


## MEMORANDUM

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| <b>DATE</b>    | October 24, 2016   |
| <b>TO</b>      | Board of Psychology  |
| <b>FROM</b>    | <br>Cherise Burns<br>Central Services Manager |
| <b>SUBJECT</b> | Agenda Item #14(b)(3)(C) – SB 1101 (Wieckowski) Alcohol and Drug Counselors: Regulation  |

**Background:**

This bill would have prohibited any person from using the title of licensed alcohol and drug counselor unless the person has applied for and obtained a license from the Department of Consumer Affairs. This bill would have specified the minimum qualifications for a license, including, a criminal background check. This bill would have also required the department to ensure that the criminal history of the applicant is reviewed before issuing a license.

Staff reached out to Senator Wieckowski's office and they expressed no desire to pursue the bill again next year on the bases that it has been tried before, and still has not gone very far through the committee process.

**Status:** Dead, this bill was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee on the Suspend File.

**Action Requested:**

This is for informational purposes only.