

(IV) AS OF JULY 1, 2001, WAS CERTIFIED AS A CERTIFIED ALCOHOLISM COUNSELOR, CERTIFIED DRUG COUNSELOR, OR HIGHER, BY THE MARYLAND ADDICTION COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION BOARD, ANOTHER STATE, THE CERTIFICATION COMMISSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS, OR THE INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION RECIPROCITY CONSORTIUM, OR WAS EMPLOYED IN THE CAPACITY OF AN ADDICTION COUNSELOR II OR III, OR ITS EQUIVALENT, OR HIGHER, IN AN AGENCY OR FACILITY ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON THE ACCREDITATION OF HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS OR CERTIFIED UNDER TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

~~(a) The term of the professional counselor member of the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists whose term is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2009, shall terminate at the end of June 30, 2009, at which time no successors shall be appointed.~~

~~(b)~~ (a) The Governor shall appoint two alcohol and drug counselor members and ~~one~~ two marriage and family therapist ~~member~~ members in accordance with § 17-202 of the Health Occupations Article, as enacted by Section 5 of this Act. These members shall serve a term of 4 years which shall begin on July 1, 2009, and the members shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

~~(c)~~ (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 17-202 of the Health Occupations Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act, the term of the certified associate counselor-alcohol and drug or certified supervised counselor-alcohol and drug advisor to the Board appointed by the Governor on or before October 1, 2008, shall terminate at the end of June 30, 2009.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) On or before October 1, 2010, the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists shall submit, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee an interim report on Board's actions concerning the recommendations contained in the sunset review report of the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists published by the Department of Legislative Services in October 2007.

(b) The interim report shall include an explanation of:

(1) the results of the Board's review of the certification structure for alcohol and drug counselors to determine whether the current three-tiered structure