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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to psychotherapist-patient privilege;
 3 amending s. 90.503, F.S.; redefining the term
 4 "psychotherapist" to include certain advanced registered
 5 nurse practitioners; providing an effective date.

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 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 9 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
 10 90.503, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 90.503 Psychotherapist-patient privilege.--

12 (1) For purposes of this section:

13 (a) A "psychotherapist" is:

14 1. A person authorized to practice medicine in any state
 15 or nation, or reasonably believed by the patient so to be, who
 16 is engaged in the diagnosis or treatment of a mental or
 17 emotional condition, including alcoholism and other drug
 18 addiction;

19 2. A person licensed or certified as a psychologist under
 20 the laws of any state or nation, who is engaged primarily in the
 21 diagnosis or treatment of a mental or emotional condition,
 22 including alcoholism and other drug addiction;

23 3. A person licensed or certified as a clinical social
 24 worker, marriage and family therapist, or mental health
 25 counselor under the laws of this state, who is engaged primarily
 26 in the diagnosis or treatment of a mental or emotional
 27 condition, including alcoholism and other drug addiction; ~~or~~

28 4. An advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed
 29 under s. 464.012, who is certified in psychotherapist/mental
 30 health nursing and is engaged in a clinical practice that



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31 primarily involves the treatment of mental or emotional
32 conditions, including chemical abuse; or

33 ~~5.4.~~ Treatment personnel of facilities licensed by the
34 state pursuant to chapter 394, chapter 395, or chapter 397, of
35 facilities designated by the Department of Children and Family
36 Services pursuant to chapter 394 as treatment facilities, or of
37 facilities defined as community mental health centers pursuant
38 to s. 394.907(1), who are engaged primarily in the diagnosis or
39 treatment of a mental or emotional condition, including
40 alcoholism and other drug addiction.

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.