Certification**

4 FOR the purpose of certifying certain counselors who provide drug and alcohol therapy;
5 establishing certain qualifications for certification of counselors who provide drug
6 and alcohol therapy; restricting the use of certain titles and initials; altering the
7 membership of the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors;
8 authorizing the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors to waive
9 examination requirements for certain applicants and to waive certification
10 requirements for certain individuals; defining certain terms; and generally relating
11 to the certification of counselors who provide drug and alcohol therapy.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article - Health Occupations
14 Section 17-101, 17-202, 17-205, 17-301, 17-305, 17-306, 17-308, and 17-401
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

17 BY adding to

18 Article - Health Occupations
19 Section 17-302.3 through 17-302.5
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

24 **Article - Health Occupations**

25 17-101.

26 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

27 (b) (1) "ALCOHOL AND DRUG THERAPY" MEANS APPLYING THEORIES,
28 METHODS, AND TECHNIQUES OF COUNSELING, PSYCHOTHERAPY, AND THE STUDY
29 OF ADDICTIONS TO INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, ORGANIZATIONS, GROUPS, SCHOOLS,

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1 OR COMMUNITIES WHO ARE EXPERIENCING COGNITIVE, AFFECTIVE, BEHAVIORAL,
2 OR PSYCHOSOCIAL DYSFUNCTION AS A DIRECT OR INDIRECT RESULT OF DRUG AND
3 ALCOHOL ABUSE, DEPENDENCY, OR ADDICTION.

4 (2) "ALCOHOL AND DRUG THERAPY" DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
5 EMPLOYMENT RELATED ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS
6 EMPLOYED BY AN ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM OR FACILITY THAT IS
7 ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HEALTH CARE
8 ORGANIZATIONS OR THAT IS CERTIFIED UNDER TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE
9 HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

10 (C) "Appraisal" means:

11 (1) Selecting, administering, scoring, and interpreting instruments designed
12 to assess an individual's aptitudes, attitudes, abilities, achievements, interests, and
13 personal characteristics; and

14 (2) Using nonstandardized methods and techniques for understanding
15 human behavior in relation to coping with, adapting to, or changing life situations.

16 [(c)] (D) "Board" means the State Board of Examiners of Professional
17 Counselors.

18 [(d)] (E) "Certificate" means a certificate issued by the Board to practice
19 professional counseling.

20 [(e)] (F) "Certified professional counselor" means a professional counselor who
21 is certified by the Board.

22 [(f)] (G) "Counseling" means assisting an individual, family, or group through the
23 client-counselor relationship:

24 (1) To develop understanding of intrapersonal and interpersonal problems;

25 (2) To define goals;

26 (3) To make decisions;

27 (4) To plan a course of action reflecting the needs, interests, and abilities of
28 the individual, family, or group; and

29 (5) To use informational and community resources, as these procedures are
30 related to personal, social, emotional, educational, and vocational development and
31 adjustment.

32 [(g)] (H) "Marriage and family therapy" means applying marriage and family
33 systems theory, principles, methods, therapeutic techniques, and research in:

34 (1) Resolving emotional conflict and modifying perception and behavior in
35 the context of marriage and family life; and

36 (2) The identification and assessment of client needs and the
37 implementation of therapeutic intervention.

1 (I) (1) "CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL
2 THERAPIST" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD TO
3 PRACTICE DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPY IN THE STATE PURSUANT TO THE
4 LIMITATIONS IN § 17-302.4 OF THIS TITLE.

5 (2) "CERTIFIED COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST" MEANS
6 AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE DRUG AND
7 ALCOHOL THERAPY IN THE STATE PURSUANT TO THE LIMITATIONS IN § 17-302.5 OF
8 THIS TITLE.

9 (3) "CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL
10 THERAPIST" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD TO
11 PRACTICE DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPY IN THE STATE.

12 [(h)] (J) "Certified professional counselor-marriage and family therapist" means
13 an individual who is certified by the Board to practice marriage and family therapy in the
14 State.

