

1-1 By: Romero, Jr., Clardy H.B. No. 2818
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Taylor of Collin)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;
 1-4 May 11, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
 1-5 & Commerce; May 21, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 21, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the practice of marriage and family therapy.
 1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-22 SECTION 1. Section 502.002(6), Occupations Code, is amended
 1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (6) "Marriage and family therapy" means providing
 1-25 professional therapy services to individuals, families, or married
 1-26 couples, alone or in groups, that involve applying family systems
 1-27 theories and techniques. The term includes the evaluation,
 1-28 diagnostic assessment, and remediation of mental, cognitive,
 1-29 affective, behavioral, or relational dysfunction, disease, or
 1-30 disorder in the context of marriage or family systems and may
 1-31 include the use of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental
 1-32 Disorders and the International Classification of Diseases. The
 1-33 practice of marriage and family therapy does not constitute the
 1-34 practice of medicine and does not include prescribing medication,
 1-35 treating a physical disease, or providing any service outside the
 1-36 scope of practice of a licensed marriage and family therapist or a
 1-37 licensed marriage and family therapist associate.

1-38 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-39 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-40 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-41 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-42 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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