

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB3172

Introduced 2/22/2005, 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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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 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- 8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)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.
- (a) The The Director shall appoint a Board which shall 11 serve in an advisory capacity to the Director. The Board shall 12 consist of 7 persons, 2 of whom are licensed solely as 13 professional counselors, 3 of whom are licensed solely as 14 15 clinical professional counselors, one full-time faculty member of an accredited college or university that is engaged in 16 17 training professional counselors or clinical professional 18 counselors who possesses the qualifications substantially 19 equivalent to the education and experience requirements for a professional counselor or clinical professional counselor, and 20 one member of the public who is not a licensed health care 21 22 provider. In appointing members of the Board, the Director 23 shall give due consideration to the adequate representation of the various fields of counseling. In appointing members of the 24 25 Director shall give due consideration Board, the 26 recommendations by members of the professions of professional counseling and clinical professional counseling, the Statewide 27 28 organizations representing the interests of professional 29 counselors and clinical professional counselors, organizations 30 representing the interests of academic rehabilitation counseling programs, and approved counseling 31 programs in the State of Illinois. 32

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- 1 (b) Members shall be appointed for and shall serve 4 year 2 terms and until their successors are appointed and qualified, except that of the initial appointments 2 members shall be 3 appointed to serve for 2 years, 2 shall be appointed to serve 4 5 for 3 years, and the remaining shall be appointed to serve for 6 4 years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. No member shall be reappointed to the Board for a term that 7 would cause continuous service on the Board to be longer than 8 8 9 years. Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the 10 unexpired portion of the term.
- 11 (c) The membership of the Board should reasonably reflect 12 representation from different geographic areas of Illinois.
 - (d) Any member appointed to fill a vacancy shall be eligible for reappointment to only one full term.
- 15 (e) The Director may remove any member for cause at any 16 time prior to the expiration of his or her term.
- 17 (f) The Board shall annually elect one of its members as chairperson.
 - (g) The members of the Board shall be reimbursed for all legitimate, necessary, and authorized expenses incurred in attending the meetings of the Board.
 - (h) The Board may make recommendations on matters relating to approving graduate counseling, rehabilitation counseling, psychology, and related programs.
- (i) The Board may make recommendations on matters relating 25 26 to continuing education including the number of hours necessary 27 for license renewal, waivers for those unable to meet such 28 requirements, and acceptable course content. 29 recommendations shall not impose an undue burden on the 30 Department or an unreasonable restriction on those seeking 31 license renewal.
- (j) The Director shall give due consideration to all recommendations of the Board.
 - (k) A majority of the Board members currently appointed shall constitute a quorum. A vacancy in the membership of the Board shall not impair the right of a quorum to perform all of

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- the duties of the Board.
- 2 (1) Members of the Board shall have no criminal, civil, or
- 3 professional liability in an action based upon a disciplinary
- 4 proceeding or other activity performed in good faith as a
- 5 member of the Board, except for willful or wanton misconduct.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 92-719, eff. 7-25-02.)