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 substitute to the House Committee on Governmental Affairs substitute to SB 71:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-10A-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
 2 licensing requirements for professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family  
 3 therapists, so as to provide an exemption from such requirements for certain persons  
 4 providing certain disaster relief services; to provide for related matters; to provide an  
 5 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

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 8 Code Section 43-10A-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing  
 9 requirements for professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists,  
 10 is amended by striking the word "and" at the end of paragraph (17) of subsection (b); by  
 11 replacing the period at the end of paragraph (18) of subsection (b) with the symbol and word  
 12 "; and"; and by adding at the end of subsection (b) a new paragraph (19) to read as follows:

13 "(19) Persons currently licensed to practice a specialty in another jurisdiction and who  
 14 are practicing such specialty within a defined disaster area in order to alleviate the impact  
 15 on persons affected by a disaster as defined in paragraph (1) of Code Section 38-3-91 or  
 16 a state of emergency as defined in paragraph (7) of Code Section 38-3-3, but only when  
 17 such specialty services are provided without cost to the recipients, and only for a  
 18 maximum of 30 consecutive days following a disaster or a state of emergency."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
 21 without such approval.

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.