

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 532

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 5 and 6, strike “certain health care practitioners” and substitute “a physician licensed in this State for a certain purpose”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 24, strike “IS”; in line 25, after “(I)” insert “HAS AT LEAST A MASTER’S DEGREE AND IS”; and in line 27, after “(II)” insert “IS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 24, insert:

“(B) (1) IN ORDER FOR A NURSE PSYCHOTHERAPIST TO BE AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD TO PRESCRIBE AND DISPENSE DRUGS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE NURSE PSYCHOTHERAPIST SHALL:

(I) PROVIDE EVIDENCE TO THE BOARD OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A 3-CREDIT HOUR COURSE IN PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY, OR ITS EQUIVALENT, THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD; AND

(II) ANNUALLY PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF COMPLETION OF A MINIMUM OF THREE CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS IN PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY.”;

in line 25, strike “(B) (1)” and substitute “(2)”; in lines 27 and 33, strike “(2)” and “(3)”, respectively, and substitute “(3)” and “(4)”, respectively; in line 29, strike “HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER” and substitute “PHYSICIAN LICENSED IN THIS STATE”; in lines 34 and 35, strike “HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER” and substitute “LICENSED PHYSICIAN”; in line 35, strike “(2)” and substitute “(3)”; and in the same line, after “SUBSECTION;” insert “AND”.

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On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 1 and 2, inclusive; and in line 3, strike “(III)” and substitute “(II)”.