

SENATE BILL 217

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 63, Chapter 22, relative to the board for professional counselors, marital and family therapists, and clinical pastoral therapists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-236(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (6) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-240(a), is amended by inserting the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Board for professional counselors, marital and family therapists, and clinical pastoral therapists, created by § 63-22-101;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-101(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(1)

(A) Members of the board may be appointed from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested counseling and therapy groups including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Counseling Association, the Tennessee Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, and the Tennessee Association of Pastoral Therapists.

(B) In making appointments to the board, the governor shall consult with interested counseling and therapy groups including, but not limited to, the organizations listed in subdivision (1)(A) to determine qualified persons to fill the positions.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-101(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(1) With the exception of the citizen-at-large member, a board member who vacates the member's seat may be replaced by a person from the same profession as that of the vacating member.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-101(c), is further amended by deleting subdivision (2) in its entirety and renumbering the subsequent subdivisions accordingly.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.