

an additional and alternative authority for borrowing money and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred upon the County by other laws and shall not be regarded as in derogation of any power now existing; and all Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland heretofore passed authorizing the County to borrow money are hereby continued to the extent that the powers contained in such Acts have not been exercised, and nothing contained in this Act may be construed to impair, in any way, the validity of any bonds that may have been issued by the County under the authority of any said Acts, and the validity of the bonds is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved. This Act, being necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of St. Mary's County, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.

CHAPTER 461

(House Bill 622)

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – Alcohol and Drug Counselors – Certification

FOR the purpose of providing for a certain certified counselor to be appointed by the Governor to serve as an advisor to the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors; altering certain qualifications for certification as a certified associate counselor–alcohol and drug; altering certain qualifications for the waiver of certain requirements for certification as a certified professional counselor–alcohol and drug, certified associate counselor–alcohol and drug, and certified supervised counselor–alcohol and drug; correcting certain erroneous titles; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the qualifications for certification as an alcohol and drug counselor.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 17-202(e), (f), and (g), 17-302.4, and 17-306(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 577 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996

Section 2

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