

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 896

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Delegate Hubbard” and substitute “Delegates Hubbard, Rudolph, Oaks, Murray, Costa, Benson, Mandel, Goldwater, Nathan-Pulliam, Rosenberg, Pendergrass, Weldon, Bromwell, Haynes, Donoghue, and V. Turner”; in line 2, strike “Clinical”; in the same line, after “Counselors” insert “and Therapists”; in line 8, after “counselor” insert “, a licensed professional counselor-marriage and family therapist, or a certain individual licensed to practice alcohol and drug counseling”; in line 9, after the semicolon insert “requiring the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to meet with certain entities in order to propose certain regulations or legislation; requiring the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and the State Board of Professional Counselors to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date;”; in the same line, after “permitting” insert “certain”; in line 10, strike “clinical”; and in the same line, after “counselors” insert “and therapists”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 8, after “interpretation” insert “, INCLUDING STRAIGHTFORWARD PAPER AND PENCIL MEASURES USED TO ADMINISTER INTEREST INVENTORIES, NONINDIVIDUALLY ADMINISTERED INTELLIGENCE TESTS, AND PERSONALITY INVENTORIES,”; and in line 12, after “COUNSELOR” insert “, LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST, OR AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING IN THE STATE”.

On page 3, in lines 27 and 28, strike “ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATION OF SPECIALIZED PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS” and substitute “INTERPRETATION AND ADMINISTRATION, USING STRAIGHTFORWARD PAPER AND PENCIL MEASURE, OF INTEREST INVENTORIES, NONINDIVIDUALLY ADMINISTERED INTELLIGENCE TESTS, AND PERSONALITY INVENTORIES”; in line 29, after “COUNSELOR” insert “, A LICENSED”.

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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST, OR AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING IN THE STATE"; after line 31, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists, the Maryland Psychological Association, and the Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland, Inc. shall meet in order to develop and propose regulations or legislation with regard to the education and competency standards to be met by Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors, Licensed Professional Counselor-Marriage and Family Therapists, and individuals licensed to practice alcohol and drug counseling in the State, for the administration and interpretation of tests that require an advanced level of understanding of psychopathology, theories and methods of assessment and diagnosis, specific diagnostic groups assessed by specific instruments, research methods underlying the test development and use, statistics involved in test scoring and interpretation, and ethics related to the use of test information.

(b) The State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2003, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the status of the development of regulations or legislation under subsection (a) of this section.";

in line 32, strike "2." and substitute "3."; and in line 33, strike "October" and substitute "June".