

HOUSE BILL 494

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By: **Delegate Hubbard**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2008

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Licensed Counselors and Therapists – Appraisal Activities – Training**
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “appraisal” relating to the use of certain
5 instruments by certain licensed counselors and therapists; authorizing certain
6 licensed counselors and therapists to engage in certain appraisal activities that
7 include the use of certain instruments if certain training has been completed;
8 and generally relating to appraisal activities and licensed counselors and
9 therapists.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Health Occupations
12 Section 17–101(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Health Occupations
17 Section 17–101(c)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

20 BY adding to
21 Article – Health Occupations
22 Section 17–3A–03.1
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article – Health Occupations**

2 17–101.

3 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

4 (c) (1) “Appraisal” means:

5 (i) Selecting, administering, scoring, and interpreting
6 instruments designed to assess an individual’s aptitudes, attitudes, abilities,
7 achievements, interests, and personal characteristics; and8 (ii) Using nonstandardized methods and techniques for
9 understanding human behavior in relation to coping with, adapting to, or changing life
10 situations.11 (2) “Appraisal” does not include instruments which require specialized
12 psychological training for administration and interpretation unless the licensed [or
13 certified professional] counselor **OR THERAPIST** has completed **THE** training [deemed
14 by the Board of Examiners of Psychologists and the State Board of Professional
15 Counselors and Therapists to be equivalent to that of a licensed psychologist who is
16 qualified to administer the same types of instruments] **REQUIRED UNDER §**
17 **17–3A–03.1 OF THIS TITLE.**18 **17–3A–03.1.**19 **A LICENSED COUNSELOR OR THERAPIST MAY ENGAGE IN APPRAISAL**
20 **ACTIVITIES THAT INCLUDE INSTRUMENTS THAT REQUIRE SPECIALIZED**
21 **PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAINING FOR ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATION IF**
22 **THE LICENSED COUNSELOR OR THERAPIST HAS COMPLETED TRAINING THAT**
23 **INCLUDES:**24 **(1) POSSESSION OF A DOCTORAL DEGREE IN AN AREA OF MENTAL**
25 **HEALTH THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING COURSES:**26 **(I) PSYCHOPATHOLOGY;**27 **(II) BIOLOGICAL BASES OF BEHAVIOR;**28 **(III) RESEARCH METHODS;**29 **(IV) ADVANCED STATISTICS;**30 **(V) TESTS AND MEASURES;**31 **(VI) INTELLECTUAL ASSESSMENT;**

- 1 **(VII) PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT;**
- 2 **(IX) ETHICS; AND**
- 3 **(X) PRACTICUM IN ADVANCED ASSESSMENT; OR**
- 4 **(2) (I) POSSESSION OF A DOCTORAL OR MASTER’S DEGREE IN**
5 **A COUNSELING OR RELATED FIELD;**
- 6 **(II) A MINIMUM OF NINE GRADUATE COURSES, AS VERIFIED**
7 **TO THE BOARD ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD REQUIRES, OF AT LEAST 3**
8 **SEMESTER HOURS IN EACH OF THE COURSES LISTED IN ITEM (1) OF THIS**
9 **SECTION;**
- 10 **(III) COMPLETION OF 500 HOURS OF FACE-TO-FACE,**
11 **CLIENT-RELATED, ADVANCED ASSESSMENT TESTING CONTACT THAT IS**
12 **COMPLETED NOT LESS THAN 2 YEARS FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE**
13 **MASTER’S DEGREE, OF WHICH A MINIMUM OF 100 HOURS SHALL INCLUDE**
14 **FACE-TO-FACE SUPERVISION OF ADVANCED ASSESSMENT RELATED ACTIVITIES**
15 **BY:**
 - 16 **1. A SUPERVISOR;**
 - 17 **2. A LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL; OR**
 - 18 **3. AN INDIVIDUAL PROFICIENT IN THE USE OF**
19 **ADVANCED ASSESSMENT TESTS, APPROVED BY THE BOARD; AND**
- 20 **(IV) PASSAGE OF A NATIONAL EXAMINATION THAT**
21 **INCLUDES ITEMS ON ADVANCED ASSESSMENT THAT EVALUATE KNOWLEDGE OF**
22 **ADVANCED ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2008.