

SENATE BILL No. 14

January 14, 2009, Introduced by Senator HARDIMAN and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
by amending section 16901 (MCL 333.16901), as added by 1995 PA 126.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 16901. (1) As used in this part:

2 (a) "Advertise" means issuing or ordering the printing or
3 distribution of a card, sign, or device or causing, permitting, or
4 allowing a sign or marking on or in a building or structure, or
5 placing material in a newspaper, magazine, or directory, or on
6 radio or television.

7 (b) "Marriage and family therapist" means an individual
8 licensed under this article to engage in the practice of marriage
9 and family therapy.

1 (c) "Practice of marriage and family therapy" means the
2 providing of guidance, testing, discussions, therapy, instruction,
3 or advice that is intended to avoid, eliminate, relieve, manage, or
4 resolve marital or family conflict or discord, to create, improve,
5 or restore marital or family harmony, or to prepare couples for
6 marriage. **PRACTICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY INCLUDES**
7 **PSYCHOTHERAPY WITH INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, COUPLES, OR GROUPS AS IT**
8 **RELATES TO MARITAL OR FAMILY RELATIONS AND THE DIAGNOSIS,**
9 **ASSESSMENT, AND TREATMENT OF MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, AND BEHAVIORAL**
10 **DISORDERS AS THEY RELATE TO MARITAL OR FAMILY RELATIONS.**

11 Practice of marriage and family therapy does not include the
12 administration and interpretation of psychological tests except for
13 those tests that are consistent with the individual's education and
14 training and with the code of ethics for licensed marriage and
15 family therapists.

16 (2) In addition to the definitions of this part, article 1
17 contains general definitions and principles of construction
18 applicable to all articles in this ~~code~~**ACT** and part 161 contains
19 definitions applicable to this part.