

CHAPTER 58

(House Bill 868)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors (Board) in accordance with the Program Evaluation Act by extending to a certain date the termination provision relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board and the regulation of professional counselors; authorizing the Board to set certain fees; requiring the examination to include a certain portion; requiring certain persons to complete a certain examination by a certain date; ~~limiting the number prohibiting the use~~ of home study hours ~~that may be counted~~ towards completion of certain continuing education requirements; ~~providing a certain exception~~; and generally relating to the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors and the regulation of professional counselors.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 17-206(b), 17-304, 17-306, 17-309, and 17-502

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

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

Article - Health Occupations

17-206.

(b) (1) The Board may set reasonable fees for the issuance and renewal of certificates and its other services, INCLUDING THE MAINTENANCE OF LETTERS OF INTENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF § 17-306 OF THIS TITLE.

(2) The fees charged shall be set to produce funds so as to approximate the cost of maintaining the Board.

(3) Funds to cover the expenses of the Board members shall be generated by fees set under this section.

17-304.

(a) An applicant who otherwise qualifies for a certificate is entitled to be examined as provided in this section.

(b) The Board shall give examinations to applicants at least twice a year, at the times and places that the Board determines.

(c) The Board shall notify each qualified applicant of the time and place of examination.