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- 1** **Examiner.** Amends the civil commitment act definition of “examiner.” This person is someone who makes decisions about the appropriateness of committing an individual. Clarifies that an examiner can be someone who practices either (1) diagnosis and assessment or (2) treatment of mental illness.
- 2** **Health officer.** Amends the civil commitment act definition of “health officer.” This person is able to recommend a 72-hour hold for a mentally ill person. Adds to the definition: registered nurse working in a hospital emergency room.