
DIGEST

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HB 865 Engrossed

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Abstract: Allows supervision for certain social workers and licensed professional counselors to be conducted in-person or remotely via telesupervision.

Present law defines "qualified supervision", along with other terms relative to licensed professional counselors. Proposed law adds a definition for "telesupervision" and otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law provides that the requirements for supervision set forth in present law for licensed professional counselors may be satisfied via telesupervision. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law requires the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners to establish rules and regulations regarding parameters and requirements for telesupervision.

Present law defines "clinical supervision" and "supervision", along with other terms relative to social work.

Proposed law adds definitions for "in-person supervision" and "telesupervision" to provisions relative to social work. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law retains present law provisions and further provides that supervision between a licensed clinical social worker and a licensed master's social worker may be conducted in-person or remotely via telesupervision.

Proposed law requires telesupervision to adhere to the same standards and guidelines as in-person supervision, to ensure regular contact, case review, and ongoing professional development.

Proposed law requires the La. State Bd. of Social Work Examiners to establish rules and regulations regarding the requirements and parameters for telesupervision.

Present law allows a social worker licensed at the licensed master's social worker level to practice clinical social work and psychotherapy within an agency under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker.

Proposed law further provides that the supervision required in present law may be conducted in-person or virtually.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 37:1103(13), 1107(A)(4), 1116(B)(1)(d)(ii) and (2), 2703(7) and (17) and 2707(B); Adds R.S. 37:1103(14) and 2703(19) and (20))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Add a definition for "telesupervision" to present law provisions relative to licensed professional counselors.
2. Provide that the requirements for supervision set forth in present law for licensed professional counselors may be satisfied via telesupervision.
3. Require the La. Licensed Professional Counselors Bd. of Examiners to establish rules and regulations regarding parameters and requirements for telesupervision.
4. Make technical corrections.