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H.B. No. 3995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to licensed marriage and family therapists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 502.002(6), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(6) "Marriage and family therapy" means providing professional therapy services to individuals, families, or married couples, alone or in groups, that involve applying family systems theories and techniques. The term includes the evaluation and remediation of cognitive, affective, behavioral, or relational dysfunction in the context of marriage or family systems, including utilization of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, the International Classification of Diseases and other diagnostic classification systems and the billing codes therein, for evaluation, classification, treatment, and other activities by a person licensed under this chapter, in connection with any claim for payment or reimbursement from a health insurance policy issuer or any other payor.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the votes necessary for immediate effect, this Act take effect September 1, 2015.