

# HOUSE BILL No. 5550

February 13, 2018, Introduced by Reps. Zemke, Camilleri, Moss, Sneller, Hoadley, Wittenberg, Liberati, Yancey, Hammoud and Gay-Dagnogo and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled  
"Mental health code,"  
(MCL 330.1001 to 330.2106) by adding section 901a.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           SEC. 901A. (1) A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHALL NOT ENGAGE  
2           IN CONVERSION THERAPY WITH A MINOR. A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL  
3           WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND  
4           LICENSING SANCTIONS FOR UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AS PROVIDED UNDER  
5           SECTIONS 16221 AND 16226 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH CODE, 1978 PA 368,  
6           MCL 333.16221 AND 333.16226.

7           (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "CONVERSION THERAPY" MEANS ANY  
8           PRACTICE OR TREATMENTS BY A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL THAT SEEK TO  
9           CHANGE AN INDIVIDUAL'S SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY,  
10          INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EFFORTS TO CHANGE BEHAVIOR OR GENDER

1 EXPRESSION OR TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE SEXUAL OR ROMANTIC ATTRACTIONS  
2 OR FEELINGS TOWARD AN INDIVIDUAL OF THE SAME GENDER. CONVERSION  
3 THERAPY DOES NOT INCLUDE COUNSELING THAT PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO AN  
4 INDIVIDUAL UNDERGOING A GENDER TRANSITION, COUNSELING THAT PROVIDES  
5 ACCEPTANCE, SUPPORT, OR UNDERSTANDING OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR  
6 FACILITATES AN INDIVIDUAL'S COPING, SOCIAL SUPPORT, OR IDENTITY  
7 EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING SEXUAL ORIENTATION-NEUTRAL  
8 INTERVENTION TO PREVENT OR ADDRESS UNLAWFUL CONDUCT OR UNSAFE  
9 SEXUAL PRACTICES, OR COUNSELING THAT DOES NOT SEEK TO CHANGE SEXUAL  
10 ORIENTATION.

11 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
12 after the date it is enacted into law.