

CHAPTER 576

(Senate Bill 340)

AN ACT concerning

**State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors – ~~Drug and Alcohol Therapists~~
Alcohol and Drug Counselors – Certification**

FOR the purpose of certifying certain counselors who provide ~~drug and alcohol therapy~~ alcohol and drug counseling; establishing certain qualifications for certification of counselors who provide ~~drug and alcohol therapy~~ alcohol and drug counseling; restricting the use of certain titles and initials; altering the membership of the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors; authorizing the State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors to waive examination requirements for certain applicants and to waive certification requirements for certain individuals; defining certain terms; repealing a certain provision of law that exempts the employment related activities and services of certain individuals from the Maryland Psychologists Act; providing for the effective dates of this Act; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to the certification of counselors who provide ~~drug and alcohol therapy~~ alcohol and drug counseling.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 17-101, 17-202, 17-205, 17-301, 17-302(d)(4), 17-305, 17-306, 17-308, and 17-401

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 17-302.3 through 17-302.5

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 18-102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter 598 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: