

**SENATE BILL NO. 2047**

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Human Services Committee)

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 practice registered nurse who  
13 holds a national certification in psychiatric mental health care registered by the  
14 board of nursing; a physician assistant with a mental health certification  
15 practicing under the supervision of a psychiatrist; a licensed marriage and family  
16 therapist; or an individual who holds a doctorate degree in psychology and is  
17 licensed by the board of psychologist examiners; or

18 b. An individual:  
19 (1) Who holds at least a master's degree in a mental health field, including  
20 psychology, counseling and guidance, nursing, or social work, or who is an  
21 advanced practice registered nurse, a physician assistant with a mental  
22 health certification, or a physician;  
23 (2) Who holds a state license if practicing in a field covered by a state licensure  
24 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.