
By: **Delegate Hubbard**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists - Licenses and**
3 **Certificates - Reciprocity**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Professional Counselors and
5 Therapists to waive certain certification requirements for certain applicants for
6 certificates to practice as a professional counselor-alcohol and drug, associate
7 counselor-alcohol and drug, or supervised counselor-alcohol and drug under
8 certain circumstances; requiring certain applicants to meet certain
9 requirements to qualify for a certain waiver; authorizing the Board to waive
10 certain licensing requirements for certain applicants for a license to practice as
11 a clinical alcohol and drug counselor under certain circumstances; requiring
12 certain applicants to meet certain requirements to qualify for a certain waiver;
13 requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the
14 State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists and the reciprocity of
15 licenses and certificates.

16 BY adding to
17 Article - Health Occupations
18 Section 17-306.1 and 17-3A-03.1
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2005 Replacement Volume)

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

23 **Article - Health Occupations**

24 17-306.1.

25 (A) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD MAY WAIVE
26 THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION FOR AN APPLICANT WHO IS CERTIFIED OR
27 OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE AS A PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL
28 AND DRUG, ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG, OR SUPERVISED
29 COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG IN ANOTHER STATE, TERRITORY, OR
30 JURISDICTION.

1 (B) IF THE APPLICANT IS CERTIFIED TO PRACTICE AS A PROFESSIONAL
2 COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG, THE BOARD MAY GRANT A WAIVER UNDER THIS
3 SECTION ONLY IF THE APPLICANT:

4 (1) IS CERTIFIED IN ANOTHER STATE, TERRITORY, OR JURISDICTION
5 THAT HAS REQUIREMENTS THAT EQUAL OR EXCEED THE REQUIREMENTS OF §
6 17-302.3 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

7 (2) SUBMITS AN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD ON A FORM THAT THE
8 BOARD REQUIRES; AND

9 (3) PAYS TO THE BOARD AN APPLICATION FEE SET BY THE BOARD.

10 (C) IF THE APPLICANT IS CERTIFIED TO PRACTICE AS AN ASSOCIATE
11 COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG, THE BOARD MAY GRANT A WAIVER UNDER THIS
12 SECTION ONLY IF THE APPLICANT:

13 (1) IS CERTIFIED IN ANOTHER STATE, TERRITORY, OR JURISDICTION
14 THAT HAS REQUIREMENTS THAT EQUAL OR EXCEED THE REQUIREMENTS OF §
15 17-302.4 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

16 (2) SUBMITS AN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD ON A FORM THAT THE
17 BOARD REQUIRES; AND

18 (3) PAYS TO THE BOARD AN APPLICATION FEE SET BY THE BOARD.

19 (D) IF THE APPLICANT IS CERTIFIED TO PRACTICE AS A SUPERVISED
20 COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG, THE BOARD MAY GRANT A WAIVER UNDER THIS
21 SECTION ONLY IF THE APPLICANT:

22 (1) IS CERTIFIED IN ANOTHER STATE, TERRITORY, OR JURISDICTION
23 THAT HAS REQUIREMENTS THAT EQUAL OR EXCEED THE REQUIREMENTS OF §
24 17-302.5 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

25 (2) SUBMITS AN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD ON A FORM THAT THE
26 BOARD REQUIRES; AND

27 (3) PAYS TO THE BOARD AN APPLICATION FEE SET BY THE BOARD.

28 (E) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

29 17-3A-03.1.

30 (A) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD MAY WAIVE
31 THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSING FOR AN APPLICANT WHO IS LICENSED TO
32 PRACTICE AS A CLINICAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR IN ANOTHER STATE,
33 TERRITORY, OR JURISDICTION ONLY IF THE APPLICANT:

34 (1) IS LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE, TERRITORY, OR JURISDICTION
35 THAT HAS REQUIREMENTS THAT EQUAL OR EXCEED THE REQUIREMENTS OF §
36 17-3A-02(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

1 (2) SUBMITS AN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD ON A FORM THAT THE
2 BOARD REQUIRES; AND

3 (3) PAYS TO THE BOARD AN APPLICATION FEE SET BY THE BOARD.

4 (B) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2006.