

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 8 of section 25-03.2-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the definition of a qualified mental health professional.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 8 of section 25-03.2-01 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 8. "Qualified mental health professional" means a ~~licensed physician who is a~~
7 ~~psychiatrist, a licensed clinical psychologist who is qualified for listing on the national~~
8 ~~register of health service providers in psychology, a licensed certified social worker~~
9 ~~who is a board-certified diplomate in clinical social work, or a nurse who holds~~
10 ~~advanced licensure in psychiatric nursing.;~~

11 a. An individual who holds a state license if practicing in a field covered by a state
12 licensure law and is a psychiatrist; an advanced registered nurse practitioner who
13 holds a national certification in psychiatric mental health care registered by the
14 board of nursing; a physician assistant practicing under the supervision of a
15 psychiatrist; or an individual who holds a doctorate degree in psychology and is
16 licensed by the board of psychologist examiners; or

17 b. An individual:

18 (1) Who holds at least a master's degree in a mental health field, including
19 psychology, counseling and guidance, nursing, or social work, or who is an
20 advanced registered nurse practitioner, a physician assistant, a physician
21 and surgeon, or an osteopathic physician and surgeon;

22 (2) Who holds a state license if practicing in a field covered by a state licensure
23 law; and

- 1 (3) Who has at least two years of post-degree clinical experience, supervised
- 2 by another mental health professional, in assessing mental health needs
- 3 and problems and in providing appropriate mental health services.