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HB 2336: licensed mental health professional; definition

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Overview

Defines a licensed mental health professional.

History

Statute currently defines licensed counseling as counseling provided by a licensed mental health professional including psychologists or behavioral health professionals who have training and expertise in treating trauma ([A.R.S. § 38-672](#)).

Provisions

1. Defines a *licensed mental health professional* as an individual who specializes in trauma and crisis, and is one of the following:
 - a) A psychiatrist who is a licensed medical doctor or osteopathic physician by the Arizona medical board or the Arizona board of osteopathic examiners in medicine and surgery;
 - b) A licensed psychologist by the state board of psychologist examiners;
 - c) A mental health professional licensed by the board of behavioral health examiners in behavioral health who holds a master's or doctoral degree in the mental health profession;
or
 - d) A licensed mental health nurse practitioner or psychiatric clinical nurse specialist by the Arizona state board of nursing. (Sec. 1)
2. Modifies the definition of *licensed counseling*. (Sec. 1)
3. Makes conforming changes. (Sec. 1)

Amendments

Committee on Military Affairs and Public Safety

1. Adds a licensed physician assistant to the definition of a *licensed mental health professional*.