

Assembly Bill No. 1449

CHAPTER 108

An act to add Section 4980.08 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1449, Brown. Licensed marriage, family and child counselors: name change.

Existing law provides for the licensing of marriage, family and child counselors.

This bill would provide, commencing July 1, 1999, that any reference in any statute or regulation to "licensed marriage, family and child counselor" or "marriage, family and child counselor" shall be deemed a reference to "licensed marriage and family therapist" or "marriage and family therapist."

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4980.08 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

4980.08. (a) The title "licensed marriage, family and child counselor" or "marriage, family and child counselor" is hereby renamed "licensed marriage and family therapist" or "marriage and family therapist," respectively. Any reference in any statute or regulation to a "licensed marriage, family and child counselor" or "marriage, family and child counselor" shall be deemed a reference to a "licensed marriage and family therapist" or "marriage and family therapist."

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to expand or constrict the scope of practice of a person licensed pursuant to this chapter.

(c) This section shall become operative July 1, 1999.

