

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 459

SENATE BILL NO. 451

By Overbey, Finney, Tate, Marrero

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1655

By Armstrong, Towns

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 68, Chapter 11 and Title 68, Chapter 24, relative to alcohol and drug abuse.

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 adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(3) The evaluation and treatment of those persons who have had their lives significantly impacted by compulsive gambling disorder; provided, however, to evaluate or treat a person significantly impacted by compulsive gambling disorder, a counselor shall have not less than sixty (60) additional hours of specialized education relating to compulsive gambling disorder. Such education shall be in the form of formal classroom hours or annual continuing educational hours, or a combination of such hours; provided further, an applicant for license as a part of his or her clinically supervised counseling experience shall have experience with not less than ten (10) patients impacted by compulsive gambling disorder. A qualified supervisor shall have not less than sixty (60) formal classroom hours of instruction related to compulsive gambling disorder to supervise a counselor relative to the evaluation and treatment of compulsive gambling disorder.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: June 4, 2009**



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23rd day of June 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR