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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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REGULAR SESSION OF 2006**

Introduced by Rep. Gaffney

# **ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 6207**

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates,” by amending sections 16903, 16905, and 16907 (MCL 333.16903, 333.16905, and 333.16907), as added by 1995 PA 126.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

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

(2) Unless exempt under section 16905(3), only an individual licensed under this part may advertise that he or she offers marriage and family therapy; marriage or family counseling service or advice; marriage or family guidance

service or advice; marriage or family relations service or advice; marriage or family problems service or advice; marriage or family relations advice or assistance; service in the alleviation of a marital or family problem; or service of similar import or effect that is included in the practice of marriage and family therapy.

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

- (a) Use only the title “limited licensed marriage and family therapist” or “limited licensed marriage counselor”.
- (b) Not represent that he or she is engaged in the independent practice of marriage and family therapy.
- (c) Practice only under the supervision of a fully licensed marriage and family therapist.
- (d) Confine his or her practice to an organized health care setting or other arrangement approved by the board.

(4) An individual engaged in obtaining experience required under section 16909(b) may use the title “marriage and family therapist intern” or “marriage and family therapist trainee” during the training period. The board shall not require an individual obtaining experience required under section 16909(b) to hold a limited license.

(5) The following words, titles, or letters or a combination thereof, with or without qualifying words or phrases, are restricted in use only to those individuals authorized under this part to use the terms and in a way prescribed by this part: “marriage advisor” or “marriage consultant”; “family counselor”, “family advisor”, “family therapist”, or “family consultant”; “family guidance counselor”, “family guidance advisor”, or “family guidance consultant”; “marriage guidance counselor”, “marriage guidance advisor”, or “marriage guidance consultant”; “family relations counselor”; “marriage relations counselor”, “marriage relations advisor”, or “marriage relations consultant”; or “marital counselor” or “marital therapist”.

Sec. 16905. (1) This part does not apply to an individual engaged in the practice of social work as defined in part 185, in the course of employment with a governmental agency or a reputable social service agency regularly providing social work services as an agency.

(2) This part does not apply to an ordained cleric or other religious practitioner who is employed by or working under the authority of an organization exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 501, if the advice or counsel given by the cleric or other religious practitioner is incidental to his or her duties as a cleric or other religious practitioner, and if the cleric or other religious practitioner does not hold himself or herself out to the public as a marriage and family therapist licensed under this article or use 1 or more of the titles listed in section 16903 and if no fee or donation is exacted for the service.

(3) This part does not apply to a physician licensed under this article who has completed an accredited psychiatric residency program approved by the Michigan board of medicine or to a psychologist fully licensed under this article, if both of the following circumstances exist:

(a) The individual is practicing his or her profession in a manner consistent with his or her education and training and is practicing in a manner consistent with the code of ethics of that profession.

(b) The individual does not hold himself or herself out to the public as a marriage and family therapist licensed under this article or use any of the titles listed in section 16903 for advertising purposes. However, this subdivision does not prohibit the individual from advertising under a telephone or other business directory listing that uses those titles if the individual discloses in the listing, in an unabbreviated fashion, the profession in which he or she is licensed.

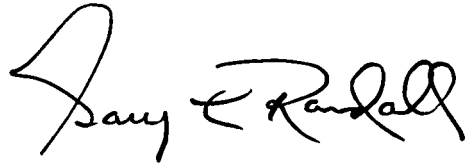
(4) This part does not limit an individual in, or prevent an individual from, the practice of a statutorily regulated profession or occupation if services to families, couples, or subsystems of families are part of the services provided by that profession or occupation, and if the individual does not hold himself or herself out to the public as a marriage and family therapist licensed under this article or use 1 or more of the titles listed in section 16903. As used in this subsection, “statutorily regulated profession or occupation” means an occupation or profession regulated by statute that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following: a physician, attorney, social worker, social service technician, fully licensed psychologist, limited licensed psychologist, temporary limited licensed psychologist, licensed professional counselor, limited licensed counselor, or school counselor.

Sec. 16907. (1) Subject to section 16913(2), the Michigan board of marriage and family therapy is created in the department. The board consists of the following 9 voting members who shall meet the requirements of part 161: six licensed marriage and family therapists and 3 public members.

(2) Subject to section 16913(2), the terms of office of individual members of the board created under subsection (1), except those appointed to fill vacancies, expire 4 years after appointment on June 30 of the year in which the term will expire.

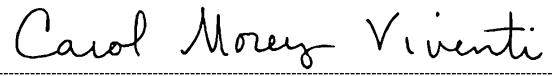
Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless House Bill No. 6147 of the 93rd Legislature is enacted into law.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



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Clerk of the House of Representatives



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Secretary of the Senate

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Governor