AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1223.3(3) and to enact R.S. 37:3386.3(B)(3), relative to healthcare services delivered through telehealth; to provide for powers and duties of the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority; to provide relative to telehealth services delivered by certain professionals who are licensed, certified, or registered by the authority and other behavioral health providers; to authorize the promulgation of certain rules by the authority; to revise the definition of "healthcare provider" within the Louisiana Telehealth Access Act; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:3386.3(B)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3386.3. Powers and duties of the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority

B. The board may do all of the following:

(3) Promulgate rules for the provision of telehealth services by licensed, certified, or registered addiction counselors; licensed, certified, or registered prevention professionals; and certified compulsive gambling counselors that, at a minimum, comply with the applicable requirements and standards of the Louisiana Telehealth Access Act, R.S. 40:1223.1 et seq.

Section 2. R.S. 40:1223.3(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1223.3. Definitions

(3) "Healthcare provider" means a person, partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, corporation, facility, or institution licensed
or certified by this state to provide healthcare or professional services as a physician assistant, hospital, nursing home, dentist, registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, licensed dietitian or nutritionist, licensed practical nurse, certified nurse assistant, offshore health service provider, ambulance service, licensed midwife, pharmacist, speech-language pathologist, audiologist, optometrist, podiatrist, chiropractor, physical therapist, occupational therapist, certified or licensed athletic trainer, psychologist, medical psychologist, social worker, licensed professional counselor, licensed perfusionist, licensed respiratory therapist, licensed radiologic technologist, licensed hearing aid dealer, licensed, certified, or registered addiction counselor, licensed, certified, or registered prevention professional, certified compulsive gambling counselor, behavioral health provider who works for a licensed agency or credentialed provider which provides community psychiatric support and treatment services or psychosocial rehabilitation services as defined in R.S. 40:2162, or licensed clinical laboratory scientist.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:

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