

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 709****2022 Regular Session****Selders**

HEALTH/BEHAVIORAL: Authorizes behavioral health services providers to furnish services to clients and patients regardless of those persons' location within the state

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Deletes proposed law in its entirety. Adds in lieu thereof provisions authorizing fully or provisionally licensed mental health professionals, acting within their scope of practice and employed by licensed behavioral health service providers, to provide professional outpatient psychiatric services to any established client or patient regardless of the client's or patient's particular location within the state.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for licensure of behavioral health services providers by the La. Department of Health.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes fully or provisionally licensed mental health professionals, acting within their scope of practice and employed by licensed behavioral health service providers, to provide professional outpatient psychiatric services to any established client or patient regardless of the client's or patient's particular location within the state.

(Adds R.S. 40:2155(B)(3))