

By Representative Wise

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to substance abuse services;
3 amending s. 397.311, F.S.; redefining the term
4 "qualified professional" for purposes of
5 providing certain substance abuse assessment or
6 treatment services; providing an effective
7 date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Subsection (25) of section 397.311, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 397.311 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, except
14 part VIII:

15 (25) "Qualified professional" means a physician
16 licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459; or a person ~~who has~~
17 ~~at least an earned master's degree in a social or behavioral~~
18 ~~science in a human services discipline with a minimum of 2~~
19 ~~years' experience in the assessment or treatment of substance~~
20 ~~abuse~~ or who is certified through a department-recognized
21 certification process for substance abuse treatment services.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect on October 1 of
23 the year in which enacted.

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28 Eliminates from the definition of "qualified
29 professional," for purposes of providing substance abuse
30 assessment or treatment services under chapter 397, F.S.,
31 persons who are not either licensed as physicians or
certified to provide such services under a process
recognized by the Department of Children and Family
Services.

CODING:Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.