

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 547

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “licensed” in line 5 down through “supervision;” in line 8 and substitute “the Board to adopt certain regulations regarding practicing under supervision as a certain counselor or therapist; providing certain qualifications for practice under supervision;”; in line 10 after “licensed;” insert “providing certain penalties for certain violations;”; strike in its entirety line 16 and substitute “Section 17-205 and 17-3A-01”; and after line 18, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations

Section 17-3A-02.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 7 on page 3 through line 2 on page 4.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 8 through 22, inclusive, and substitute:

“(C) “LICENSED GRADUATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL APPROVED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY UNDER SUPERVISION WHILE FULFILLING THE SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE.

“(D) “LICENSED GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL APPROVED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

(Over)

UNDER SUPERVISION WHILE FULFILLING THE SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, after line 37, insert:

“17-3A-02.1.

(A) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ALLOW INDIVIDUALS TO PRACTICE UNDER SUPERVISION AS A LICENSED GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR OR A LICENSED GRADUATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST.

(B) TO QUALIFY TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR OR A LICENSED GRADUATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST, AN APPLICANT SHALL BE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(C) THE APPLICANT SHALL BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.

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

(E) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING AS A LICENSED GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR WITHOUT LICENSURE FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME IF THE INDIVIDUAL:

(1) HAS PASSED THE NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINATION APPROVED BY THE BOARD;

(2) IS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR OR ANOTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD; AND

(3) IS FULFILLING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE UNDER § 17-3A-02 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(F) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY PRACTICE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY WITHOUT LICENSURE FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME IF THE INDIVIDUAL:

(1) HAS PASSED THE NATIONAL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINATION APPROVED BY THE BOARD;

(2) IS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED CLINICAL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST OR ANOTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD; AND

(3) IS FULFILLING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE UNDER § 17-3A-02 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(G) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY PROVIDE COUNSELING UNDER SUPERVISION AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAS A MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE IN A PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING FIELD THAT MEETS THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF § 17-3A-02 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(H) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY PROVIDE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY UNDER SUPERVISION AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAS A MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE IN A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY FIELD THAT MEETS THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF § 17-3A-02 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(I) (1) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT PRACTICE WITHOUT APPROVAL BY THE BOARD.

(2) AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR OR A LICENSED GRADUATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL MAY:

(I) USE THE TITLE "LICENSED GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR" OR "LICENSED GRADUATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST";

(Over)

(II) USE THE INITIALS "L.G.P.C." OR "L.G.M.F.T." AFTER THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL;

(III) REPRESENT TO THE PUBLIC THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING OR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY; OR

(IV) USE ANY TITLE, ABBREVIATION, SIGN, CARD, OR OTHER REPRESENTATION THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS A LICENSED GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR OR A LICENCED GRADUATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST.

(J) ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (I) OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 6 MONTHS OR BOTH."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On pages 5 and 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 5 through line 28 on page 6.