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**M.D. MARRIAGE COUNSELORS**

**House Bill 4928**

**Sponsor: Rep. David M. Gubow**

**Committee: State Affairs**

**Complete to 6-18-91**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4928 AS INTRODUCED 6-6-91**

Article 15 of the Occupational Code (Public Act 299 of 1980) regulates marriage counselors, prohibiting people from advertising that they engage in marriage counseling unless they are registered under the code. The code exempts from this prohibition a number of categories of occupations, including licensed psychologists and attorneys, certain social workers, ministers (so long as the advice is "incidental" to their religious duties and they do not advertise as marriage counselors), and physicians, so long as the physician does not advertise as a marriage counselor and does not accept a fee for marriage counseling.

The bill would amend the code to exempt certified psychiatrists from the code's prohibition against advertising as marriage counselors and accepting fees for marriage counseling.

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