

SENATE BILL NO. 153

BY SENATOR SELDERS AND REPRESENTATIVES CHASSION AND KNOX

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2724(B) and R.S. 40:2162(D)(2)(c) and to enact R.S. 40:2162(D)(2)(d), relative to behavioral health rehabilitation services in the Louisiana medical assistance program; to provide for limited licenses for certain individuals to provide CPST services; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:2724(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2724. Qualification; certified social worker

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B.(1) The board may issue a social worker certificate to an individual who has completed all requirements for certification as a certified social worker. The individual may hold the certificate for no more than three years from the issuance of the original certificate.

(2) At the end of the three-year certification period, a certified social worker who has provided CPST services pursuant to R.S. 40:2162 and who meets all the qualifications for licensure as a licensed master's social worker except for the provisions of R.S. 37:2707(A)(3) shall petition the board at least sixty days prior to the expiration of the certificate for an extension of the certification for the limited purpose of providing CPST services as defined in R.S. 40:2162.

(a) The petition to extend the certification shall include all of the following:

1 (c) Any individual rendering the assessment and treatment planning
2 components of CPST services for a licensed and accredited provider agency shall be
3 a fully licensed mental health professional.

4 (d) Any individual rendering any of the other components of CPST services
5 for a licensed and accredited provider agency shall be a fully licensed mental health
6 professional, a provisionally licensed professional counselor, a provisionally licensed
7 marriage and family therapist, a licensed master social worker, a certified social
8 worker, ~~or~~ a psychology intern from an American Psychological Association
9 approved internship program, **or an individual issued a limited scope license**
10 **pursuant to R.S. 37:2724(B)(2).**

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12 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
13 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
14 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
15 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
16 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____