

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 309

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

HEALTH CARE. Amends supervision requirements for certain addictive disorder practitioners in certain custodial environments. (8/1/16)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3387.1(A) and 3387.2(A), relative to supervision requirements for certain addictive disorder counselors in certain custodial environments; to provide that the requirement for supervision of certified addictive disorder counselors and registered addictive disorder counselors is waived in certain custodial environments; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:3387.1(A) and 3387.2(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§3387.1. Certified addiction counselor

A. The practice of addiction counseling within the meaning and intent of this Chapter shall consist of the rendering of professional guidance to individuals suffering from an addictive disorder to assist them in gaining an understanding of the nature of their disorder and developing and maintaining a responsible life style. The certified addiction counselor may not practice independently, except when providing addiction counseling services in a prison or other custodial environment, and may not render a diagnostic impression. The scope of practice,

in addition to any other provision herein, shall include making referrals to appropriate professionals, providing counseling to family members and, as appropriate, to others affected by the individual's addictive disorder, and the utilization of KSA and core functions.

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§3387.2. Registered addiction counselor

A. The practice of addiction counseling within the meaning and intent of this Chapter shall consist of the rendering of professional guidance to individuals suffering from an addictive disorder to assist them in gaining an understanding of the nature of their disorder and developing and maintaining a responsible life style. The registered addiction counselor may not practice independently, except when providing addiction counseling services in a prison or other custodial environment, and may not render a diagnostic impression. The scope of practice, in addition to any other provision herein, shall include making referrals to appropriate professionals, providing counseling to family members and, as appropriate, to others affected by the individual's addictive disorder, and the utilization of KSA and core functions. The scope of practice shall in no way be construed to include services designed to address work organization productivity issues and employee client problems affecting job performance and the ability to perform on the job.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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DIGEST

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Present law provides that certified addiction counselors may not practice independently.

Proposed law provides for an exception to the prohibition regarding independent practice by certified addiction counselors when providing addiction counseling services in a prison or other custodial environment.

Present law provides that registered addiction counselors may not practice independently.

Proposed law provides for an exception to the prohibition regarding independent practice by

registered addiction counselors when providing addiction counseling services in a prison or other custodial environment.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 37:3387.1(A) and 3387.2(A))