

HOUSE BILL 2542

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33,
Chapter 10 and Title 68, Chapter 24, Part 6,
relative to alcohol and drug abuse counselors.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-24-608(a), is amended by deleting the language "Alcohol and other drug abuse counseling includes the following" and by substituting instead the following:

Except as permitted by Section 68-24-607, alcohol and other drug abuse counseling may only be practiced by persons licensed under this part or by persons who are preparing for licensure pursuant to this part and are under the direct supervision of a counselor licensed under this part. Alcohol and other drug abuse counseling includes the following:

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-24-605(a), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subsection: "The board shall establish two (2) tiers of licenses with one (1) tier for persons who have formal academic degrees in relevant subject matter as identified by the board and the other for persons who lack such degrees."

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.