

HB3257



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB3257

Introduced 2/24/2009, by Rep. Tom Cross

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 107/30

from Ch. 111, par. 8451-30

Amends the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Professional Counselor Examining and Disciplinary Board.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Professional Counselor and Clinical
5 Professional Counselor Licensing Act is amended by changing
6 Section 30 as follows:

7 (225 ILCS 107/30) (from Ch. 111, par. 8451-30)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)

9 Sec. 30. Professional Counselor Examining and Disciplinary
10 Board.

11 (a) The ~~The~~ Director shall appoint a Board which shall
12 serve in an advisory capacity to the Director. The Board shall
13 consist of 7 persons, 2 of whom are licensed solely as
14 professional counselors, 3 of whom are licensed solely as
15 clinical professional counselors, one full-time faculty member
16 of an accredited college or university that is engaged in
17 training professional counselors or clinical professional
18 counselors who possesses the qualifications substantially
19 equivalent to the education and experience requirements for a
20 professional counselor or clinical professional counselor, and
21 one member of the public who is not a licensed health care
22 provider. In appointing members of the Board, the Director
23 shall give due consideration to the adequate representation of

1 the various fields of counseling. In appointing members of the
2 Board, the Director shall give due consideration to
3 recommendations by members of the professions of professional
4 counseling and clinical professional counseling, the Statewide
5 organizations representing the interests of professional
6 counselors and clinical professional counselors, organizations
7 representing the interests of academic programs,
8 rehabilitation counseling programs, and approved counseling
9 programs in the State of Illinois.

10 (b) Members shall be appointed for and shall serve 4 year
11 terms and until their successors are appointed and qualified,
12 except that of the initial appointments 2 members shall be
13 appointed to serve for 2 years, 2 shall be appointed to serve
14 for 3 years, and the remaining shall be appointed to serve for
15 4 years and until their successors are appointed and qualified.
16 No member shall be reappointed to the Board for a term that
17 would cause continuous service on the Board to be longer than 8
18 years. Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the
19 unexpired portion of the term.

20 (c) The membership of the Board should reasonably reflect
21 representation from different geographic areas of Illinois.

22 (d) Any member appointed to fill a vacancy shall be
23 eligible for reappointment to only one full term.

24 (e) The Director may remove any member for cause at any
25 time prior to the expiration of his or her term.

26 (f) The Board shall annually elect one of its members as

1 chairperson.

2 (g) The members of the Board shall be reimbursed for all
3 legitimate, necessary, and authorized expenses incurred in
4 attending the meetings of the Board.

5 (h) The Board may make recommendations on matters relating
6 to approving graduate counseling, rehabilitation counseling,
7 psychology, and related programs.

8 (i) The Board may make recommendations on matters relating
9 to continuing education including the number of hours necessary
10 for license renewal, waivers for those unable to meet such
11 requirements, and acceptable course content. These
12 recommendations shall not impose an undue burden on the
13 Department or an unreasonable restriction on those seeking
14 license renewal.

15 (j) The Director shall give due consideration to all
16 recommendations of the Board.

17 (k) A majority of the Board members currently appointed
18 shall constitute a quorum. A vacancy in the membership of the
19 Board shall not impair the right of a quorum to perform all of
20 the duties of the Board.

21 (l) Members of the Board shall have no criminal, civil, or
22 professional liability in an action based upon a disciplinary
23 proceeding or other activity performed in good faith as a
24 member of the Board, except for willful or wanton misconduct.

25 (Source: P.A. 92-719, eff. 7-25-02.)