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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the definition of "non-physician mental health
3 professional" for purposes of the Texas Mental Health Code.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 571.003(15), Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (15) "Non-physician mental health professional"
8 means:

9 (A) a person who is:

10 (i) a psychologist licensed to practice in
11 this state and designated as a health-service provider;

12 (ii) [~~(B)~~] a registered nurse with a
13 master's or doctoral degree in psychiatric nursing;

14 (iii) [~~(C)~~] a licensed clinical social
15 worker;

16 (iv) [~~(D)~~] a licensed professional
17 counselor licensed to practice in this state; [~~or~~]

18 (v) [~~(E)~~] a licensed marriage and family
19 therapist licensed to practice in this state; or

20 (vi) a licensed physician assistant; or

21 (B) a person:

22 (i) whose practice does not include
23 diagnosis or psychological services of the type typically performed

24 by:

- 1 (a) a psychologist licensed to
2 practice in this state and designated as a health-service provider;
3 (b) a registered nurse with a master's
4 or doctoral degree in psychiatric nursing;
5 (c) a licensed clinical social
6 worker;
7 (d) a licensed professional counselor
8 licensed to practice in this state; or
9 (e) a licensed marriage and family
10 therapist licensed to practice in this state; and
11 (ii) who is a licensed occupational
12 therapist licensed to practice in this state.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.