

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

Article - Transportation

15-705.

(a) After the Administration notifies an applicant of the approval of an application and before the Administration issues a license, the applicant shall file with the Administration a surety bond in the form and with the surety that the Administration approves.

(b) The amount of the surety bond shall be [\$20,000] \$40,000.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved May 13, 1999.

CHAPTER 437

(House Bill 621)

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations - Professional Counselors - Licensing and Certification

FOR the purpose of altering certain requirements for the licensing of clinical professional counselors, clinical marriage and family therapists, and clinical alcohol and drug counselors; altering the membership and authority of the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors (Board); altering certain requirements for when the Board may take action against certain individuals; altering certain definitions; establishing certain examination requirements; authorizing the Board to ~~deny, suspend, revoke,~~ deny a license to certain applicants, reprimand certain licensees, suspend or revoke the license of certain licensees, or place on probation certain ~~licenses~~ licensees and certificate holders; providing certain exemptions to certain licensing requirements; requiring certain licensees to display a license in a certain manner and place; requiring certain licensees to notify the Board of any change in address; requiring certain licensees to provide a certain professional disclosure statement to a client under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to reduce the period of probation of certain certificate holders under certain circumstances; making certain stylistic and conforming changes; and generally relating to the licensing of clinical professional counselors, clinical marriage and family therapists, and clinical alcohol and drug counselors in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 17-202, 17-205, 17-206(b), ~~and~~ 17-311, 17-312, 17-313, 17-316, 17-3A-01, and 17-3A-11(a)