

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2620

By: Maddux

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Licensed Professional Counselors Act; amending 59 O.S. 1991, Section 1902, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 167, O.S.L. 1995 (59 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1902), which relates to definitions; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 1902, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 167, O.S.L. 1995 (59 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1902), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1902. For the purpose of the Licensed Professional Counselors Act:

1. "Licensed professional counselor" or "LPC" means any person who offers professional counseling services for compensation to any person and is licensed pursuant to the provisions of the Licensed Professional Counselors Act. The term shall not include those professions exempted by Section 1903 of this title;
2. "Board" means the State Board of Health;
3. "Department" means the State Department of Health;

4. "Advisory Board" means the Oklahoma Licensed Professional Counselors Advisory Board appointed by the State Board of Health;

5. "Commissioner" means the State Commissioner of Health;

6. "Counseling" means the application of mental health and developmental principles in order to:

- a. facilitate human development and adjustment throughout the life span,
- b. prevent, diagnose or treat mental, emotional or behavioral disorders or associated distress which interfere with mental health,
- c. conduct assessments or diagnoses for the purpose of establishing treatment goals and objectives, and
- d. plan, implement or evaluate treatment plans using counseling treatment interventions;

7. "Counseling treatment interventions" means the application of cognitive, affective, behavioral and systemic counseling strategies which include principles of development, wellness, and pathology that reflect a pluralistic society. ~~Such~~ These interventions are specifically implemented in the context of a professional counseling relationship;

8. "Consulting" means interpreting or reporting scientific fact or theory in counseling to provide assistance in solving current or potential problems of individuals, groups or organizations;

9. "Referral activities" means the evaluating of data to identify problems and to determine the advisability of referral to other specialists;

10. "Research activities" means reporting, designing, conducting or consulting on research in counseling;

11. "Specialty" means the designation of a subarea of counseling practice that is recognized by a national certification agency or by the Board; and

12. "Supervisor" means a person who meets the requirements established by the Board and who is licensed pursuant to the Licensed Professional Counselors Act, Section 1901 et seq. of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

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