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By:  Cortez H.B. No. 2093

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to including licensed physician assistants in the definition of non-physician mental health professional for purposes of certain provisions applicable to non-physician mental health professionals.

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 physician assistant licensed to practice in this state.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.