

Please represent me as opposing this bill. I am a triple certified coach, certified by the ICF and have passed their tests plus passed very hard tests at Western Seminary which puts the test at a Masters level. I am constantly aware of situations where a doctor or psychologist or counselor is needed. Please note

Coaches have been included with alternative therapy practitioners and coaching is not, makes no claims to be, and is not regarded as, therapy. In fact, we are very clear about the differences between the two.

- ICF has developed specific resources to help coaches better understand when to refer clients to therapy.
- No other US state regulates coaching or defines it as therapy.
- Coaching has been an internationally recognized field for over 25 years and is now taught separately from psychology/therapy in universities across the country, including Georgetown University, Columbia University, New York University, and Rice University.

Thank you very much.. Peter Durkee CPC, ACC, MS

he European Union has recognized the self-regulation of coaching and established The Professional Charter for Coaching and Mentoring in June 2011.