

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 736

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3, inclusive, and substitute "Professional Counselors - Scope of Practice"; strike beginning with "establishing" in line 5 down through "counselors" in line 23 and substitute "altering the definition of "alcohol and drug counseling" under the Maryland Professional Counselors Act (Act) to include, as to a certified professional counselor-alcohol and drug, certain assistance through the identification and assessment of client needs; altering the definition of "appraisal" under the Act to authorize the use of certain methods and techniques for the purpose of therapeutic intervention; altering the definition of "counseling" under the Act to provide that certain assistance is based on an identification and assessment of client needs; providing that certain individuals who meet certain qualifications may apply to the Board for a certain certificate authorizing the individual to provide certain services; and generally relating to the practice of professional counseling"; and in line 26, strike ", 17-104," through "17-303,".

On page 2, strike in its entirety line 1; strike in their entirety lines 4 through 9, inclusive; strike in its entirety line 12 and substitute "Section 17-302.6"; and strike beginning with "BY" in line 15 down through "ENACTED," in line 24 and substitute:

"SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 36, strike "and".

On page 3, in line 3, after "adjustment" insert "; AND

(6) AS TO A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG, TO IDENTIFY AND ASSESS CLIENT NEEDS";

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in line 9, after “situations” insert “FOR THE PURPOSE OF THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION”; in line 16, after “group” insert “, BASED ON AN IDENTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT OF CLIENT NEEDS,”; in line 34, strike the brackets and “17-302.5”; and in line 37, strike the brackets and “17-302.6”.

On pages 4 through 29 strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 16 on page 4 through line 33 on page 29, inclusive, and substitute:

“17-302.6.

(A) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY RENDER DIAGNOSES BASED ON A RECOGNIZED MANUAL OF MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DISORDERS AND USE PSYCHOTHERAPY TO TREAT DISORDERS IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAS RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE OF CLINICAL ENDORSEMENT FROM THE BOARD.

(B) THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF CLINICAL ENDORSEMENT TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

(1) IS A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR, A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST, OR A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG; AND

(2) HAS DOCUMENTATION EVIDENCING THE COMPLETION OF 60 HOURS OF GRADUATE COURSE WORK, INCLUDING TRAINING IN PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DISORDERS, PSYCHOPATHOLOGY, AND PSYCHOTHERAPY FROM AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE BOARD.”.

On page 29, in line 34, strike “4.” and substitute “2.”.