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.

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 regarding their gambling or the use or abuse of alcohol, tobacco, nicotine, or a controlled or other harmful behavior, as defined in the "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders", American psychiatric association, fifth edition, text revision (2013), or a future edition adopted by the board.

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.