

State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-EIGHTH SESSION
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2003

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1200

Introduced by: Representatives Rounds and O'Brien and Senator de Hueck

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require the Board of Counselor Examiners to establish
2 a client bill of rights.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. The Board of Counselor Examiners shall, by rules promulgated pursuant to
5 chapter 1-26, establish the terms and content of a client bill of rights. The bill of rights shall be
6 consistent with existing statutes, administrative rules, and the ethical standards of the American
7 Counseling Association or the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy.

8 Section 2. Any practitioner of counseling or marriage and family therapy, whether licensed
9 and unlicensed, shall provide each client with notice of the client bill of rights established
10 pursuant to section 1 of this Act.

11 Section 3. This Act does not apply to:

- 12 (1) Any professional licensed or certified pursuant to Title 36;
- 13 (2) Members of the clergy who are providing pastoral services as a part of performing
14 and fulfilling their duties and obligations to their congregation; and
- 15 (3) Attorneys licensed by the Supreme Court of the State of South Dakota.

