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Present law provides for a definition of social work practice. Proposed law provides for an exemption for social workers serving as a faculty member at an accredited institution of higher education.

Present law provides that social workers cannot prescribe, dispense, or administer medications, administer or interpret psychological tests, or engage in the practice of psychology or medicine. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that social workers may administer, use, or interpret tests of language, education and achievement, adaptive behavioral tests, and symptom screening checklists instruments, as well as tests of abilities, interests, and aptitudes. Proposed law retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 37:2703(intro para) and (15)(b); adds R.S. 37:2703(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Removes service and research as faculty member activities that are exempt from requiring licensure.