

## Chapter 696

### (House Bill 1009)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Article – Health Occupations**

17–205.

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

(1) Maintain a registry of all counselors or therapists currently licensed or certified by the Board **AND ALL INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY WORKING AS TRAINEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 17–406(B) OF THIS TITLE;**

(3) Adopt a code of ethics that the Board considers to be appropriate and applicable to the counselors or therapists currently certified or licensed by the Board **AND THE INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY WORKING AS TRAINEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 17–406(B) OF THIS TITLE;**

17-406.

(b) (1) An individual may practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling without a license for a limited period of time, as determined by the Board, if the individual is working as a trainee under the supervision of an approved alcohol and drug supervisor while fulfilling the experiential or course of study requirements under § 17-302 of this title or § 17-402, § 17-403, or § 17-404 of this subtitle.

(2) An individual may practice alcohol and drug counseling without certification for a limited period of time, as determined by the Board, if the individual is working as a trainee under the supervision of an approved alcohol and drug supervisor while fulfilling the experiential or course of study requirements under § 17-302 of this title or § 17-402, § 17-403, or § 17-404 of this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

**Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2012.**