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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 15 and 16 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §6203-A, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. U, §2, is amended to read:

3. Alcohol and drug counseling services. "Alcohol and drug counseling services" are those counseling services offered for a fee, monetary or otherwise, as part of the treatment and rehabilitation of persons abusing alcohol or other drugs. The purpose of alcohol and drug counseling services is to help individuals, families and groups confront and resolve problems caused by the abuse of alcohol or other drugs. Alcohol and drug counseling services are the 12 core functions defined by rule of the board. "Alcohol and drug counseling services" includes nicotine addiction counseling and treatment services.

SUMMARY

This amendment strikes that section of the bill that proposes a new definition of "drug" in the laws governing alcohol and drug counselors but retains the provision allowing a person to engage in nicotine addiction counseling without a license as an alcohol and drug counselor. It also amends the definition of "alcohol and drug counseling services" to include nicotine addiction counseling and treatment services.