

## Chapter 501

H.B. No. 2818

1 AN ACT

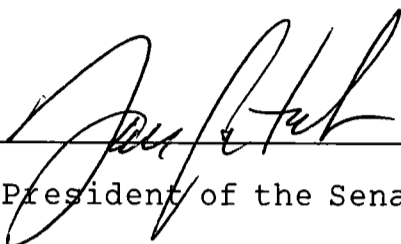
2 relating to the practice of marriage and family therapy.

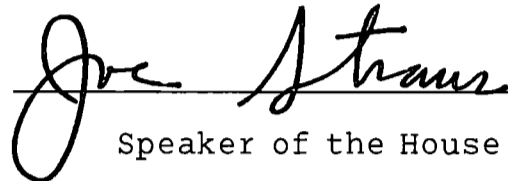
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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

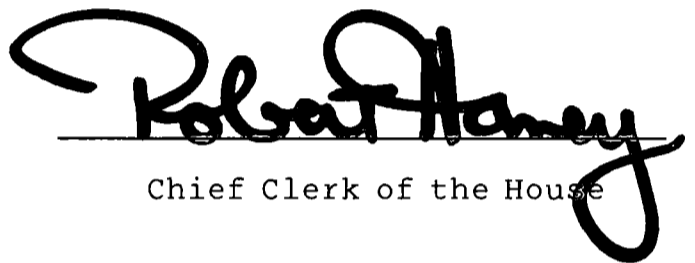
6 (6) "Marriage and family therapy" means providing  
7 professional therapy services to individuals, families, or married  
8 couples, alone or in groups, that involve applying family systems  
9 theories and techniques. The term includes the evaluation,  
10 diagnostic assessment, and remediation of mental, cognitive,  
11 affective, behavioral, or relational dysfunction, disease, or  
12 disorder in the context of marriage or family systems and may  
13 include the use of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental  
14 Disorders and the International Classification of Diseases. The  
15 practice of marriage and family therapy does not constitute the  
16 practice of medicine and does not include prescribing medication,  
17 treating a physical disease, or providing any service outside the  
18 scope of practice of a licensed marriage and family therapist or a  
19 licensed marriage and family therapist associate.

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

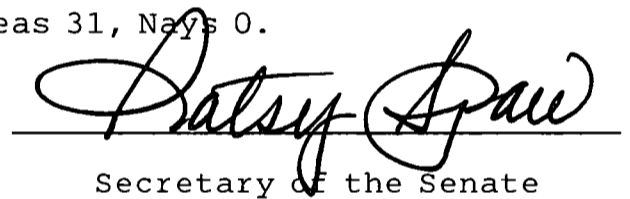
  
President of the Senate

  
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2818 was passed by the House on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

  
Chief Clerk of the House


I certify that H.B. No. 2818 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 6 - 7 - 2017  
Date

  
Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
7:00 PM O'CLOCK

JUN 09 2017  
  
Secretary of State

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD  
Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 12, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2818** by Romero, Jr. (Relating to the practice of marriage and family therapy.), As  
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<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services,  
Department of

**LBB Staff:** UP, CL, MDI, KCA, EP

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 22, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Four Price, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2818** by Romero, Jr. (Relating to the practice of marriage and family therapy.),  
**Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 9, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Four Price, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2818** by Romero, Jr. (Relating to the practice of and the billing codes used by certain mental health professionals.), **As Introduced**

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