

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.

1           Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect  
2 October 1, 2004.

3           Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take  
4 effect unless House Bill No. 5474 of the 92nd Legislature is  
5 enacted into law.