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

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

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

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

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

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

HOUSE SUMMARY

Eliminates from the definition of "qualified
professional," for purposes of providing substance abuse
assessment or treatment services under chapter 397, F.S.,
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.