ACT No. 544

SENATE BILL NO. 770
BY SENATOR LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1103(3) and to enact R.S. 37:1103(4)(e) and 1107(E), relative to the Louisiana Mental Health Counselor Licensing Act; to redefine the terms "mental health counseling services" and "practice of mental health counseling"; to define "appraisal"; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:1103(3) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 37:1103(4)(e) and 1107(E) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1103. Definitions

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(3) "Mental health counseling services" means those acts and behaviors coming within the practice of mental health counseling as defined in this Chapter. However, nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to authorize any person licensed hereunder to administer or interpret tests in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 37:2352(5), except as provided by Title 46, Part LXIII, Chapter 17, Section 1702(E) of the Louisiana Administrative Code, or engage in the practice of psychology.

(4) "Practice of mental health counseling" means rendering or offering to individuals, groups, organizations, or the general public by a licensed professional counselor, any service consistent with his professional training as prescribed by R.S. 37:1107(A)(8), and code of ethics/behavior involving the application of principles, methods, or procedures of the mental health counseling profession which include but are not limited to:

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(e) "Appraisal", which means the use or administration of tests of language, educational and achievement tests, adaptive behavioral tests, and symptoms screening checklists or instruments, as well as tests of abilities, interests,

and aptitudes for the purpose of counseling persons in coping with or adapting to, changing life situations that are due to problems in living.

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E.(1) A licensed professional counselor engaging in the appraisal of individuals shall furnish satisfactory evidence of formal graduate training in statistics, sampling theory, test construction, test and measurements and individual differences. Formal training shall include a practicum and supervised practice with appraisal instruments.

(2) Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as authorizing persons licensed herein to use appraisal instruments, devices, or procedures for the purpose of treatment planning, diagnosis, classification, or description of mental and emotional disorders and disabilities, or of disorders of personality or behavior, which are outside the scope of this Chapter.

Approved by the Governor, June 10, 1993.

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ACT No. 545

SENATE BILL NO. 776
BY SENATOR LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3443(3)(c), relative to rehabilitation counselors; to clarify the term "vocational rehabilitation services" as it relates to the practice of rehabilitation counseling by defining the term "vocational assessment"; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:3443(3)(c) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: