

SECTION 2, ~~3~~, 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That ~~Section 1~~ of Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

SECTION 4, 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section ~~2~~ 3 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved May 23, 1996.

CHAPTER 577

(House Bill 394)

AN ACT concerning

**State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors – ~~Drug and Alcohol Therapists~~
Alcohol and Drug Counselors – Certification**

FOR the purpose of certifying certain counselors who provide ~~drug and alcohol therapy~~ alcohol and drug counseling; establishing certain qualifications for certification of counselors who provide ~~drug and alcohol therapy~~ alcohol and drug counseling; restricting the use of certain titles and initials; altering the membership of the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors; authorizing the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors to waive examination requirements for certain applicants and to waive certification requirements for certain individuals; *defining certain terms; repealing a certain provision of law that exempts the employment related activities and services of certain individuals from the Maryland Psychologists Act; providing for the effective dates of this Act; providing for the construction of this Act; defining certain terms;* and generally relating to the certification of counselors who provide ~~drug and alcohol therapy~~ alcohol and drug counseling.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 17-101, 17-202, 17-205, 17-301, 17-302(d)(4), 17-305, 17-306, 17-308, and 17-401

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 17-302.3 ~~through 17-302.5~~ and ~~17-302.4 through 17-302.5~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 18-102

Annotated Code of Maryland