SENATE BILL No. 489

May 11, 2005, Introduced by Senators HARDIMAN, GOSCHKA, GARCIA, GILBERT, CROPSEY, HAMMERSTROM, BIRKHOLZ and CASSIS 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.

10   (c) "Practice of marriage and family therapy" means the

1 providing of guidance, testing, discussions, therapy, instruction,

2 or advice that is intended to avoid, eliminate, relieve, manage, or

3 resolve marital or family conflict or discord, to create, improve,

4 or restore marital or family harmony, or to prepare couples for

5 marriage. **PRACTICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY INCLUDES**

6 **PSYCHOTHERAPY WITH INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, COUPLES, OR GROUPS AS IT**

7 **RELATES TO MARITAL OR FAMILY RELATIONS AND THE DIAGNOSIS,**

8 **ASSESSMENT, AND TREATMENT OF MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, AND BEHAVIORAL**

9 **DISORDERS AS THEY RELATE TO MARITAL OR FAMILY RELATIONS.**

10 Practice of marriage and family therapy does not include the

11 administration and interpretation of psychological tests except for

12 those tests that are consistent with the individual's education and

13 training and with the code of ethics for licensed marriage and

14 family therapists.

15 (2) In addition to the definitions of this part, article 1

16 contains general definitions and principles of construction

17 applicable to all articles in this code and part 161 contains

18 definitions applicable to this part.