

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to music therapy; creating s.
 3 490.0146, F.S.; providing definitions; providing
 4 requirements for the registration of music therapists;
 5 providing for an application fee; requiring the Board
 6 of Psychology to adopt rules; providing an effective
 7 date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Section 490.0146, Florida Statutes, is created
 12 to read:

13 490.0146 Registered music therapists.—

14 (1) As used in this section, the term:

15 (a) "Board" means the Board of Psychology.

16 (a) "Music therapist" means a person registered to
 17 practice music therapy pursuant to this section.

18 (b) "Music therapy" means the clinical and evidence-based
 19 use of music intervention by a registered music therapist to
 20 accomplish individualized goals for people of all ages and
 21 ability levels within a therapeutic relationship. The term does
 22 not include the diagnosis or assessment of any physical, mental,
 23 or communication disorder.

24 (2) Any person who wishes to work as a music therapist in
 25 this state must register by filing an application with the board
 26 on a form adopted by rule of the board. The board shall register

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27 each applicant who has remitted a registration fee set by the
28 board, not to exceed \$50 biennially; has completed the
29 application form and remitted a nonrefundable application fee
30 set by the board, not to exceed \$50; is at least 17 years of
31 age; and has completed a music therapist training program
32 approved by the board.

33 (3) As a condition of registration renewal, a registered
34 music therapist shall complete 20 hours biennially of continuing
35 education courses approved by the board or the American Music
36 Therapy Association or its successor.

37 (4) The board shall adopt rules that require each
38 registration issued by the board under this section to be
39 displayed in such a manner as to make it available to the public
40 and to facilitate inspection by the department. The board may
41 adopt other rules as necessary to administer this section.

42 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.