

CHAPTER 505

(House Bill 459)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists – Sunset Extension and Revisions

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before a certain date; increasing the number of members on the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists; requiring a certain number of members to be professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, and alcohol and drug counselors; repealing a requirement that certain licensed professional counselor board members be employed in certain areas; repealing the position of drug and alcohol counselor advisor to the Board; requiring a marriage and family therapist or an alcohol and drug counselor board member to vote before certain action is taken against certain professional counselors; prohibiting certain individuals from practicing clinical alcohol and drug counseling, marriage and family therapy, or professional counseling unless they are licensed by the Board; providing for certain exemptions from licensing requirements; establishing certain qualifications for the licensure of clinical alcohol and drug counselors, clinical marriage and family therapists, and clinical professional counselors; establishing certain requirements for applications for licensure, certification, and examination of applicants; authorizing the Board to waive certain requirements for licensure or certification under certain circumstances; establishing procedures for the issuance of licenses and certificates; requiring licenses and certificates to include certain information; authorizing the Board to replace certain licenses or certificates under certain circumstances; providing for the scope of certain licenses and certificates; providing for the terms and renewal of certain licenses and certificates; requiring the Board to place certain licensees or certificate holders on inactive status under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Board from placing certain certificates on inactive status; authorizing the Board to reinstate certain licenses or certain certificates under certain circumstances; prohibiting the reinstatement of certain certificates; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations to allow certain individuals to practice under supervision as licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselors, marriage and family therapists, and professional counselors; establishing qualifications for licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselors, marriage and family therapists, and professional counselors; prohibiting the practice of