

**ACT No. 33**

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 159

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN MILLER

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:2154.1 and to repeal R.S. 40:2154(A)(14), relative to behavioral health  
3 services providers; to provide for healthcare provider licensing and regulatory  
4 functions of the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for applicability of the  
5 Behavioral Health Services Provider Licensing Law; to require certain healthcare  
6 providers to be licensed as behavioral health services providers; to require such  
7 providers to complete applications for licenses by a certain date; and to provide for  
8 related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 40:2154.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §2154.1. Accredited mental health rehabilitation providers; licensure required

12 A. Any healthcare provider that meets all of the following criteria is hereby  
13 required to obtain a license in accordance with the provisions of this Part prior to  
14 April 1, 2018, in order to provide behavioral health services:

15 (1) Was an accredited mental health rehabilitation provider enrolled in the  
16 Louisiana Medicaid program as of February 28, 2012.

17 (2) Was enrolled with the statewide management organization for the  
18 Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership as of March 1, 2012.

19 (3) Maintains continuous, uninterrupted accreditation through an approved  
20 accreditation organization.

21 (4) Maintains continuous, uninterrupted enrollment with the statewide  
22 management organization for the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership.

1                    B. Each healthcare provider required by the provisions of this Section to  
 2                    obtain a license shall submit a completed application to the department for such  
 3                    license on or before December 1, 2017.

4                    Section 2. R.S. 40:2154(A)(14) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

5                    Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 6                    signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 7                    by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 8                    vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 9                    effective on the day following such approval.

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 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_