

SENATE BILL NO. 155—SENATORS GUSTAVSON,  
HARDY; CEGAVSKE AND GOICOECHEA

FEBRUARY 18, 2013

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN FIORE; ELLISON,  
HOGAN, LIVERMORE, OSCARSON AND STEWART

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the practice of clinical professional counseling. (BDR 54-714)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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

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:**

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

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

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

3 641A.065 *1.* “Practice of clinical professional counseling”  
4 means the provision of treatment, assessment and counseling, or  
5 equivalent activities, to a person or group of persons to achieve  
6 mental, emotional, physical and social development and adjustment.

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



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

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

9 3. The term does not include:

10 ~~††~~ (a) The practice of psychology or medicine;

11 ~~†2.~~ ~~The assessment or treatment of couples or families;~~

12 ~~3.†~~ (b) The prescription of drugs or electroconvulsive therapy;

13 ~~†4.~~ (c) The treatment of physical disease, injury or deformity;

14 ~~†5.~~ (d) The diagnosis or treatment of a psychotic disorder;

15 ~~†6.~~ (e) The use of projective techniques in the assessment of  
16 personality;

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

20 ~~†8.~~ (g) The use of individually administered intelligence tests,  
21 academic achievement tests or neuropsychological tests; or

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

