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Subject: SB 511/ PTSD bill /provision / WCAC

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Dear Mr. Peters:

As I see the WCAC has agreed to include the SB 511 bill in the WCAC agreed proposal, I believe it is worth noting a minor problem with the language or concept of who can render a usable diagnosis. The bill allows for that to be done by a "licensed psychiatrist or psychologist." Psychologists are licensed by the state. Medical doctors are also licensed. However, there is no licensure for *psychiatry*; one can obtain a board certification in psychiatry, but not a license (<https://www.abpn.com/check-physician-status/>).

One can even 'practice psychiatry' without a board cert (and many family docs do in limited ways such as prescribing anti-anxiety or anti-depressant medications). I would suggest the better form would have the law read: " psychiatrist or licensed psychologist" as a psychiatrist is clearly a doctor with a medical license, but does not purport to hold some special licensure which does not exist. I will leave this matter to your good judgment as to whether to bring this issue to the Council's attention. I may independently express to the Council my unhappiness with the extension of benefits to a particular class of workers while excluding all others, for no substantive or compelling legitimate reason.

Thank you for your kind consideration.
Sincerely,

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