15 (K) "PRACTICE ALCOHOL AND DRUG THERAPY" MEANS TO ENGAGE
16 PROFESSIONALLY AND FOR COMPENSATION IN ALCOHOL AND DRUG THERAPY
17 ACTIVITIES WHILE REPRESENTING ONESELF TO BE A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL
18 COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST, A CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE
19 COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST, OR A CERTIFIED ASSISTANT
20 COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST.

21 [(i)] (L) "Practice marriage and family therapy" means to engage professionally
22 and for compensation in marriage and family therapy activities while representing oneself
23 to be a certified professional counselor-marriage and family therapist.

24 [(j)] (M) "Practice professional counseling" means to engage professionally and
25 for compensation in counseling and appraisal activities while representing oneself to be a
26 professional counselor.

27 17-202.

28 (a) (1) The Board consists of [seven] NINE members appointed by the
29 Governor with the advice of the Secretary.

30 (2) Of the [seven] NINE Board members:

31 (i) Five shall be certified as professional counselors, including:

32 1. One who is primarily engaged in professional counselor
33 education;

34 2. One who is employed in the private sector;

35 3. One who is employed in the public sector; and

36 4. Two professional counselors at large;

37 (ii) One shall be a certified professional counselor-marriage and
38 family therapist; [and]

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1 (iii) ONE SHALL BE A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL
2 COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST; AND

3 (IV) [One] TWO shall be [a] consumer [member] MEMBERS.

4 (3) The composition of the Board as to the race and sex of its members shall
5 reflect the composition of the population of the State.

6 (4) The Governor shall appoint the professional counselors from a list
7 submitted to the Governor by the Secretary. Any association representing professional
8 counselors may submit recommendations for Board members to the Secretary.

9 (b) The consumer [member] MEMBERS of the Board:

10 (1) Shall be [a member] MEMBERS of the general public;

11 (2) May not be or ever have been a certified professional counselor or in
12 training to become a certified professional counselor;

13 (3) May not have a household member who is a certified professional
14 counselor or in training to become a certified professional counselor;

15 (4) May not participate or ever have participated in a commercial or
16 professional field related to professional counseling;

17 (5) May not have a household member who participates in a commercial or
18 professional field related to professional counseling;

19 (6) May not have had within 2 years before appointment a substantial
20 financial interest in a person regulated by the Board; and

21 (7) While [a member] MEMBERS of the Board, may not have a substantial
22 financial interest in a person regulated by the Board.

23 (c) The certified professional counselor-marriage and family therapy member of
24 the Board shall:

25 (1) Have a master's or doctoral degree in a marriage and family therapy
26 field; and

27 (2) Meet the educational and supervised experience requirements of §
28 17-302 of this title.

29 (d) THE CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL
30 THERAPIST MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL:

31 (1) HAVE A MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE IN A HEALTH AND
32 HUMAN SERVICES COUNSELING FIELD; AND

33 (2) MEET THE EDUCATIONAL AND SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE
34 REQUIREMENTS OF § 17-302.3 OF THIS TITLE.

35 (E) Before taking office, each appointee to the Board shall take the oath required
36 by Article I, § 9 of the State Constitution.

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1 [(e)] (F) (1) The term of a member is 4 years.

2 (2) The terms of the members of the Board are staggered as required by the
3 terms of the members of the Board serving on July 1, 1988.

4 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is
5 appointed and qualifies.

6 (4) A member may not serve more than 2 consecutive full terms.

7 (5) To the extent practicable, the Governor shall fill any vacancy on the
8 Board within 60 days of the date of the vacancy.

9 [(f)] (G) (1) The Governor may remove a member for incompetency,
10 misconduct, or neglect of duty.

11 (2) Upon the recommendation of the Secretary, the Governor may remove a
12 member whom the Secretary finds to have been absent from 2 successive Board meetings
13 without adequate reason.

14 17-205.

15 (a) In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this title, theBoard may adopt
16 rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this title.

