

**CHAPTER 132**

**(House Bill 768)**

AN ACT concerning

**Professional Counselors - Licensing**

FOR the purpose of establishing requirements for the licensing of clinical professional counselors, clinical marriage and family therapists, and clinical alcohol and drug counselors; requiring the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors (Board) to waive certain requirements for licensing of certain individuals under specified circumstances; requiring the Board to issue certain licenses; authorizing certain individuals to render certain diagnoses; establishing requirements for the renewal of certain licenses; establishing certain prohibitions and conditions relating to the surrender of certain licenses; prohibiting certain individuals from engaging in certain actions or making certain representations in the State or using certain titles unless licensed by the Board; establishing certain criminal penalties; defining certain terms; altering a certain definition; mandating the development of certain regulations between the Board and the Board of Examiners of Psychologists; 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 - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 9-109.1(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 9-109.1(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 17-101(c), 17-202, and 17-205(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY adding to .

Article - Health Occupations

Section 17-3A-01 through 17-3A-11, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 3A. Licensing"

Annotated Code of Maryland