

SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 959

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
by amending sections 16901 and 16903 (MCL 333.16901 and
333.16903), 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,
4 or allowing a sign or marking on or in a building or structure,
5 or placing material in a newspaper, magazine, or directory, or on
6 radio or television. **Advertise does not include unpaid public**
7 **awareness campaigns or educational or promotional materials by**
8 **individuals exempted from this part by section 16905.**

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

1 and family therapy.

2 (c) "Practice of marriage and family therapy" means the
3 providing of guidance, testing, discussions, therapy,
4 instruction, or advice that is intended to avoid, eliminate,
5 relieve, manage, or resolve **individual**, marital, or family
6 conflict or discord, to create, improve, or restore **individual**,
7 marital, or family harmony, or to prepare couples for marriage.
8 Practice of marriage and family therapy does not include the
9 administration and interpretation of psychological tests except
10 for those tests that are consistent with the individual's
11 education and training and with the code of ethics for licensed
12 marriage and family therapists.

13 (2) In addition to the definitions of this part, article 1
14 contains general definitions and principles of construction
15 applicable to all articles in this code and part 161 contains
16 definitions applicable to this part.

17 Sec. 16903. (1) An individual licensed under this part as a
18 marriage and family therapist shall use only the title "licensed
19 marriage and family therapist" or "licensed marriage counselor"
20 or the abbreviation "l.m.f.t." in representing his or her
21 services in the practice of marriage and family therapy to the
22 public.

23 (2) Unless exempt under section ~~16905(3)~~ **16905(4)**, only an
24 individual licensed under this part may advertise that he or she
25 offers marriage and family therapy; marriage or family counseling
26 service or advice; marriage or family guidance service or advice;
27 marriage or family relations service or advice; marriage or

1 family problems service or advice; marriage or family relations
 2 advice or assistance; service in the alleviation of a marital or
 3 family problem; or service of similar import or effect that is
 4 included in the practice of marriage and family therapy. **This**
 5 **part does not prohibit an individual exempted by section 16905**
 6 **from issuing unpaid public awareness campaigns or educational or**
 7 **promotional materials.**

8 (3) The board may grant a limited license to an individual
 9 who has met the requirements of section ~~16909(a) and (b)~~
 10 **16909(1)(a) and (b)** in order to permit that individual to obtain
 11 the experience required under section ~~16909(c)~~ **16909(1)(c)**.
 12 The board shall not renew a limited license for more than 6
 13 years. A limited licensee shall do all of the following:

14 (a) Use only the title "limited licensed marriage and family
 15 therapist" or "limited licensed marriage counselor".

16 (b) Not represent that he or she is engaged in the
 17 independent practice of marriage and family therapy.

18 (c) Practice only under the supervision of a fully licensed
 19 marriage and family therapist.

20 (d) Confine his or her practice to an organized health care
 21 setting or other arrangement approved by the board.

22 (4) An individual engaged in obtaining experience required
 23 under section ~~16909(b)~~ **16909(1)(b)** may use the title "marriage
 24 and family therapist intern" or "marriage and family therapist
 25 trainee" during the training period. The board shall not require
 26 an individual obtaining experience required under section
 27 ~~16909(b)~~ **16909(1)(b)** to hold a limited license.

Senate Bill No. 959 (S-1) as amended December 9, 2004

1 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect
2 October 1, [2005].

3 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take
4 effect unless [all of the following bills of the 92nd Legislature are
5 enacted into law:

- (a) House Bill No. 5467.
- (b) House Bill No. 5468.
- (c) House Bill No. 5469.
- (d) House Bill No. 5470.
- (e) House Bill No. 5471.
- (f) House Bill No. 5473.
- (g) House Bill No. 5474.
- (h) Senate Bill No. 961.
- (i) Senate Bill No. 963.
- (j) Senate Bill No. 964.
- (k) Senate Bill No. 966.]