17 (b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this title, theBoard shall:

18 (1) Maintain a registry of all currently:

19 (I) [certified] CERTIFIED professional counselors; [and]

20 (II) [certified] CERTIFIED professional counselors-marriage and
21 family therapists;

22 (III) CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS-DRUG AND
23 ALCOHOL THERAPISTS;

24 (IV) CERTIFIED COUNSELORS-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPISTS;
25 AND

26 (V) CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE COUNSELORS-DRUG AND ALCOHOL
27 THERAPISTS.

28 (2) Submit an annual report to the Governor and the Secretary;

29 (3) Adopt a code of ethics that the Board considers to be appropriate and
30 applicable to certified professional counselors and certified professional
31 counselors-marriage and family therapists;

32 (4) Establish continuing education requirements for certified professional
33 counselors and certified professional counselors-marriage and family therapists;

34 (5) Adopt an official seal; and

35 (6) Create committees as it deems appropriate to advise the Board on
36 special issues.

1 (c) (1) The Board may not take action regarding certified professional
2 counselors-marriage and family therapists without the approval of the Board member
3 who is a certified professional counselor-marriage and family therapist.

4 (2) THE BOARD MAY NOT TAKE ACTION REGARDING DRUG AND
5 ALCOHOL THERAPISTS WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MEMBER WHO IS A
6 CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST.

7 (d) The Board shall establish or select an examination that the Board considers
8 appropriate to determine the ability of an applicant to be a certified professional
9 counselor or a certified professional counselor-marriage and family therapist.

10 17-301.

11 (a) An individual shall be certified as a professional counselor or licensed
12 professional counselor-marriage and family therapist by the Board before the individual
13 may:

14 (1) Use the title "certified professional counselor";

15 (2) Use the initials "C.P.C." after the name of the individual;or

16 (3) Represent to the public that the individual is certified asa professional
17 counselor.

18 (b) An individual shall be certified as a professional counselor-marriage and
19 family therapist by the Board before the individual may:

20 (1) Use the title "certified professional counselor-marriage and family
21 therapist";

22 (2) Use the initials "C.P.C.-M.F.T." after the name of the individual; or

23 (3) Represent to the public that the individual is certified asa certified
24 professional counselor-marriage and family therapist.

25 (C) (1) AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE CERTIFIED AS A CERTIFIED
26 PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST BY THE BOARD
27 BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL MAY:

28 (I) USE THE TITLE "CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-DRUG
29 AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST";

30 (II) USE THE INITIALS "C.P.C.-D.A.T." AFTER THE NAME OF THE
31 INDIVIDUAL; OR

32 (III) REPRESENT TO THE PUBLIC THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS
33 CERTIFIED AS A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL
34 THERAPIST.

35 (2) AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE CERTIFIED AS A CERTIFIED
36 COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST BY THE BOARD BEFORE THE
37 INDIVIDUAL MAY:

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1 (I) USE THE TITLE "CERTIFIED COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL
2 THERAPIST";

3 (II) USE THE INITIALS "C.C.-D.A.T." AFTER THE NAME OF THE
4 INDIVIDUAL; OR

5 (III) REPRESENT TO THE PUBLIC THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS
6 CERTIFIED AS A CERTIFIED COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST.

7 (3) AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE CERTIFIED AS A CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE
8 COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST BY THE BOARD BEFORE THE
9 INDIVIDUAL MAY:

10 (I) USE THE TITLE "CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR-DRUG
11 AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST";

12 (II) USE THE INITIALS "C.A.C.-D.A.T." AFTER THE NAME OF THE
13 INDIVIDUAL; OR

14 (III) REPRESENT TO THE PUBLIC THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS
15 CERTIFIED AS A CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL
16 THERAPIST.

17 17-302.3.

18 (A) TO QUALIFY AS A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-DRUG AND
19 ALCOHOL THERAPIST AN APPLICANT SHALL BE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE
20 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

21 (B) THE APPLICANT SHALL BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.

22 (C) THE APPLICANT SHALL BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD.

