

representing oneself to be a certified professional counselor-marriage and family therapist.

[(n)] (X) "Practice professional counseling" means to engage professionally and for compensation in counseling and appraisal activities while representing oneself to be a CERTIFIED professional counselor.

17-102.

(a) The General Assembly finds that the profession of counseling AND THERAPY profoundly affects the lives and health of the people of this State.

(b) The purpose of this title is to protect the public by:

(1) Setting qualifications, education, training, and experience standards for [professional] counselors AND THERAPISTS; and

(2) Promoting high professional standards for the practice of counseling AND THERAPY.

17-103.

This title does not limit the right of an individual to practice a health occupation that the individual is authorized to practice under this article.

[17-104.

(a) A certificate to practice professional counseling authorizes the certificate holder to practice professional counseling while the certificate is effective.

(b) A certificate to practice marriage and family therapy authorizes the certificate holder to practice marriage and family therapy while the certificate is effective.]

17-201.

There is a State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists.

17-202.

(a) (1) The Board consists of [nine] ~~11~~ 13 members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary.

(2) Of the [nine] ~~11~~ 13 Board members: