

Senate Bill No. 155—Senators Gustavson,  
Hardy, Cegavske and Goicoechea

Joint Sponsors: Assemblymen Fiore; Ellison,  
Hogan, Livermore, Oscarson and Stewart

CHAPTER.....

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:**

This bill revises the scope of the practice of clinical professional counseling to provide that the practice of clinical professional counseling includes the assessment or treatment of couples or families if the assessment or treatment is provided by a person who has demonstrated competency in the assessment or treatment of couples or families as determined by the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors.

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

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

**Section 1.** NRS 641A.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

641A.065 *1.* “Practice of clinical professional counseling” means the provision of treatment, assessment and counseling, or equivalent activities, to a person or group of persons to achieve mental, emotional, physical and social development and adjustment.

*2.* The term includes ~~counseling~~ :

*(a) Counseling* interventions to prevent, diagnose and treat mental, emotional or behavioral disorders and associated distresses which interfere with mental health ~~1-1~~; *and*

*(b) The assessment or treatment of couples or families, if the assessment or treatment is provided by a person who, through the completion of coursework or supervised training or experience, has demonstrated competency in the assessment or treatment of couples or families as determined by the Board.*

*3.* The term does not include:

~~1-1~~ *(a)* The practice of psychology or medicine;

~~2-~~ *The assessment or treatment of couples or families;*

~~3-1~~ *(b)* The prescription of drugs or electroconvulsive therapy;

~~4-1~~ *(c)* The treatment of physical disease, injury or deformity;

~~5-1~~ *(d)* The diagnosis or treatment of a psychotic disorder;



~~16~~ (e) The use of projective techniques in the assessment of personality;

~~17~~ (f) The use of psychological, neuropsychological or clinical tests designed to identify or classify abnormal or pathological human behavior;

~~18~~ (g) The use of individually administered intelligence tests, academic achievement tests or neuropsychological tests; or

~~19~~ (h) The use of psychotherapy to treat the concomitants of organic illness except in consultation with a qualified physician or licensed clinical psychologist.

