

HOUSE BILL 494

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By: ~~Delegate Hubbard~~ **Delegates Hubbard, V. Turner, Donoghue, Montgomery, and Pena-Melnyk**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2008

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

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~~ repealing a certain
6 requirement that the Board of Examiners of Psychologists and the State Board
7 of Professional Counselors and Therapists jointly approve certain training for
8 licensed counselors and therapists; authorizing certain licensed counselors and
9 therapists to engage in certain appraisal activities that include the use of
10 certain instruments if certain training has been completed; and generally
11 relating to appraisal activities and licensed counselors and therapists.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Health Occupations
14 Section 17–101(a)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article – Health Occupations
19 Section 17–101(c)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

22 BY adding to

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 Article – Health Occupations
2 Section 17–3A–03.1
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

7 **Article – Health Occupations**

8 17–101.

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

10 (c) (1) “Appraisal” means:

11 (i) Selecting, administering, scoring, and interpreting
12 instruments designed to assess an individual’s aptitudes, attitudes, abilities,
13 achievements, interests, and personal characteristics; and

14 (ii) Using nonstandardized methods and techniques for
15 understanding human behavior in relation to coping with, adapting to, or changing life
16 situations.

17 (2) “Appraisal” does not include instruments which require specialized
18 psychological training for administration and interpretation unless the licensed [or
19 certified professional] counselor **OR THERAPIST** has completed **THE** training [deemed
20 by the Board of Examiners of Psychologists and the State Board of Professional
21 Counselors and Therapists to be equivalent to that of a licensed psychologist who is
22 qualified to administer the same types of instruments] **REQUIRED UNDER §**
23 **17–3A–03.1 OF THIS TITLE.**

24 **17–3A–03.1.**

25 **A LICENSED COUNSELOR OR THERAPIST MAY ENGAGE IN APPRAISAL**
26 **ACTIVITIES THAT INCLUDE INSTRUMENTS THAT REQUIRE SPECIALIZED**
27 **PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAINING FOR ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATION IF**
28 **THE LICENSED COUNSELOR OR THERAPIST HAS COMPLETED TRAINING THAT**
29 **INCLUDES:**

30 **(1) POSSESSION OF A DOCTORAL OR MASTER’S DEGREE IN ~~AN~~**
31 **AREA OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING OR A RELATED FIELD THAT INCLUDES A**
32 **MINIMUM OF 9 GRADUATE COURSES OF AT LEAST 3 SEMESTER HOURS IN EACH**
33 **OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:**

34 **(I) PSYCHOPATHOLOGY;**

1 (II) BIOLOGICAL BASES OF BEHAVIOR;

2 (III) RESEARCH METHODS;

3 (IV) ADVANCED STATISTICS;

4 (V) TESTS AND MEASURES;

5 (VI) INTELLECTUAL ASSESSMENT;

6 (VII) PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT;

7 ~~(IX)~~ (VIII) ETHICS; AND

8 ~~(X)~~ (IX) PRACTICUM IN ADVANCED ASSESSMENT; OR

9 ~~(2)~~ (I) ~~POSSESSION OF A DOCTORAL OR MASTER'S DEGREE IN~~
10 ~~A COUNSELING OR RELATED FIELD;~~

11 ~~(II)~~ ~~A MINIMUM OF NINE GRADUATE COURSES, AS VERIFIED~~
12 ~~TO THE BOARD ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD REQUIRES, OF AT LEAST 3~~
13 ~~SEMESTER HOURS IN EACH OF THE COURSES LISTED IN ITEM (1) OF THIS~~
14 ~~SECTION;~~

15 ~~(III)~~ (2) COMPLETION OF 500 HOURS OF ~~FACE-TO-FACE~~
16 ~~SUPERVISED, DIRECT, CLIENT-RELATED, ADVANCED ASSESSMENT TESTING~~
17 ~~CONTACT~~ THAT IS COMPLETED NOT LESS THAN 2 YEARS FOLLOWING THE
18 COMPLETION OF THE MASTER'S DEGREE, OF WHICH A MINIMUM OF 100 HOURS
19 SHALL INCLUDE FACE-TO-FACE SUPERVISION ~~OF ADVANCED ASSESSMENT~~
20 ~~RELATED ACTIVITIES~~ BY A SUPERVISOR WHO IS:

21 1. A SUPERVISOR;

22 2. (I) A LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL; OR

23 3. (II) ~~AN INDIVIDUAL PROFICIENT~~ PROFICIENT IN THE
24 USE OF ADVANCED ASSESSMENT TESTS, ~~APPROVED;~~ AND

25 (III) APPROVED BY THE BOARD; AND

26 ~~(IV)~~ (3) PASSAGE OF A NATIONAL EXAMINATION THAT
27 INCLUDES ITEMS ON ADVANCED ASSESSMENT THAT EVALUATE KNOWLEDGE OF
28 ADVANCED ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.