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STATE OF COLORADO**

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**HOUSE BILL 15-1032**

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**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

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**House Committees**

Public Health Care & Human Services

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE ADDITION OF LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH**  
102            **PROFESSIONALS AS AUTHORIZED PROVIDERS OF MENTAL**  
103            **HEALTH SERVICES TO MINORS WHO ARE AT LEAST FIFTEEN**  
104            **YEARS OF AGE.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Under current law, a professional person may render mental health services to a minor who is at least 15 years of age with the minor's consent. "Professional person" includes a person licensed to practice

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

medicine or psychology.

The bill specifies that other licensed mental health professionals, namely, licensed social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, and addiction counselors, may also render mental health services to minors.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-65-103, **amend**  
3 (2) as follows:

4 **27-65-103. Voluntary applications for mental health services.**

5 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a minor who is fifteen  
6 years of age or older, whether with or without the consent of a parent or  
7 legal guardian, may consent to receive mental health services to be  
8 rendered by a facility, or a professional person, OR A MENTAL HEALTH  
9 PROFESSIONAL LICENSED PURSUANT TO PART 3, 4, 5, 6, OR 8 OF ARTICLE 43  
10 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S. Such consent shall not be subject to disaffirmance  
11 because of minority. The professional person OR LICENSED MENTAL  
12 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL rendering mental health services to a minor may,  
13 with or without the consent of the minor, advise the parent or legal  
14 guardian of the minor of the services given or needed.

15 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-43-215.5 as  
16 follows:

17 **12-43-215.5. Treatment of minors permitted.**

18 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A LICENSEE MAY  
19 PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO A MINOR WHO IS FIFTEEN YEARS OF  
20 AGE OR OLDER WITH OR WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE MINOR'S PARENT  
21 OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SO LONG AS THE LICENSEE IS PRACTICING WITHIN HIS  
22 OR HER AREA OF TRAINING, EXPERIENCE, COMPETENCE, AND SCOPE OF  
23 PRACTICE.

1           **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
2 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
3 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.