

SENATE BILL 866

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By: **Senator Conway**

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CHAPTER _____

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**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 17-101.

2 (c) ~~{(1)}~~ “Appraisal” means:

3 ~~{(i)}~~ ~~(1)~~ Selecting, administering, scoring, and interpreting
4 instruments designed to assess an individual’s aptitudes, attitudes, abilities,
5 achievements, interests, and personal characteristics; and

6 ~~{(ii)}~~ ~~(2)~~ Using nonstandardized methods and techniques for
7 understanding human behavior in relation to coping with, adapting to, or changing life
8 situations.

9 ~~{(2)}~~ “Appraisal” does not include instruments which require specialized
10 psychological training for administration and interpretation unless the licensed or
11 certified professional counselor has completed training ~~deemed by the Board of~~
12 ~~Examiners of Psychologists and the State Board of Professional Counselors and~~
13 ~~Therapists to be equivalent to that of a licensed psychologist who is qualified to~~
14 ~~administer the same types of instruments~~ **THAT INCLUDES:**

15 **(I) A DOCTORAL OR MASTERS DEGREE THAT INCLUDES A**
16 **MINIMUM OF NINE GRADUATE COURSES, AS VERIFIED TO THE BOARD ON THE**
17 **FORM THAT THE BOARD REQUIRES, OF AT LEAST 3 SEMESTER HOURS IN:**

- 18 **1. PSYCHOPATHOLOGY;**
- 19 **2. BIOLOGICAL BASES OF BEHAVIOR;**
- 20 **3. RESEARCH METHODS;**
- 21 **4. ADVANCED STATISTICS;**
- 22 **5. TESTS AND MEASURES;**
- 23 **6. INTELLECTUAL ASSESSMENT;**
- 24 **7. PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT;**
- 25 **8. ETHICS; AND**
- 26 **9. PRACTICUM IN PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING;**

1 **(II) COMPLETION OF 3,500 HOURS OF SUPERVISED**
 2 **EXPERIENCE COMPLETED OVER THE COURSE OF NO LESS THAN 2 YEARS**
 3 **FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF A MASTERS DEGREE, OF WHICH:**

4 **1. 1,000 HOURS MAY BE COMPLETED THROUGH**
 5 **FIELD EXPERIENCE; AND**

6 **2. A MINIMUM OF 100 HOURS SHALL INCLUDE**
 7 **FACE-TO-FACE SUPERVISION OF ASSESSMENT-RELATED ACTIVITIES WITH A**
 8 **SUPERVISOR PROFICIENT IN THE USE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS; AND**

9 **(III) PASSAGE OF A NATIONAL EXAMINATION UNLESS THE**
 10 **INDIVIDUAL HAS EARNED A DOCTORAL DEGREE IN AN AREA OF MENTAL HEALTH**
 11 **THAT INCLUDES THE COURSES SET FORTH IN ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.‡**

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.