

AN ACT

relating to including certain 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 who has expertise in psychiatry or is currently working in a mental health facility.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2093 was passed by the House on April 27, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2093 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor