STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 26, 2025

Introduced by Sen. C. RYAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the workers' compensation law, in relation to defining mental health practitioners with diagnostic authority

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (m) of subdivision 1 of section 13-b of the workers' compensation law, as added by section 1 of part CC of chapter 55 of the laws of 2019, is amended and a new paragraph (r) is added to read as follows:

(m) "Provider" shall mean a duly licensed acupuncturist, chiropractor, nurse practitioner, occupational therapist, physical therapist, physician, physician assistant, podiatrist, psychologist, **mental health practitioner,** or social worker authorized by the chair.

(r) "Mental health practitioner" shall mean an individual licensed pursuant to article one hundred sixty-three of the education law who has met the requirements for diagnostic privilege set forth in section eighty-four hundred one-a of the education law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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