

HOUSE BILL 1098

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By: **Delegate Hubbard**

Introduced and read first time: February 14, 2007

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Professional Counselors and Therapists – Definition of Appraisal**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “appraisal” as it relates to the
4 certification or licensing of professional counselors and therapists by repealing a
5 certain provision that excludes selecting, administering, scoring, and
6 interpreting certain instruments unless a licensed or certified professional
7 counselor has completed certain training; and generally relating to the
8 definition of “appraisal” and the certification and licensing of professional
9 counselors and therapists.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Health Occupations
12 Section 17–101(c)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Health Occupations**

18 17–101.

19 (c) [(1)] “Appraisal” means:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 [(i)] (1) Selecting, administering, scoring, and interpreting
2 instruments designed to assess an individual's aptitudes, attitudes, abilities,
3 achievements, interests, and personal characteristics; and

4 [(ii)] (2) Using nonstandardized methods and techniques for
5 understanding human behavior in relation to coping with, adapting to, or changing life
6 situations.

7 [(2) "Appraisal" does not include instruments which require specialized
8 psychological training for administration and interpretation unless the licensed or
9 certified professional counselor has completed training deemed by the Board of
10 Examiners of Psychologists and the State Board of Professional Counselors and
11 Therapists to be equivalent to that of a licensed psychologist who is qualified to
12 administer the same types of instruments.]

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2007.