

**Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery
Bill Summary**

Bill No: H2218

Title: An Act to further enhance behavioral health workforce development

Sponsor: Representative Kathleen LaNatra

Hearing Date: July 28, 2025

Reporting Deadline: September 26, 2025

Similar Matters: S1380 (Brady)

Prior History: (2023-2024) H1973 - Accompanied a study order [H4712]

Current Law: None

Brief Summary:

Directs the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (“EOHHS”) to direct the Commissioners of departments within EOHHS to update the official Job Classification Specifications to include Licensed Mental Health Counselors and Licensed Supervised Mental Health Counselors to the full extent of their scopes of practice by September 1, 2023, including reflecting the revisions in all behavioral health job postings for positions in EOHHS Departments.