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H.B. No. 2688

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirement to be licensed as a sex offender treatment provider.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 110.001(7), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(7) "Sex offender treatment provider" means a person~~[r]~~ licensed under this chapter to provide ~~[or certified to practice in this state, including a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, or social worker, who provides]~~ mental health or medical services for rehabilitation of sex offenders.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 110, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 110.002 to read as follows:

Sec. 110.002. EXEMPTIONS. This chapter does not apply to:

(1) a physician licensed under Subtitle B who is engaged strictly in the practice of medicine;

(2) a nurse licensed under Chapter 301 who is engaged strictly in the practice of professional nursing;

(3) a psychologist licensed under Chapter 501 who is engaged strictly in the practice of psychology;

(4) a licensed marriage and family therapist under Chapter 502 who is engaged strictly in the practice of marriage and family therapy;

1 (5) a licensed professional counselor under Chapter
2 503 who is engaged strictly in the practice of professional
3 counseling; or

4 (6) a licensed social worker under Chapter 505 who is
5 engaged strictly in the practice of social work.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.