23 (D) (1) THE APPLICANT SHALL HOLD A MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE
24 IN A HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COUNSELING FIELD FROM AN ACCREDITED
25 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THAT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OR HAVE
26 COMPLETED A PROGRAM OF STUDIES JUDGED BY THE BOARD TO BE
27 SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT IN SUBJECT MATTER AND EXTENT OF TRAINING AS
28 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

29 (2) THE APPLICANT SHALL HAVE COMPLETED A MINIMUM OF 360
30 HOURS IN ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR TRAINING.

31 (3) THE APPLICANT SHALL HAVE COMPLETED NOT LESS THAN 3 YEARS
32 WITH A MINIMUM OF 2,000 HOURS OF SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE IN ALCOHOL AND
33 DRUG COUNSELING APPROVED BY THE BOARD, 2 YEARS OF WHICH SHALL HAVE
34 BEEN COMPLETED AFTER THE AWARD OF THE MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE
35 OR ITS SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENT.

36 (4) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR TRAINING"
37 INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO INSTRUCTION IN:

38 (I) MEDICAL ASPECTS OF CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY;

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- 1 (II) GROUP COUNSELING;
- 2 (III) INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING;
- 3 (IV) FAMILY COUNSELING;
- 4 (V) ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT PLANNING;
- 5 (VI) ETHICS FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS;
- 6 (VII) HUMAN DEVELOPMENT;
- 7 (VIII) ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY; AND
- 8 (IX) COURSES PERTAINING TO COUNSELOR CORE FUNCTIONS OF
- 9 SCREENING, INTAKE, ORIENTATION, CASE MANAGEMENT, CRISIS INTERVENTION,
- 10 EDUCATION AND PREVENTION, REFERRAL, CONSULTATION, REPORTS AND
- 11 RECORDKEEPING, AND SPECIAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEPENDENCY TOPICS.

12 17-302.4.

13 TO QUALIFY AS A CERTIFIED COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST
14 AN APPLICANT SHALL:

15 (1) HOLD A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED
16 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION APPROVED BY THE BOARD IN A HEALTH OR HUMAN
17 SERVICES COUNSELING FIELD OR HAVE COMPLETED A PROGRAM OF STUDIES
18 JUDGED BY THE BOARD TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT IN SUBJECT MATTER
19 AND EXTENT OF TRAINING TO SUCH A PROGRAM OF STUDIES;

20 (2) HAVE COMPLETED NOT LESS THAN 3 YEARS, WITH A MINIMUM OF
21 200 HOURS OF SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE IN ALCOHOL AND DRUG THERAPY
22 APPROVED BY THE BOARD, 2 YEARS OF WHICH SHALL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED
23 AFTER THE AWARD OF THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE;

24 (3) HAVE A MINIMUM OF 300 HOURS IN ALCOHOL AND DRUG
25 COUNSELOR TRAINING AS DEFINED IN § 17-302.3(D)(4) OF THIS TITLE; AND

26 (4) PRACTICE DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPY UNDER THE
27 SUPERVISION OF A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL
28 THERAPIST OR PROVIDE DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPY AS AN EMPLOYEE OF AN
29 AGENCY OR FACILITY WHICH IS ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON
30 ACCREDITATION OF HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS OR THAT IS CERTIFIED UNDER
31 TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

32 17-302.5.

33 TO QUALIFY AS A CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL
34 THERAPIST AN APPLICANT SHALL:

35 (1) HOLD AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN A HEALTH OR HUMAN SERVICES
36 COUNSELING FIELD OR HAVE COMPLETED A PROGRAM OF STUDIES JUDGED BY THE
37 BOARD TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT IN SUBJECT MATTER TO SUCH A
38 PROGRAM OF STUDIES;

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1 (2) HAVE A CERTIFICATE IN CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELING
2 FROM AN ACCREDITED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION APPROVED BY THE BOARD;

3 (3) HAVE COMPLETED NOT LESS THAN 2 YEARS, WITH A MINIMUM OF
4 2000 HOURS OF SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE IN DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPY
5 APPROVED BY THE BOARD, 1 YEARS OF WHICH SHALL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED
6 AFTER THE AWARD OF THE ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE;

