By:  Sheffield H.B. No. 3970

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

(B)  a registered nurse with a master's or doctoral degree in psychiatric nursing;

(C)  a licensed clinical social worker;

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

(E)  a licensed marriage and family therapist licensed to practice in this state; or

(F)  a licensed physician assistant.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.