

[(i)] (1) May not appeal to the Board of Review; but

[(ii)](2) May take a direct judicial appeal[.

(2) The appeal shall be made as provided for judicial review of final decisions] AS PROVIDED in Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.

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For reasons the Board considers sufficient, and on the affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, the Board may:

- (1) Reinstate a ~~{certificate}~~LICENSE that has been revoked;
- (2) Reduce the period of a suspension; or
- (3) Withdraw a reprimand.

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(a) In this section, "professional counselor rehabilitation committee" means a committee that:

- (1) Is defined in subsection (b) of this section; and
- (2) Performs any of the functions listed in subsection (d) of this section.

(b) For purposes of this section, a professional counselor rehabilitation committee is a committee of the Board or a committee of any association or associations representing LICENSED professional counselors ~~OR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS - MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS~~ that:

- (1) Is recognized by the Board; and
- (2) Includes but is not limited to LICENSED professional counselors ~~OR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS - MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS~~.

(c) A rehabilitation committee of the Board or recognized by the Board may function:

- (1) Solely for the Board; or
- (2) Jointly with a rehabilitation committee representing another board or boards.

(d) For purposes of this section, a professional counselor rehabilitation committee evaluates and provides assistance to any LICENSED professional counselor, and any other individual regulated by the Board, in need of treatment and rehabilitation for alcoholism, drug abuse, chemical dependency, or other physical, emotional, or mental condition.

(e) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the proceedings, records, and files of the professional counselor rehabilitation committee are not discoverable and are not admissible in evidence in any civil action arising out of the matters that are being or have been reviewed and evaluated by the professional counselor rehabilitation committee.