

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 826

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

HEALTH/BEHAVIORAL: Includes addiction counselors within the definition of "healthcare provider" in the La. Telehealth Access Act

1 AN ACT

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

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

11 §3386.3. Powers and duties of the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority

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13 B. The board may do all of the following:

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

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

Proposed law retains present law and expands the definition of "healthcare provider" therein to include licensed, certified, or registered addiction counselors; licensed, certified, or registered prevention professionals; and certified compulsive gambling counselors.

Present law known as the Addictive Disorders Practice Act, R.S. 37:3386 et seq., provides for powers and duties of the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority (ADRA) with respect to licensure, certification, registration, and regulation of certain professionals who provide addictive disorder treatment services.

Proposed law retains present law and adds thereto an authorization for the ADRA to 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 present law comprising the La. Telehealth Access Act.

(Amends R.S. 40:1223.3(3); Adds R.S. 37:3386.3(B)(3))