A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 43-45-01 and section 43-45-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the scope of practice of addiction counselors and behavioral health providers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 43-45-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. "Addiction counseling" means the provision of counseling or assessment of persons individuals regarding their use or abuse of alcohol or a controlled other harmful substance or their behavioral addiction.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 43-45-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

43-45-06. Addiction counseling practice - Exemptions.

1. Nothing in this chapter may be construed to prevent any person from doing work within the standards and ethics of that person's profession and calling, provided that the person does not represent to the public, by title or by use of the initials L.A.C., that the person is engaging in addiction counseling.

2. Nothing in this chapter may be construed to prevent addiction counseling trainees or interns in board-approved programs from engaging in addiction counseling related to training.

3. An individual licensed by the state board of psychologist examiners under chapter 43-32, North Dakota board of social work examiners under chapter 43-41, board of counselor examiners under chapter 43-47, or marriage and family therapy licensure board under chapter 43-53 may conduct addiction counseling, unless otherwise prohibited or limited by the individual's licensing board.