
By: **Senator Harris**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations - Professional Counselors and Therapists - Definition of**
3 **Appraisal**

4 FOR the purpose of amending the definition of "appraisal" as it relates to professional
5 counselors and therapists to more clearly differentiate appraisal from
6 psychological testing; and generally relating to professional counselors and
7 therapists.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Health Occupations
10 Section 17-101(c)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Health Occupations**

16 17-101.

17 (c) (1) "Appraisal" means:

18 (i) Selecting, administering, scoring, and interpreting instruments
19 designed to assess an individual's aptitudes, attitudes, abilities, achievements,
20 interests, and personal characteristics; and

21 (ii) Using nonstandardized methods and techniques for
22 understanding human behavior in relation to coping with, adapting to, or changing
23 life situations.

24 (2) "Appraisal" does not include instruments which require specialized
25 psychological training for administration and interpretation [unless the licensed or
26 certified professional counselor has completed training deemed by the Board of
27 Examiners of Psychologists and the State Board of Professional Counselors and

1 Therapists to be equivalent to that of a licensed psychologist who is qualified to
2 administer the same types of instruments].

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2005.