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**HOUSE BILL NO. 947**

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AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION 73-54-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT WHENEVER ANY LAW, REGULATION OR POLICY OF THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE AUTHORIZES OR ALLOWS A LICENSED CERTIFIED/CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER TO PERFORM SERVICES THAT ARE WITHIN THE LAWFUL SCOPE OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE, THOSE SERVICES MAY ALSO BE PERFORMED BY A LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST TO THE EXTENT THAT THOSE SERVICES ARE WITHIN THE LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS 73-53-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT WHENEVER ANY LAW, REGULATION OR POLICY OF THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE AUTHORIZES OR ALLOWS A LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST TO PERFORM SERVICES THAT ARE WITHIN THE LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, THOSE SERVICES MAY ALSO BE PERFORMED BY A LICENSED CERTIFIED/CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER TO THE EXTENT THAT THOSE SERVICES ARE WITHIN THE LAWFUL SCOPE OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

**SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section 73-54-43, Mississippi Code of 1972:

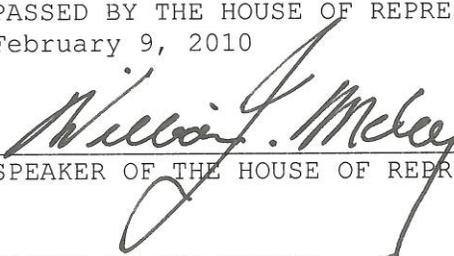
73-54-43. Whenever any law, regulation or policy of the State of Mississippi or any agency, department, institution or political subdivision of the state authorizes or allows a licensed certified/clinical social worker to perform services that are within the lawful scope of clinical social work practice as defined in Section 73-53-3, those services may also be performed by a licensed marriage and family therapist to the extent that those services are within the lawful scope of practice of marriage and family therapy.

**SECTION 2.** The following shall be codified as Section 73-53-31, Mississippi Code of 1972:

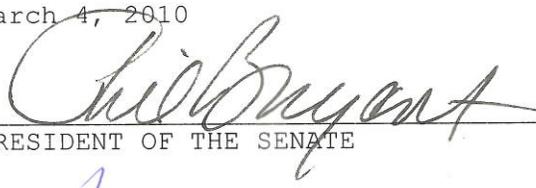
73-53-31. Whenever any law, regulation or policy of the State of Mississippi or any agency, department, institution or political subdivision of the state authorizes or allows a licensed marriage and family therapist as defined in Section 73-54-5 to perform services that are within the lawful scope of practice of marriage and family therapy as defined in Section 73-54-5, those services may also be performed by a licensed certified/clinical social worker to the extent that those services are within the lawful scope of clinical social work practice.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2010.

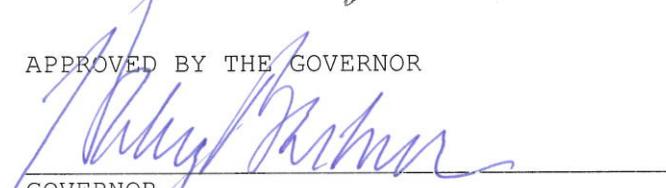
PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
February 9, 2010

  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PASSED BY THE SENATE  
March 4, 2010

  
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR

  
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