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Committee Bill No. 799

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING MISREPRESENTATION AS A BOARD
CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) As used in this section
2 and sections 10-76ii and 38a-514b of the general statutes:

3 (1) "Behavior Analyst Certification Board" means the nonprofit
4 corporation established and accredited to meet the professional
5 credentialing needs of behavior analysts, governments and consumers
6 of behavior analysis services;

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

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

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To protect consumers from persons who fraudulently claim to be board certified behavior analysts or board certified assistant behavior analysts.

[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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