

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 145

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:1745.2 and Children's Code Article 606(C), relative to the diagnosing of
3 certain mental health conditions; to provide limitations on the diagnosing of
4 factitious disorder imposed on another; to provide relative to child in need of care
5 proceedings; to provide limitations on the initiation of such proceedings; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:1745.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 PART VII. HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

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11 §1745.2. Diagnosis of certain mental health conditions; limitation

12 A. No physician or other health care provider shall diagnose the condition
13 of factitious disorder imposed on another, formerly known as "Munchausen
14 syndrome by proxy", unless he meets all of the following criteria:

15 (1) He is licensed as a health care provider in this state.

16 (2) He is qualified by licensure and professional training to diagnose mental
17 health conditions.

18 (3) He has conducted a bona fide evaluation of the person he diagnoses.

19 B. For purposes of this Section, the following terms have the meaning
20 ascribed in this Subsection:

21 (1) "Bona fide evaluation" means all of the following actions have occurred:

