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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, 2017.