

HOUSE BILL 1009

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By: **Delegate Hubbard**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists – Alcohol and Drug**
3 **Counselor Trainees – Registry and Code of Ethics Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Professional Counselors and
5 Therapists to maintain a certain registry of certain trainees; requiring the
6 Board to adopt a certain code of ethics for certain trainees; and generally
7 relating to maintaining a registry of and adopting a code of ethics for
8 individuals working as trainees under the supervision of approved alcohol and
9 drug counselor supervisors.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Health Occupations
12 Section 17–205(b)(1) and (3)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article – Health Occupations
17 Section 17–406(b)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

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 17–205.

3 (b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board shall:

4 (1) Maintain a registry of all counselors or therapists currently
5 licensed or certified by the Board **AND ALL INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY WORKING AS**
6 **TRAINEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 17–406(B) OF THIS TITLE;**7 (3) Adopt a code of ethics that the Board considers to be appropriate
8 and applicable to the counselors or therapists currently certified or licensed by the
9 Board **AND THE INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY WORKING AS TRAINEES IN**
10 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 17–406(B) OF THIS TITLE;**

11 17–406.

12 (b) (1) An individual may practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling
13 without a license for a limited period of time, as determined by the Board, if the
14 individual is working as a trainee under the supervision of an approved alcohol and
15 drug supervisor while fulfilling the experiential or course of study requirements under
16 § 17–302 of this title or § 17–402, § 17–403, or § 17–404 of this subtitle.17 (2) An individual may practice alcohol and drug counseling without
18 certification for a limited period of time, as determined by the Board, if the individual
19 is working as a trainee under the supervision of an approved alcohol and drug
20 supervisor while fulfilling the experiential or course of study requirements under §
21 17–302 of this title or § 17–402, § 17–403, or § 17–404 of this subtitle.22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2012.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.