

HOUSE BILL 1404

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By: **Delegate McComas**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workers' Compensation – Rehabilitation Practitioners – Licensed Certified**
3 **Social Worker–Clinical**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a licensed certified social worker–clinical to register as a
5 rehabilitation practitioner; providing that a licensed certified social worker–clinical
6 is not subject to certain supervision requirements; and generally relating to
7 rehabilitation practitioners.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Labor and Employment
10 Section 9–6A–01(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Labor and Employment
15 Section 9–6A–01(d), 9–6A–04, and 9–6A–09(d)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Labor and Employment**

21 9–6A–01.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (d) (1) “Rehabilitation practitioner” means an individual who provides
24 vocational rehabilitation services.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) “Rehabilitation practitioner” includes:

(i) a nurse certified by the State Board of Nursing as a nurse case manager;

(ii) a rehabilitation counselor; [and]

(iii) a vocational evaluator; AND

(IV) A LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER–CLINICAL.

9–6A–04.

(a) This subtitle does not limit the right of any individual to engage in a health occupation that the individual otherwise is authorized to engage in under the Health Occupations Article.

(b) The Commission has the authority to adopt and enforce rules and regulations regarding the standards of practice of rehabilitation counselors and vocational evaluators.

(c) Violation of the rules and regulations adopted or enforced by the Commission, **THE STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**, or the State Board of Nursing in accordance with this title by a rehabilitation practitioner shall be grounds for denial of a registration to any applicant, or suspension or revocation of a registrant’s registration pursuant to §§ 9–6A–15 and 9–6A–16 of this subtitle.

9–6A–09.

(d) (1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER–CLINICAL.

(2) In addition to the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of this section:

[(1)] (I) a rehabilitation counselor who has met the education requirements under subsection (b)(1) or (2) of this section to qualify for registration shall work under the administrative supervision of a certified rehabilitation counselor, certified vocational evaluator, certified disability management specialist, certified case manager, or certified rehabilitation registered nurse; and

[(2)] (II) a vocational evaluator who has met the education requirements under subsection (c)(1) or (2) of this section shall work under the administrative supervision of a certified vocational evaluator, certified rehabilitation counselor, certified disability management specialist, certified case manager, or certified rehabilitation registered nurse.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2025.