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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to including certain licensed physician assistants in the
3 definition of non-physician mental health professional for
4 purposes of certain provisions applicable to non-physician mental
5 health professionals.

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

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

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

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

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

15 (C) a licensed clinical social worker;

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

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

20 (F) a physician assistant licensed to practice in
21 this state who has expertise in psychiatry or is currently working
22 in a mental health facility.

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