HOUSE BILL 694

K1 3lr2018 HB 1164/22 - ECM By: Delegates Boafo, Grossman, and McCaskill Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2023 Assigned to: Economic Matters Committee Report: Favorable House action: Adopted Read second time: March 6, 2023 CHAPTER AN ACT concerning Labor and Employment - Workers' Compensation - Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical FOR the purpose of authorizing a licensed certified social worker-clinical to register as a rehabilitation practitioner; authorizing a licensed certified social worker-clinical to provide evaluation services for workers' compensation claims related to permanent impairments involving a behavioral or mental disorder; and generally relating to licensed certified social workers-clinical and workers' compensation. BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Labor and Employment Section 9–6A–01(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement) BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Labor and Employment Section 9–6A–01(d), 9–6A–04(c), 9–6A–09, and 9–721(c) Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article - Labor and Employment

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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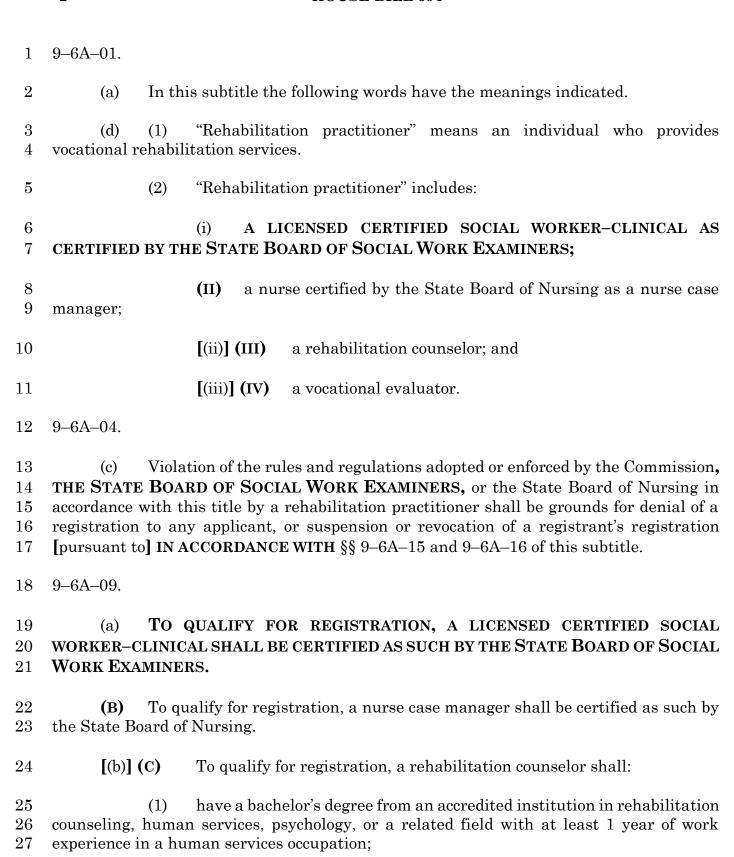
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28 (2) have a master's or doctoral degree in rehabilitation counseling, human services, psychology, education, or a related field; or

- 1 (3) be a certified rehabilitation counselor, certified vocational evaluator, 2 certified disability management specialist, hold an equivalent national certification that is 3 acceptable to the Commission, or have met all of the education and experience 4 requirements to be eligible to be certified.
 - [(c)] **(D)** To qualify for registration, a vocational evaluator shall:
- 6 (1) have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in vocational 7 evaluation, rehabilitation psychology, human services, education, or a related field with 1 8 year of work experience in that field;
- 9 (2) have a master's or doctoral degree in rehabilitation, vocational evaluation, psychology, human services, education, or a related field; or
- 11 (3) be certified or have met all of the educational and experience 12 requirements to be eligible to be certified in vocational evaluation by the Commission on 13 certification of work adjustment and vocational evaluation specialists, or have met all of 14 the education and experience requirements to be eligible for certification.
- 15 [(d)] (E) In addition to the requirements of subsections [(b)] (C) and [(c)] (D) of this section:
- 17 (1) a rehabilitation counselor who has met the education requirements 18 under subsection **[(b)(1)] (C)(1)** or (2) of this section to qualify for registration shall work 19 under the administrative supervision of a certified rehabilitation counselor, certified 20 vocational evaluator, certified disability management specialist, certified case manager, or 21 certified rehabilitation registered nurse; and
- 22 (2) a vocational evaluator who has met the education requirements under 23 subsection [(c)(1)] (D)(1) or (2) of this section shall work under the administrative 24 supervision of a certified vocational evaluator, certified rehabilitation counselor, certified 25 disability management specialist, certified case manager, or certified rehabilitation 26 registered nurse.
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- 28 (c) If a permanent impairment involves a behavioral or mental disorder, a licensed psychologist, LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER-CLINICAL, or qualified 30 physician shall:
- 31 (1) perform an evaluation of only the mental or behavioral portion of the 32 permanent impairment; and
- 33 (2) report the evaluation to the Commission in accordance with the 34 regulations of the Commission.
- 35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

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Approved:	
	Governor.
	Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.