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**By: Senator Collins**

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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,  
30 OR COMMUNITIES WHO ARE EXPERIENCING COGNITIVE, AFFECTIVE, BEHAVIORAL,

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1 OR PSYCHOSOCIAL DYSFUNCTION AS A DIRECT OR INDIRECT RESULT OF DRUG AND  
2 ALCOHOL ABUSE, DEPENDENCY, OR ADDICTION.

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

9 (C) "Appraisal" means:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (2) To define goals;

25 (3) To make decisions;

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

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

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

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

35 (2) The identification and assessment of client needs and the  
36 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.

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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 2,000 HOURS OF SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE IN DRUG AND ALCOHOL THERAPY  
5 APPROVED BY THE BOARD, 1 YEAR 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.