

HB3530



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB3530

by Rep. Robert Rita

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 107/30

from Ch. 111, par. 8451-30

Amends the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice 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 and Practice Act is amended by
6 changing Section 30 as follows:

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

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2023)

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

11 (a) The ~~The~~ Secretary shall appoint a Board which shall
12 serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary. 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 Secretary
23 shall give due consideration to the adequate representation of

1 the various fields of counseling. In appointing members of the
2 Board, the Secretary 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 No member of the Board shall serve more than 2 full consecutive
13 terms. Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the
14 unexpired portion of the term.

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

17 (d) (Blank).

18 (e) The Secretary shall have the authority to remove or
19 suspend any member for cause at any time prior to the
20 expiration of his or her term. The Secretary shall be the sole
21 arbiter of cause.

22 (f) The Board shall annually elect one of its members as
23 chairperson.

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

1 (h) The Board may make recommendations on matters relating
2 to approving graduate counseling, rehabilitation counseling,
3 psychology, and related programs.

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

11 (j) The Secretary shall give due consideration to all
12 recommendations of the Board.

13 (k) Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. A
14 quorum is required for all Board decisions.

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

19 (Source: P.A. 97-706, eff. 6-25-12; revised 10-27-16.)