

SENATE BILL NO. 155—SENATORS GUSTAVSON,
HARDY; CEGAVSKE AND GOICOECHEA

FEBRUARY 18, 2013

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN FIORE; ELLISON, HOGAN,
LIVERMORE, OSCARSON AND STEWART

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the practice of clinical
professional counseling. (BDR 54-714)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to mental health; revising the scope of the practice
of clinical professional counseling; and providing other
matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill revises the scope of the practice of clinical professional counseling to
2 provide that the assessment or treatment of couples or families is not excluded from
3 the practice of clinical professional counseling.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 641A.065 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:
3 641A.065 *1.* "Practice of clinical professional counseling"
4 means the provision of treatment, assessment and counseling, or
5 equivalent activities, to a person or group of persons to achieve
6 mental, emotional, physical and social development and adjustment.
7 The term includes counseling interventions to prevent, diagnose and
8 treat mental, emotional or behavioral disorders and associated
9 distresses which interfere with mental health.
10 *2.* The term does not include:



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- 1 ~~1-1~~ (a) The practice of psychology or medicine;
- 2 ~~1-2~~ ~~The assessment or treatment of couples or families;~~
- 3 ~~3-1~~ (b) The prescription of drugs or electroconvulsive therapy;
- 4 ~~1-4~~ (c) The treatment of physical disease, injury or deformity;
- 5 ~~1-5~~ (d) The diagnosis or treatment of a psychotic disorder;
- 6 ~~1-6~~ (e) The use of projective techniques in the assessment of
- 7 personality;
- 8 ~~1-7~~ (f) The use of psychological, neuropsychological or clinical
- 9 tests designed to identify or classify abnormal or pathological
- 10 human behavior;
- 11 ~~1-8~~ (g) The use of individually administered intelligence tests,
- 12 academic achievement tests or neuropsychological tests; or
- 13 ~~1-9~~ (h) The use of psychotherapy to treat the concomitants of
- 14 organic illness except in consultation with a qualified physician or
- 15 licensed clinical psychologist.

