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2 An act relating to psychotherapist-patient
3 privilege; amending s. 90.503, F.S.; redefining
4 the term "psychotherapist" to include certain
5 advanced registered nurse practitioners for
6 purposes of the psychotherapist-patient
7 privilege of the Florida Evidence Code;
8 providing an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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12 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
13 90.503, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
14 90.503 Psychotherapist-patient privilege.--
15 (1) For purposes of this section:
16 (a) A "psychotherapist" is:
17 1. A person authorized to practice medicine in any
18 state or nation, or reasonably believed by the patient so to
19 be, who is engaged in the diagnosis or treatment of a mental
20 or emotional condition, including alcoholism and other drug
21 addiction;
22 2. A person licensed or certified as a psychologist
23 under the laws of any state or nation, who is engaged
24 primarily in the diagnosis or treatment of a mental or
25 emotional condition, including alcoholism and other drug
26 addiction;
27 3. A person licensed or certified as a clinical social
28 worker, marriage and family therapist, or mental health
29 counselor under the laws of this state, who is engaged
30 primarily in the diagnosis or treatment of a mental or
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1 | emotional condition, including alcoholism and other drug
2 | addiction; ~~or~~
3 | 4. Treatment personnel of facilities licensed by the
4 | state pursuant to chapter 394, chapter 395, or chapter 397, of
5 | facilities designated by the Department of Children and Family
6 | Services pursuant to chapter 394 as treatment facilities, or
7 | of facilities defined as community mental health centers
8 | pursuant to s. 394.907(1), who are engaged primarily in the
9 | diagnosis or treatment of a mental or emotional condition,
10 | including alcoholism and other drug addiction; ~~or-~~
11 | 5. An advanced registered nurse practitioner certified
12 | under s. 464.012, whose primary scope of practice is the
13 | diagnosis or treatment of mental or emotional conditions,
14 | including chemical abuse, and limited only to actions
15 | performed in accordance with part I of chapter 464.

16 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.
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