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HOUSE BILL DRH30136-MR-56 (02/28)

Short Title: Board Cert. Behavior Analyst/Autism Coverage. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives McGrady, Shepard, Jackson, and Murphy (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW ADAPTIVE BEHAVIOR TREATMENT COVERED BY A HEALTH  
3 BENEFIT PLAN TO BE PROVIDED OR SUPERVISED BY A BOARD CERTIFIED  
4 BEHAVIOR ANALYST.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 58-3-192(a)(1) reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 58-3-192. Coverage for autism spectrum disorder.

8 (a) As used in this section, the following definitions apply:

9 (1) Adaptive behavior treatment. – Behavioral and developmental interventions  
10 that systematically manage instructional and environmental factors or the  
11 consequences of behavior that have been shown to be clinically effective  
12 through research published in peer reviewed scientific journals and based upon  
13 randomized, quasi-experimental, or single subject designs. Both of the  
14 following requirements must be met:

15 a. The intervention must be necessary to (i) increase appropriate or  
16 adaptive behaviors, (ii) decrease maladaptive behaviors, or (iii) develop,  
17 maintain, or restore, to the maximum extent practicable, the functioning  
18 of an individual.

19 b. The treatment must be ordered by a licensed physician or licensed  
20 psychologist and the treatment must be provided or supervised by one of  
21 the following ~~licensed~~ professionals, so long as the services or  
22 supervision provided is commensurate with the ~~licensed~~ professional's  
23 training, experience, and scope of practice:

- 24 1. A licensed psychologist or psychological associate.
- 25 2. A licensed psychiatrist or developmental pediatrician.
- 26 3. A licensed speech and language pathologist.
- 27 4. A licensed occupational therapist.
- 28 5. A licensed clinical social worker.
- 29 6. A licensed professional counselor.
- 30 7. A licensed marriage and family therapist.
- 31 8. A board certified behavior analyst."

32 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2017, and applies to insurance  
33 contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after that date.

