

**HB5626**



**95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2007 and 2008**

**HB5626**

by Rep. Elizabeth Coulson

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8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)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