

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 522

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “of” insert “altering the composition of the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors;”; in line 7, after “titles;” insert “providing for the effective date of this Act;”; and in line 11, after “Section” insert “17-202(a)(1) and (2), (e), (f), and (g);”; and in the same line, after “17-302.4” insert a comma.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 19, insert:

“17-202.

(a) (1) The Board consists of [nine] 10 members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary.

(2) Of the [nine] 10 Board members:

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

1. One who is primarily engaged in professional counselor education;
2. One who is employed in the private sector;
3. One who is employed in the public sector; and
4. Two professional counselors at large;

(ii) One shall be a certified professional counsel-marriage and family

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therapist;

(iii) One shall be a certified professional counselor-alcohol and drug; [and]

(iv) Two shall be consumer members; AND

(V) ONE SHALL BE AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER WHO IS A CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG OR A CERTIFIED SUPERVISED COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG.

(e) THE CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG OR CERTIFIED SUPERVISED COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG MEMBER SHALL PARTICIPATE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD BUT SERVES IN AN EX OFFICIO CAPACITY WITHOUT VOTING PRIVILEGES.

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

[f] (G) (1) The term of a member is 4 years.

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

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

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

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

[g] (H) (1) The Governor may remove a member for incompetency, misconduct, or neglect of duty.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in lines 32, 34, and 38, and on page 3, in lines 13, 14, and 22, in each instance, strike the bracket.

On page 3, in line 1, after “(ii)” strike the bracket; in line 17, after “if” strike the bracket; and in line 14, after “degree” insert “OR A PROGRAM THAT THE BOARD DETERMINES TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT IN SUBJECT MATTER AND EXTENT OF TRAINING”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, in line 44, strike “October” and substitute “June”.