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Public Act No. 11-228

AN ACT CONCERNING MISREPRESENTATION AS A BOARD CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Behavior Analyst Certification Board" means the nonprofit corporation established to meet the professional credentialing needs of behavior analysts, governments and consumers of behavior analysis services and accredited by the National Council for Certifying Agencies in Washington, D.C., or any successor national accreditation organization;

(2) "Board certified behavior analyst (BCBA)" means a person who has been certified as a behavior analyst by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board; and

(3) "Board certified assistant behavior analyst (BCABA)" means a person who has been certified as an assistant behavior analyst by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board.

(b) No person, unless certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board as a board certified behavior analyst or a board certified

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assistant behavior analyst, shall use in connection with his or her name or place of business: (1) The words "board certified behavior analyst", "certified behavior analyst", "board certified assistant behavior analyst" or "certified assistant behavior analyst", (2) the letters, "BCBA" or "BCABA", or (3) any words, letters, abbreviations or insignia indicating or implying that he or she is a board certified behavior analyst or board certified assistant behavior analyst or in any way, orally, in writing, in print or by sign, directly or by implication, represent himself or herself as a board certified behavior analyst or board certified assistant behavior analyst. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both. For the purposes of this section, each instance of contact or consultation with an individual which is in violation of any provision of this section shall constitute a separate offense.

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