

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2279

By: Stanley

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to professions and occupations;
amending 59 O.S. 1991, Sections 1925.1 and 1925.2,
as amended by Section 13, Chapter 167, O.S.L. 1995
(59 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1925.2), which relate
to the Marital and Family Therapist Licensure Act;
updating and clarifying language; amending 59 O.S.
1991, Sections 1901 and 1903, as amended by Section
2, Chapter 167, O.S.L. 1995 (59 O.S. Supp. 1997,
Section 1903), which relate to the Licensed
Professional Counselors Act; updating language; and
providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 1925.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1925.1 ~~This act~~ Chapter 44A of this title shall be known and may be cited as the "Marital and Family Therapist Licensure Act".

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 1925.2, as amended by Section 13, Chapter 167, O.S.L. 1995 (59 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1925.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1925.2 For purposes of the Marital and Family Therapist Licensure Act, ~~Section 1925.1 et seq. of this title:~~

1. "Advertise" means, but is not limited to, the issuing or causing to be distributed any card, sign, or device to any person; or the causing, permitting or allowing any sign or marking on or in any building or structure, or in any newspaper or magazine or in any directory, or on radio or television, or by advertising by any other means designed to secure public attention;

2. "Board" means the State Board of Health;

3. "Commissioner" means the State Commissioner of Health;

4. "Advisory Board" means the Oklahoma Licensed Marital and Family Therapist Advisory Board appointed by the State Board of Health;

5. "Department" means the State Department of Health;

6. "Licensed marital and family therapist" means a person holding a current license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Marital and Family Therapist Licensure Act;

7. "Marital and family therapy" means the treatment of disorders, whether cognitive, affective, or behavioral, within the context of marital and family systems. Marital and family therapy involves the professional application of family systems theories and techniques in the delivery of services to individuals, marital pairs, and families for the purpose of treating such disorders;

8. "Person" means any individual, firm, corporation, partnership, organization or body politic;

9. "Practice of marital and family therapy" means the rendering of professional marital and family therapy services to individuals, family groups and marital pairs, singly or in groups, whether such services are offered directly to the general public or through organizations either public or private, for a fee, monetary or otherwise;

10. "Recognized educational institution" means any educational institution which grants a bachelor's, master's, or doctor's degree and which is recognized by the Oklahoma Licensed Marital and Family Therapist ~~Committee~~ Advisory Board and by a nationally or regionally recognized educational or professional accrediting body; and

11. "Use a title or description of" means to hold oneself out to the public as having a particular status by means of stating on signs, mailboxes, address plates, stationery, announcements, calling cards or other instruments of professional identification.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 1901, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1901. ~~Sections 1 through 20 of this act~~ Chapter 44 of this title shall be known and may be cited as the "Licensed Professional Counselors Act".

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 1903, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 167, O.S.L. 1995 (59 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1903), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1903. The Licensed Professional Counselors Act, ~~Section 1901 et seq. of this title,~~ shall not be construed to include the professional pursuits of clergymen, lay pastoral counselors, practitioners of medicine, psychologists, attorneys, social workers, certified alcohol-drug counselors, marriage and family therapists, certified rehabilitation counselors, certified vocational evaluation specialists, school administrators, school teachers and school counselors certified by the State Department of Education within the scope of their duties in recognized public and private schools, persons in the employ of federal, state or local government or accredited institutions of higher education, or other professionals, insofar as such activities and services are a part of the official duties in salaried positions and the title "licensed professional counselor" or "LPC" is not used. Provided, the Licensed Professional Counselors Act shall not be construed to allow the

practice of any of the above listed professions by an LPC unless said LPC is also licensed or accredited by an appropriate agency, institution or board.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

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