

HB 1705 Section 12 Privileges; Amending Chapter 123 to include LMHCs

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of "Likelihood of serious harm" the following definition:-

"Mental health counselor", a person licensed or eligible for licensure under section 165 of chapter 112.

SECTION 2. Section 12 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the figure "112", in line 7, the following words:- , or a mental health counselor licensed pursuant to section 165 of chapter 112.

SECTION 3. Said section 12 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "specialist", in line 16 and in line 21, in each instance, the following words:- , or licensed mental health counselor.

SECTION 4. Section 22 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "specialists", in line 2, the following words:- , licensed mental health counselors.

SECTION 5. Said section 22 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "specialist", in line 7, the following words:- , licensed mental health counselor.