

~~{2}--THE-DIAGNOSTIC-AND-STATISTICAL-MANUAL--OF--MENTAL DISORDERS-~~

~~{1} (G) "PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING" MEANS TO ENGAGE PROFESSIONALLY AND FOR COMPENSATION IN COUNSELING AND APPRAISAL ACTIVITIES WHILE REPRESENTING ONESELF TO BE A PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR.~~

~~{2} (H) "PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR" INCLUDES ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO PRACTICES PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING.~~

15.5-102.

(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT THE PROFESSION OF COUNSELING 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

(2) PROMOTING HIGH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE OF COUNSELING.

15.5-103.

THIS TITLE DOES NOT:

(1) LIMIT THE RIGHT OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO PRACTICE A HEALTH OCCUPATION THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE UNDER THIS ARTICLE; OR

(2) PROHIBIT OR AUTHORIZE THE PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING.

SUBTITLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS.

15.5-201.

THERE IS A STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS.

15.5-202.

(A) (1) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF 6 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE OF THE SECRETARY ~~AND-THE-ADVICE-AND-CONSENT-OF-THE-SENATE.~~

(2) OF THE 6 BOARD MEMBERS:

(1) 5 SHALL BE CERTIFIED AS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS OR PERSONS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE CERTIFIED UNDER THIS TITLE, INCLUDING: