

By: Senator(s) Nunnelee

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2150

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-30-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO EXEMPT COUNSELORS EMPLOYED BY NONPROFIT CHARITIES FROM THE
3 LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS REGULATORY LAW; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 73-30-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 73-30-25. It is not the intent of this chapter to regulate
9 against members of other duly regulated professions in this state
10 who do counseling in the normal course of the practice of their
11 own profession. This chapter does not apply to:

12 (a) Any person registered, certified or licensed by the
13 state to practice any other occupation or profession while
14 rendering counseling services in the performance of the occupation
15 or profession for which he is registered, certified or licensed;

16 (b) Certified school counselors when they are
17 practicing counseling within the scope of their employment;

18 (c) Certified vocational counselors when they are
19 practicing vocational counseling within the scope of their
20 employment;

21 (d) Counselors in post-secondary institutions when they
22 are practicing within the scope of their employment;

23 (e) Student interns or trainees in counseling pursuing
24 a course of study in counseling in a regionally or nationally
25 accredited institution of higher learning or training institution
26 if activities and services constitute a part of the supervised
27 course of study, provided that such persons be designated a
28 counselor intern;



29 (f) Professionals employed by regionally or nationally
30 accredited post-secondary institutions as counselor educators when
31 they are practicing counseling within the scope of their
32 employment;

33 (g) Professionals registered, certified or licensed by
34 a recognized state or national professional association that has a
35 published code of ethics and requires adherence to same;

36 (h) Duly ordained ministers or clergy while functioning
37 in their ministerial capacity and duly accredited Christian
38 Science practitioners;

39 (i) Professional employees of regional mental health
40 centers, state mental hospitals, vocational rehabilitation
41 institutions, youth court counselors and employees of the
42 Mississippi Employment Security Commission or other governmental
43 agency so long as they practice within the scope of their
44 employment;

45 (j) Professional employees of alcohol or drug abuse
46 centers or treatment facilities, whether privately or publicly
47 funded, so long as they practice within the scope of their
48 employment;

49 (k) Private employment counselors;

50 (l) Any nonresident temporarily employed in this state
51 to render counseling services for not more than thirty (30) days
52 in any year, if in the opinion of the board the person would
53 qualify for a license under this chapter and if the person holds
54 any license required for counselors in his home state or
55 country; * * *

56 (m) Any social workers holding a master's degree in
57 social work from a school accredited by the Council on Social Work
58 Education and who do counseling in the normal course of the
59 practice of their own profession; and

60 (n) Counselors employed by nonprofit charities when they are
61 practicing within the scope of their employment.



62 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
63 and after July 1, 2001.

