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H.B. No. 3970

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

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

13 (C) a licensed clinical social worker;

14 (D) a licensed professional counselor licensed
15 to practice in this state; ~~or~~

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

18 (F) a licensed physician assistant.

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