

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 478

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Printer's No. 502

1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 11 through 14, by striking out "A
2 registered, licensed or" in line 11 and all of lines 12 through
3 14 and inserting

4 A person who:

5 (1) (i) holds a current Pennsylvania license as a
6 certified registered nurse practitioner with a mental
7 health certification; or

8 (ii) obtains a mental health certification within
9 two years of being hired by a psychiatric outpatient
10 clinic or within two years of the effective date of this
11 section, whichever is later; or

12 (2) (i) holds a current Pennsylvania license as a
13 physician assistant with a mental health certification;
14 or

15 (ii) obtains a mental health certification within
16 two years of being hired by a psychiatric outpatient
17 clinic or within two years of the effective date of this
18 section, whichever is later.

19 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 12 through 20, by striking out all
20 of said lines

21 Amend Bill, page 2, line 24, by striking out "is required to"
22 and inserting

23 shall

24 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 27 through 30; page 3, lines 1 and
25 2; by striking out all of lines 27 through 30 on page 2, all of
26 line 1 and "required under this paragraph" in line 2 on page 3

27 Amend Bill, page 3, lines 4 through 6, by striking out "other
28 advanced" in line 4 and all of lines 5 and 6 and inserting

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(i) An advanced practice professional.

(ii) A psychiatrist off-site by the use of two-way real-time interactive audio and video transmission using technology that conforms to industrywide compressed audio-video communication and protects confidentiality under Federal and State law in accordance with department issued guidelines. Telephone conversation, electronic mail message or facsimile transmission may not be used to meet the requirement under paragraph (1).

(iii) A combination of subparagraphs (i) and (ii).