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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 882
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Certified” insert “Professional”; in the same line, strike “Counselor” and substitute “, and Supervised Counselors”; in line 5, strike “an” and substitute “a professional”; in the same line, after “associate” insert “, or supervised”; in line 6, after the second “of” insert “clinically”; in line 7, strike “bachelor’s” and substitute “certain”; in line 8, after “certified” insert “professional”; in the same line, after “associate” insert “, and supervised”; in line 12, strike “17-302.4” and substitute “17-302.3, 17-302.4, and 17-302.5”; and after line 14, insert:

“BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 17-302.6

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 17, insert:

“17-302.3.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, to qualify as a certified professional counselor–alcohol and drug an applicant shall meet the requirements of § 17–302 of this subtitle.

(b) The applicant shall be of good moral character.

(c) The applicant shall be at least 18 years old.

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(d) (1) The applicant shall hold a master's or doctoral degree in a health and human services counseling field from an accredited educational institution that is approved by the Board or have completed a program of studies judged by the Board to be substantially equivalent in subject matter and extent of training as required under this section.

(2) The applicant shall have completed a minimum of 25 credit hours in alcohol and drug counselor training.

(3) The applicant shall have completed not less than 3 years with a minimum of 2,000 hours of **CLINICALLY** supervised experience in alcohol and drug counseling approved by the Board, 2 years of which shall have been completed after the award of the master's or doctoral degree or its substantial equivalent, **AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD.**

(4) In this subsection, "alcohol and drug counselor training" includes but is not limited to instruction in:

- (i) Medical aspects of chemical dependency;
- (ii) Group counseling;
- (iii) Individual counseling;
- (iv) Family counseling;
- (v) Assessment and treatment planning;
- (vi) Ethics for alcohol and drug counselors;
- (vii) Human development;

(viii) Abnormal psychology; and

(ix) Courses pertaining to counselor core functions of screening, intake, orientation, case management, crisis intervention, education and prevention, referral, consultation, reports and record keeping, and special alcohol and drug dependency topics.”;

and in line 19, strike “(A)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 2, after “of” insert “CLINICALLY”; after line 12, insert:

“17-302.5.

To qualify as a certified supervised counselor–alcohol and drug an applicant shall:

(1) Hold an associate’s degree in a health or human services counseling field or have completed a program of studies judged by the Board to be substantially equivalent in subject matter to such a program of studies;

(2) Have completed not less than 2 years, with a minimum of 2,000 hours of **CLINICALLY** supervised experience in alcohol and drug counseling approved by the Board, 1 year of which shall have been completed after the award of the associate’s degree;

(3) Have a minimum of 15 credit hours in alcohol and drug counselor training as defined in § 17–302.3(d)(4) of this subtitle; and

(4) Practice alcohol and drug counseling under the supervision of a certified professional counselor–alcohol and drug or another health care provider

(Over)

approved by the Board and provide alcohol and drug counseling as an employee of an agency or facility which is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations or that is certified under Title 8, Subtitle 4 of the Health – General Article.

17-302.6.”;

in line 13, strike “(B)”;

in the same line, after “APPLICANT” insert “**UNDER § 17-302.3, § 17-302.4, OR § 17-302.5 OF THIS SUBTITLE**”;

in line 14, strike “2 YEARS” and substitute “**THE REQUISITE AMOUNT**”;

in the same line, after “OF” insert “**CLINICALLY**”;

and in lines 15 and 17, in each instance strike “BACHELOR’S” and substitute “**REQUIRED**”;

in line 16, strike “UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION”;

and in line 17, after “YEARS” insert “**OF CLINICALLY SUPERVISED**”.