7 (4) HAVE A MINIMUM OF 240 HOURS IN DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPY
8 TRAINING AS DEFINED IN § 17-302.3(D)(4) OF THIS TITLE; AND

9 (5) PRACTICE DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPY UNDER THE
10 SUPERVISION OF A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL
11 THERAPIST OR PROVIDE DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPY AS AN EMPLOYEE OF AN
12 AGENCY OR FACILITY WHICH IS ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON
13 ACCREDITATION OF HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS OR THAT IS CERTIFIED UNDER
14 TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

15 17-305.

16 (a) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Board may waive any examination
17 requirement of this title for an applicant who:

18 (1) Is certified or licensed to provide professional counseling[or], marriage
19 and family therapy services, OR DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPY SERVICES in any other
20 state or country if that state or country grants a similar waiver to licensees of this State;
21 or

22 (2) Has successfully passed an examination approved by the Board.

23 (b) The Board may grant a waiver under this section only if the applicant:

24 (1) Pays the application fee set by the Board under this subtitle; and

25 (2) Provides adequate evidence that the applicant:

26 (i) Meets the qualifications otherwise required by this title; and

27 (ii) Became certified or licensed in the other state or country after
28 passing an examination that is approved by the Board.

29 17-306.

30 (a) The Board shall waive the requirements for certification as a professional
31 counselor under § 17-302(d) of this title for any person who:

32 (1) Has filed a letter of intent with the Board by July 1, 1989;

33 (2) Holds a master's degree in a professional counseling field or completed
34 a program of studies judged by the Board to be substantially equivalent in subject matter
35 and extent of training to a master's degree in a professional counseling field;

36 (3) Has completed not less than 3 years of supervised experience in
37 counseling approved by the Board, 2 years of which shall have been completed after the
38 award of the master's degree or its substantial equivalent;

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1 (4) Has, by July 1, 1995, passed an examination approved by the Board; and

2 (5) Has furnished to the Board a professional disclosure statement.

3 (b) The Board may waive requirements for certification as a professional
4 counselor-marriage and family therapist under § 17-302(d) of this subtitle for any person
5 who:

6 (1) Has filed an application for certification by July 1, 1995;

7 (2) Holds a master's degree in a marriage and family field or completed a
8 program of studies judged by the Board to be substantially equivalent in subject matter
9 and extent of training to a master's degree in a marriage and family therapy field;

10 (3) Has completed not less than 3 years with a minimum of 3,000 hours of
11 supervised experience in marriage and family therapy approved by the Board, 2 years of
12 which shall have been completed after the award of the master's degree or its substantial
13 equivalent; and

14 (4) On or before January 1, 1994 has demonstrated clinical membership in a
15 national marriage and family association that establishes educational, training, and
16 supervision requirements for that designation.

17 (C) (1) THE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
18 CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL
19 THERAPIST UNDER 17.302.3 OF THIS TITLE FOR ANY PERSON WHO:

20 (I) HAS FILED A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE BOARD BY JULY 1,
21 1997;

22 (II) HOLDS A MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE IN A HEALTH AND
23 HUMAN SERVICES COUNSELING FIELD OR HAS COMPLETED A PROGRAM THAT THE
24 BOARD DETERMINES TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT IN SUBJECT MATTER AND
25 EXTENT OF TRAINING AS A MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE IN A HEALTH AND
26 HUMAN SERVICES COUNSELING FIELD; AND

27 (III) AS OF JULY 1, 1996, IS CERTIFIED AS A CERTIFIED CHEMICAL
28 DEPENDENCY COUNSELOR OR CERTIFIED CLINICAL SUPERVISOR BY THE
29 MARYLAND ADDICTION COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION BOARD.

