



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 175

LCO No. 4250

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (c) of section 20-195bb of the general statutes is repealed
2 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (c) No license as a professional counselor shall be required of the
4 following: (1) A person who furnishes uncompensated assistance in an
5 emergency; (2) a clergyman, priest, minister, rabbi or practitioner of
6 any religious denomination accredited by the religious body to which
7 the person belongs and settled in the work of the ministry, provided
8 the activities that would otherwise require a license as a professional
9 counselor are within the scope of ministerial duties; (3) a sexual assault
10 counselor, as defined in section 52-146k; (4) a person participating in
11 uncompensated group or individual counseling, including, but not
12 limited to, a person who furnishes such uncompensated counseling as
13 a volunteer for a charitable organization, regardless of whether the
14 charitable organization receives any form of donation at the time of or
15 subsequent to such counseling; (5) a person licensed or certified by any
16 agency of this state and performing services within the scope of

17 practice for which licensed or certified; (6) a student, intern or trainee
18 pursuing a course of study in counseling in a regionally accredited
19 institution of higher education, provided the activities that would
20 otherwise require a license as a professional counselor are performed
21 under supervision and constitute a part of a supervised course of
22 study; (7) a person employed by an institution of higher education to
23 provide academic counseling in conjunction with the institution's
24 programs and services; or (8) a vocational rehabilitation counselor, job
25 counselor, credit counselor, consumer counselor or any other
26 counselor or psychoanalyst who does not purport to be a counselor
27 whose primary service is the application of established principles of
28 psycho-social development and behavioral science to the evaluation,
29 assessment, analysis and treatment of emotional, behavioral or
30 interpersonal dysfunction or difficulties that interfere with mental
31 health and human development.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that a license as a professional counselor shall not be required in the case of unpaid counselors who volunteer at charitable nonprofit organizations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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