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HOUSE BILL 15-1032

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House Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE ADDITION OF LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH
102 PROFESSIONALS AS AUTHORIZED PROVIDERS OF MENTAL
103 HEALTH SERVICES TO MINORS WHO ARE AT LEAST FIFTEEN
104 YEARS OF AGE.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Under current law, a professional person may render mental health services to a minor who is at least 15 years of age with the minor's consent. "Professional person" includes a person licensed to practice

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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medicine or psychology.

The bill specifies that other licensed mental health professionals, namely, licensed social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and addiction counselors, may also render mental health services to minors.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-65-103, **amend**
3 (2) as follows:

4 **27-65-103. Voluntary applications for mental health services.**

5 (2) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a minor who is
6 fifteen years of age or older, whether with or without the consent of a
7 parent or legal guardian, may consent to receive mental health services to
8 be rendered by a facility or a professional person. Such consent shall not
9 be subject to disaffirmance because of minority. The professional person
10 rendering mental health services to a minor may, with or without the
11 consent of the minor, advise the parent or legal guardian of the minor of
12 the services given or needed.

13 (b) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2), "PROFESSIONAL PERSON"
14 INCLUDES, IN ADDITION TO THE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 27-65-102
15 (17), A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSED UNDER PART 3, 4, 5, 6,
16 OR 8 OF ARTICLE 43 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S.

17 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
19 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.