30 (2) THE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
31 CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST FOR
32 ANY PERSON WHO HAS FILED A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE BOARD BY JULY 1, 1997
33 IF:

34 (I) THE PERSON HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN A HEALTH OR
35 HUMAN SERVICES COUNSELING FIELD OR HAS COMPLETED A PROGRAM THAT THE
36 BOARD DETERMINES TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT IN SUBJECT MATTER AND
37 EXTENT OF TRAINING TO A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN A HEALTH OR HUMAN
38 SERVICES COUNSELING FIELD; OR

39 (II) THE PERSON, AS OF JULY 1, 1996, IS CERTIFIED AS A CERTIFIED
40 CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELOR OR CERTIFIED CLINICAL SUPERVISOR BY THE

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1 MARYLAND ADDICTION COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION BOARD OR IS EMPLOYED BY
2 THE STATE IN THE CAPACITY OF A PROGRAM SPECIALIST I, II, OR III, OR ITS
3 EQUIVALENT, IF THE PERSON IS EMPLOYED BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE
4 STATE.

5 (3) THE BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
6 CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL
7 THERAPIST FOR ANY PERSON WHO HAS FILED A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE
8 BOARD BY JULY 1, 1997 IF:

9 (I) THE PERSON HOLDS AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN HEALTH OR
10 HUMAN SERVICES COUNSELING OR HAS COMPLETED A PROGRAM THAT THE BOARD
11 DETERMINES TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT IN SUBJECT MATTER AND
12 EXTENT OF TRAINING TO AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN HEALTH OR HUMAN
13 SERVICES COUNSELING; OR

14 (II) THE PERSON IS CERTIFIED AS A CERTIFIED ALCOHOLISM
15 COUNSELOR OR CERTIFIED DRUG COUNSELOR BY THE MARYLAND ADDICTION
16 COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION BOARD OR IS EMPLOYED BY THE STATE IN THE
17 CAPACITY OF AN ADDICTION COUNSELOR II OR III, OR ITS EQUIVALENT, IF THE
18 PERSON IS EMPLOYED IN A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.

19 17-308.

20 An individual who is certified by the Board may:

21 (1) Use the title "certified professional counselor" [or], "certified
22 professional counselor-marriage and family therapist", "CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL
23 COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST", "CERTIFIED COUNSELOR-DRUG
24 AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST", OR "CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR-DRUG AND
25 ALCOHOL THERAPIST";

26 (2) Use the initials "C.P.C." [or], "C.P.C.-M.F.T.", "C.P.C.-D.A.T.",
27 "C.C.-D.A.T.", OR "C.A.C.-D.A.T." after the name of the individual; and

28 (3) Represent to the public that the individual is certified as a professional
29 counselor [or], certified professional counselor-marriage and family therapist,
30 CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST,
31 CERTIFIED COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST, OR CERTIFIED
32 ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST.

33 17-401.

34 Except as otherwise provided in this title, unless a person is certified to practice
35 professional counseling, the person may not:

36 (1) Represent to the public by title, by description of services, methods, or
37 procedures, or otherwise, that the person is certified by the Board to provide professional
38 counseling services in this State;

39 (2) Use any title, abbreviation, sign, card, or other representation that the
40 person is a certified professional [counselor or] COUNSELOR, licensed professional
41 counselor-marriage and family therapist, CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL

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1 COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST, CERTIFIED COUNSELOR-DRUG AND
2 ALCOHOL THERAPIST, OR CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL
3 THERAPIST; or

4 (3) Use the title "C.P.C." [or], "C.P.C."-"M.F.T.", "C.P.C.-D.A.T.",
5 "C.C.-D.A.T.", OR "C.A.C.-D.A.T.", the words "certified professional counselor" or
6 "licensed professional counselor-marriage and family therapist", or the words "certified
7 counselor" or "licensed marriage and family therapist" with the intent to represent that
8 the person practices professional counseling or marriage and family therapy, OR THE
9 WORDS "CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST",
10 "CERTIFIED COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST", "CERTIFIED
11 ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR-DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPIST" WITH THE INTENT TO
12 REPRESENT THAT THE PERSON PRACTICES DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPY.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 1996.