

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.16905 Exceptions.**

Sec. 16905. (1) This part does not apply to an individual engaged in the practice of social work as defined in part 185, in the course of employment with a governmental agency or a reputable social service agency regularly providing social work services as an agency.

(2) This part does not apply to an ordained cleric or other religious practitioner who is employed by or working under the authority of an organization exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 501, if the advice or counsel given by the cleric or other religious practitioner is incidental to his or her duties as a cleric or other religious practitioner, and if the cleric or other religious practitioner does not hold himself or herself out to the public as a marriage and family therapist licensed under this article or use 1 or more of the titles listed in section 16903 and if no fee or donation is exacted for the service.

(3) This part does not apply to a physician licensed under this article who has completed an accredited psychiatric residency program approved by the Michigan board of medicine or to a psychologist fully licensed under this article, if both of the following circumstances exist:

(a) The individual is practicing his or her profession in a manner consistent with his or her education and training and is practicing in a manner consistent with the code of ethics of that profession.

(b) The individual does not hold himself or herself out to the public as a marriage and family therapist licensed under this article or use any of the titles listed in section 16903 for advertising purposes. However, this subdivision does not prohibit the individual from advertising under a telephone or other business directory listing that uses those titles if the individual discloses in the listing, in an unabbreviated fashion, the profession in which he or she is licensed.

(4) This part does not limit an individual in, or prevent an individual from, the practice of a statutorily regulated profession or occupation if services to families, couples, or subsystems of families are part of the services provided by that profession or occupation, and if the individual does not hold himself or herself out to the public as a marriage and family therapist licensed under this article or use 1 or more of the titles listed in section 16903. As used in this subsection, "statutorily regulated profession or occupation" means an occupation or profession regulated by statute that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following: a physician, attorney, social worker, social service technician, fully licensed psychologist, limited licensed psychologist, temporary limited licensed psychologist, licensed professional counselor, limited licensed counselor, or school counselor.

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